

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, February 20, 2010

PRESENT: Barry Roffer, Monique Grayson, Mike Morrissey, Brian Brown, David Ellinghaus, George Rhein, Larry Collins, Mary Fleckenstein, Ray Willie, Jeff Chu, Erik Heinemann and Zach Coleman.

Absent/Excused: Mary Ann Senecal, Bea Hartigan, Edgar Perez, Eric Hertenstein, and Rich Finkelstein.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm at the Lehman College APEX, Bronx, NY, between prelims and finals of Senior Mets. George Rhein welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of January 13, 2010, was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Jeff Chu, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as posted.

3: TREASURER REPORT: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) The computer at the Metro Office was down this week and Barry was unable to print the P & L Statement.
- b) All bills are up-to-date. Nothing outstanding or irregular to report.

4: DIVERSITY: Ray Willie

- a) A Diversity Select Camp will be held April 29th to May 1st, 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Application deadline is March 1, 2010.
- b) The Diversity Select Camp aims to instill a vision of success and inspire athletes from ethnically under-represented populations to become leaders in the sport of swimming.
- c) The goals of the camp are to empower athletes from ethnically under-represented populations and their coaches to:
 - a. Demonstrate the viability of multicultural success in swimming.
 - b. Achieve performance excellence at every level of the sport.
 - c. Expound the benefits and value of participating in the sport of swimming.
 - d. Assist in recruiting more swimmers and coaches from diverse ethnicities to the sport of swimming.
 - e. Be positive leaders and role models that others from multicultural backgrounds can emulate.
- d) Camp information and the application can be found at [USA Swimming Camps](#).
- e) Time standards were available at the meeting.

5: DISABILITY: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Mary has received a request from Randy Julian to look at our disability qualifying times for our senior championship meets and time standards for our other championship meets. They have asked for us to look at and revamp our policy. He enclosed the Michigan Swimming policy on disabilities written by Gail Dummer – head of disabilities.
- b) Mary would like permission to look at and revamp our unwritten policy for disabilities. This is to be pro-active and provide the best for our swimmers with disabilities. She will use the Michigan Policy as a guideline.

6: SENIOR CHAIR: Bryan Brown

- a) Brian spoke about the 2010 Youth Team World Cup "A" competitions which will be conducted in Stockholm, Sweden and Berlin, Germany in the fall, and also the "B" trip this spring in Barcelona, Spain, June 2-6, 2010. The cost per swimmer for each trip is \$750.00. Every LSC has agreed to sponsor their swimmers (Florida only \$500 towards each trip). Metro has six (6) swimmers on the Youth Team: AGUA (Annie Zhu, Sara Giberson, Lia Neal) and LIAC (Emily Kelly, Jack Wagner, Oliver Lee).

Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to fund it but to turn it over to Finance and Senior committees to work on the budget to find the best way to finance it (suggestions include surcharge on Senior Meets to create such fund and/or create a new line item in the budget for such trips). David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor.

Motion carries.

- b) We need to finalize the Senior Circuit Meets. Probably add a meet in June for the Senior Level swimmers. We could have a LC meet in early May, one on the first weekend of June and another on the last weekend of June.

7: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Three (3) buses have been reserved for the Zone Team in April.

8: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) HOF: For the last two years, the process of nomination and selection for the Metropolitan Swimming Hall of Fame induction was not done properly. There are still many potential candidates on the consideration list. A long discussion followed on this subject. We need more people on the committee.
- b) Problems with Open Water: A sanction was not given by USA Masters for the 10K.
- c) Coach of the Year: Nominations must be made by May 1st for Senior and Age Group Coach of the Year Awards. Three (3) Senior Coaches and three (3) Age Group Coaches should be on a ballot which will be published on the Metro Website. Criteria for nomination will be posted on the Web Site as soon as possible. Vote will take place at the House of Delegates in May. Question: how many coaches, per team, would be allowed to vote?
- d) Athletes Representatives: The Athletes Representatives' application forms are posted on the Metro Web Site. Applications for Junior Reps are due at the Metro Office by March 10th. Election will take place at this year's Junior Olympics.
- e) Surcharge for Invitational vs. Regular meets: Long discussion followed on this subject. Some teams in Metro run Invitationals that are open to all Metro Teams as well as teams from other LSC's. This is specified in their meet information. Some other Metro teams run Invitationals that are open to some Metro Teams and some Teams from other LSC's. The list of the teams invited is also listed in their meet information. There are not enough LC meets to accommodate all Metro Swimmers. Should we limit the number of meets that can be "labeled" as Invitational? Should we require that teams that host invitational pay the 20% surcharge to Metro for their swimmers as well as visiting swimmers? George Rhein made a motion that: Any Team that hosts Invitationals that invite "all Metro Teams" as well as teams from other LSC's would still have the 20% surcharged waived for their swimmers. But any team that hosts Invitationals for some Metro teams only would have to pay the 20% surcharge for their swimmers. Mary Fleckenstein seconded this motion. Vote took place: 4 yes; 3 no's. **Motion carries.**
- f) Senior Meets: It was still a big meet, even without Bonus events. We need to send it back to Technical Planning to tighten up the cuts for next year.
- g) Safety: Please let Jeff Chu know if training courses are needed at any of the Championships.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, May 12, 2010 @ 7pm – HOD at Lehman College APEX – Elections and Bid Meeting Short Course Season 2010-2011
- Saturday, September TBA, 2010 @ 9am – HOD at White Lehman College APEX – Mandatory Meeting for all Clubs – One athlete 13-Over must attend as well

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson on a Snowy Day - February 25, 2010