

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Paul Furbeck, Bea Hartigan, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Bob Vializ, George Rhein, Mary Ann Senecal, David Ellinghaus, Brian Brown and Rich Finkelstein

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Edgar Perez, Larry Collins, Scott Bartleson, Paul Simco, Erin Kiernan and Chris Finnegan.

All votes were considered by voting members only

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm at the YWCA in White Plains. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of March 11, 2008, was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by George Rhein, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Outstanding Service Award: We received two nominations for the Outstanding Service Award sponsored by ConocoPhillips. Paul Simco nominated Mike Morrissey. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion made by Paul. All were in favor. **Motion carries.** Mike Morrissey will be invited to the HOF Dinner to receive his award.
- b) Athletes Representatives: Congratulations to our new athletes' representatives: Zach Coleman from Islip Aquatic - Senior Athlete Rep. (by virtue of age), and Eric Heinemann of LIAC - Jr. Athlete Rep.
- c) An Executive Committee session will take place at the conclusion of this meeting.

4: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

Corinne presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009. All is based on the assumptions of the same number of athletes (+/- 8,000), same number of non-athletes (+/- 700), and same number of clubs (72). Two alternatives of the Budget were also available: one with the LC JO's and one with both SC and LC JO's). We will present the main proposed budget.

- a) All budget requests should be in at this time
- b) Request from John Coombs to received an increase in salary for his work on the website.
- c) Recommendation that to charge host teams the 20% of their meet entries IF the completed reports are not received within 14 days of the end of the meets. It is also reminded that a complete meet backup must be emailed to Monique Grayson (Metro North) or Mary Ann Senecal (Metro South), within 3 business days of the completion of the meets.
- d) Long discussion on stipends and Athletes Amateur Status and NCAA rules. We don't want an athlete to be seen as being compensated for swimming! Stipends are strictly to help in the traveling expenses for the meet. This is to protect swimmers and protect clubs that are "Not for Profit".
- e) Bea Hartigan made a motion regarding the times recon for championship meets. Motion was seconded by David Ellinghaus and will be reviewed by Technical Planning: The Proof of Times (and Times Recon) will be in effect for all Metro Championship designated meets. All

championship meets must be submitted to Mary Ann or Monique within 24 hours of the meet entry deadline (same file is used for Times Recon and Registrations Recon). Coaches will be notified of all entries that are not in the USA Swimming database. They will then have 24 hours to submit proof of times. Times must have been achieved within the posted time period, in Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meets. Entry fees for entries without proof of times will not be refunded and swimmers will not be allowed to swim.

- f) Should we give medals at the Zone Qual meet?
- g) Age Group needs to make a list of what teams are expected to do if they bid and are awarded a Championship Meet.
- h) Income from Open Water was higher last year as we had a National Championship.
- i) A motion to accept the Budget as proposed was made by Bob Vializ and seconded by George Rhein. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

NEXT MEETINGS:

*** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains – Bid Meeting Short Course Season 2008-09**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – May 4, 2008