

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Saturday, February 21, 2009

**PRESENT:** Bob Vializ, Barry Roffer, Monique Grayson, Eric Hertenstein, Paul Simco, Brian Brown, David Ellinghaus, George Rhein, Larry Collins, Bea Hartigan, Rich Finkelstein and Zach Coleman. Condors' coaches Don Wagner and Jim Wargo were also at the meeting.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Mary Ann Senecal, Mary Fleckenstein, Corinne Cody, Edgar Perez and Erik Heinemann.

All votes were considered by voting members only

### **1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:50pm at the Lehman College APEX, Bronx, NY, between prelims and finals of Senior Mets. Bob welcomed all members in attendance.

### **2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of January 14, 2009, was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by George Rhein, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as posted.

### **3: GENERAL CHAIR: Bob Vializ**

a) Adjustments to Published Meets: Very long discussion on the subject of teams requesting changes in their sessions timeline or schedule after the meets are published, sometimes only a week or two before the actual meet dates. Bea Hartigan made a motion that we continue with the current policy that the Board review each request on a case by case to approve or deny the meet changes. Eric Hertenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

b) Meet Announcements problems: Metro is working on templates to be made available for meet information. Meet entries deadlines:

- o Teams absolute deadline
- o Non Metro teams deadline
- o Metro teams deadline
- o Front end deadline (Teams can't send entries before the meet is actually posted on the Metro website)

George Rhein made a motion to have a firm deadline of 21 (twenty one) days before a meet to request changes from the board. All teams must be notified at least 14 (fourteen) days before the meet. Brian Brown seconded the motion which was approved by all. **Motion carries.**

- o A motion was made, seconded and approved by all: meet entries deadline must be a minimum of 10 days before the meet.
- o A motion was made, seconded and approved by all: Once a meet is closed, host team must have a notice posted on the website (email Monique).
- o A motion was made, seconded and approved by all: Changes made must be to the benefit of Metro Teams.

c) Notice to all Meet hosts with reminders and new registrations: Teams must have a certified Meet Director. Bea Hartigan is available March 10, 12, 25 and 26, 2009 to run clinics. The name of the Meet Director must be included on the meet bids information at the May Meeting.

d) Problems with Teams using check requests for registrations and meet entries: Discussion on this subject. Metropolitan Swimming policy is to accept vouchers.

Some clubs (YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, and others) always provide a voucher. The meet host can decide to accept vouchers or not.

- e) April Coaches Clinic: will take place at Pace University Aquatic Facility on April 18<sup>th</sup> (Pace University is located in Pleasantville, NY, off the Taconic Parkway). Info will be posted on the website.
- f) Age Group division re-alignments: This needs to be done after this year's age group championships. The number of swimmers by division has shifted greatly over the past few years: North (2,748 swimmers); Central (2,504); South/Nassau (1,204); East/Suffolk (1,779).
- g) Age Group Champ South/Nassau re-assignments: LIE, FA, BBSC go to East/Suffolk while OWA, LIAC, LBA, LIND will go to Central.

**4: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** George Rhein

- a) Update on Excellence Grant Program: Clubs that qualified must have a copy of their expenses and also must speak at the coaches Clinic in April. As of now, only 2 clubs provided copies of their expenditures. Eric Hertenstein made a motion that the remaining 4 clubs have 30 days to provide copies of their expenditures. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion which was approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- b) Teams that qualified exceeded the budget: \$20,000.00 was in the budget for the Grant program. After discussion it was decided that the amount would be divided percentage wise.
- c) Criteria: we need to adjust the criteria re: National Cuts requirements, as making Short Course Nationals is easier than making Long Course Junior Nationals, but SC Nationals qualify as Nationals. Bea Hartigan made a motion to revisit the criteria for the program ever year after the Short Course Season, so that the new criteria may be announced at the May House of Delegates. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion which was approved by all. **Motion carries.**

**5: TREASURER REPORT:** Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Mary Ann was not at the meeting and did not send a report.

**6: SECRETARY:** Monique Grayson

- a) National Times Verification: All host teams must email a registrations' recon file to the Metro Office, at least one week before meet (and again if they add entries). Every one is at risk even if one swimmer is not registered

**7: OPEN WATER:** Bea Hartigan

- a) Bea sent an email to the team from Australia to see if they would be participating this summer. She applied for a sanction for the Metro masters.

**8: OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Zone packets are ready

**9: NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Metro Meets at Lehman: the contract must specify that there must be a minimum of 2 (two) speakers, one on each side of the pool for the starts).
- b) Breakfast food at Lehman: the quality of what is being served is not acceptable. Coaches ask for fresh bagels.
- c) Meets fees: the Metro rule is \$3 per individual event and \$8 per relay. For Prelims/Finals: \$4 per individual event and \$8 per relay. Long Course meets: \$4 per individual event and \$8 per relay. Should this be raised? Question also re: flexibility of teams hosting an Invitational to charge a per swimmer facility surcharge. Discussion on this subject.

- d) Senior Circuit Meets: when to put them on the schedule. Think quadrennial schedule. A meeting of Senior Coaches is needed as soon as possible.
- e) Don Wagner proposes to add a training camp in Colorado Springs for the Top 10 girls and Top 10 boys (or even top 15) + some coaches. This would be a great experience for the kids.
- f) Awards for Zone Qual meet: discussion about this. The feeling is that they are not needed.

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS:**

- Wednesday, May 13, 2009 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains YWCA on North Street – Elections and Bid Meeting Short Course Season 2009-2010
- Saturday, September 26, 2009 @ 9m – HOD at White Plains YWCA on North Street – Mandatory Meeting for all Clubs – One athlete 13-Over must attend as well

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:** (Tentative schedule - if needed)

- April if needed, otherwise before the May meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – M  
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