

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Bob Vializ, Bruce Brooks, Monique Grayson, Denise Byrne, Don Wagner, Keith Furey, Corinne Cody, Mike Morrissey, Jeff Chu, and LiYan Yao.

EXCUSED: Rob Ripp, Colleen Driscoll, Ray Willie, David Ellinghaus, Barry Roffer, Steve Newman, George Rhein, Rich Finkelstein, Frances Warren and Gregg Byrne.

ABSENT: Larry Collins

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm at Lehman College APEX in The Bronx, NY. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the two Board of Directors meeting of September 25, 2010 was made, seconded and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as posted on the Web Site.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a. Introduction of teams requesting membership
 1. Cornwall Sea Dragons (Request presented by Penny Sorbello and Andrew Regenbaum)
 2. CAS Stingrays (Children's Aid Society - Request presented by Dexter Tucker)
 3. Kips Bay Mako's (Request presented by Dwayne Lindo)
 4. Spartans Swim Team (Request presented by Michael Kane)

A motion to accept each of these four new clubs was made, seconded and approved by all in attendance. The above four Clubs were accepted on a probationary basis. Welcome aboard!

5. Long Course Swimming Association (request presented by Jeff Chu). This request was tabled until January so that more information can be made available to all.
- b. LEAP 2 – progress report
 1. Changes in the program have been made by USA Swimming
 2. USA Swimming COPPA Policy (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act). A motion to approve the COPPA Policy was made, seconded and approved by all in attendance. It has been posted on the Metropolitan Swimming Web site.
 3. Job Descriptions: Mary has received many of the Metro Board's members' jobs descriptions. They will be uploaded in the LEAP 2 program.
- c. Policy Manual – Committee: Mike Morrissey has been put in charge of reviewing the Policy and Procedures Manual. Mike and his committee will look at all the minutes since 2006 and update the manual. One of the items to be looked at is to define the word "probation" that is applied to New Clubs.

4: FINANCE: George Rhein and Corinne Cody

- a. Budget vs. Actuals – the report was presented by Corinne and was available at the meeting.
- b. CD update – signatures were requested at the meeting

- c. Metropolitan Swimming Financial Statements for Fiscal Years ending August 21, 2010 and 2009 – A motion to accept the Financial Statement was made, seconded and approved by all.

5: NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Brian Brown, coach of Hydroquatic Club, came to the meeting to ask the Board to reconsider the Metropolitan Swimming policy denying new teams to run meets during their year of probation. Some clubs may be “new” but the coach and the parents may have the experience of running meets. New Clubs with that kind of experience should be exempted from the policy. How to change policy: steps to change or revise policies are described on page 48 section 7 of the P&P Manual. Brian was asked to send it in writing so that it can be presented at the House of Delegates.
- b. A motion to purchase a Digital Recorder was made, seconded and approved by all.
- c. Keith Furey, Age Group Chair, mentioned that there is a shortage of older swimmers attending the Summer Long Course Eastern Zone Meet. This may be due in part to the LC Senior Mets cuts. Keith will get in touch with David Ellinghaus (Technical Planning) to see what can be done. Reminder: We believe that the pool at Eisenhower Park will not be available for the summer of 2011.
- d. Bruce Brooks, the Officials Chair, made a motion to subsidize the initial background check for Metropolitan Swimming Volunteer Officials. Bruce will work on the application, criteria etc... This motion was seconded and approved by all.

6: OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update on the 4-hour rule policy – Host Clubs must follow the Metropolitan Swimming Policy of the 4-hour maximum per session rule when they run a swim meet. We must have fair meets for swimmers, officials and parents. The referee should make a note when the 4-hour limit was reached and this should be in his/her timeline report. A long discussion on the repercussions to clubs that continually go over the 4-hour limit followed. Those clubs must be sent to Review and there should be a monetary fine attached to each instance.
- b. Meet Bid Forms – The new Metro Meet Bid form will be available on the Metro Web site as soon as possible. This form is to be used at Bid meetings. A piece of paper or an index card will not be accepted any longer. Teams bidding on a meet must actually have a representative at the meeting to submit the bid and answer any questions that the board may have. A deposit of \$50 towards the Sanction Fee must accompany the application (check, purchase order, or credit card)
- c. Site of Metro Age Group North – We are still looking to secure a host and site for the Metro Age Group North meet of April 1-3, 2011. Please contact David Ellinghaus (Technical Planning) as soon as possible - david.ellinghaus@metroswimming.org – Without a site and host, there will be no meet!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm