

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

**PRESENT:** Bob Vializ, Edgar Perez, Barry Roffer, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Mary Ann Senecal, Eric Hertenstein, Paul Furbeck, Brian Brown, David Ellinghaus, George Rhein, Larry Collins, Bea Hartigan, Rich Finkelstein and Zach Coleman.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Paul Simco, Mary Fleckenstein, 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 6:44pm at the YWCA in White Plains, NY. Bob welcomed all members in attendance.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of October 14, 2008, was made by George Rhein, seconded by Eric Hertenstein, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as posted.

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

- a) Dates September HOD: September 26, 2009 was chosen as it is after the USAS Convention.
- b) Coaches Clinic April 18th: A clinic for Metro coaches will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> probably at Lehman College. USA Swimming Eastern Zone Coordinator Peter Clark will be at the clinic. Coaches from teams receiving money from the Excellence Grant Program will also speak at the clinic. More information will be available soon.
- c) College Recruitment seminar at SC Senior Mets: Larry Van Wagner from Marist will host a seminar on College Recruiting for swimmers and their parents. He would talk about rules of recruiting, and all the steps that athletes must take before applying for college. This would be done in between sessions on the Saturday of Senior Mets short course in February 2009. Bea Hartigan made a motion to give Larry a token gift. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion which was then accepted by all.
- d) Conoco Phillips Outstanding Service Award: Monique Grayson nominated Corinne Cody as the 2009 recipient of the ConocoPhillips Outstanding Service Award. David Ellinghaus seconded the nomination. All were in favor. The award will be given to Corinne at the Hall of Fame dinner.
- e) Status of Somerset Valley Issue: This was turned over to the Board of Review (team from New Jersey attended a Metro meet with non-registered athletes).
- f) Status of Meet Reports and Checks: George said that reports were coming well and in a timely manner. The new rule voted on in September seems to work (if report is not received within 14 days, the host team must then pay the surcharge for its own swimmers as well).
- g) Sectional Style Meet Long Course: Marist Swim Club is interested in hosting and running the meet at Lehman College on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Short meet session and then opportunity for the swimmers to train long course after the session. George Rhein made a motion to waive the Metro surcharge for that meet. Edgar Perez seconded. All were in favor.

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

- a) By Law Changes: The changes will be presented at the House of Delegates. Changes may need to be crossed out in the text and/or highlighted. Bea mentioned that the By Law Changes may be accepted by the HOD and then must be sent to Nationals for approval. The secretary or the chairperson would be allowed to send emails to members.
- b) Update on Excellence Grant Program: Six teams applied and were approved to receive part of the grant money: Long Island Aquatic Club, Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics, New York Sharks, La Guardia Aquatic Club, Three Village Swim Club and Empire Swimming. Coaches from these

teams will speak at the Coaches Clinic in April. George has already received the applications from LIAC and NYSA. All others are due by the end of the month.

**5: FINANCE CHAIR:** Corinne Cody

- a) Budget: Links have been updated on the web site. All requests for Budget items must be received by April 1, 2009. Corinne will also check about budget for Conference calls.
- b) Conflict of Interest Policy for board/committee members: we will check with USA-Swimming to get a form for board and committee members to sign. Corinne will check further on this.
- c) CD's: New forms will need to be signed.

**6: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Edgar Perez

- a) Bid for Zone Equipment: Edgar received bids from a Nike vendor (Swim NJ), a TYR vendor (Swim NJ), and a Speedo Vendor (Hobie Swim). After reviewing all 3 bids, David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept Hobie Swims bid for 2009-2010. Paul Furbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**7: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

- a) Proposed Long Course Calendar:
  - o Open Water Championships: July 12
  - o Senior Mets: July 23-26
  - o Junior Olympics: July 31-August 2
  - o Sectionals, Zones and Juniors are in August
- b) Age Group South Update: If none of the clubs from the South/Nassau offers to run the meet, North Shore is willing to host the meet as long that their team is allowed to swim at that meet.

**8: OPEN WATER:** Bea Hartigan

- a) July 12 Championships: There is a possibility that an Australian team may participate. If the team does come, host homes for the athletes may be needed

**9: OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Joe Stetz Scholarship: We will post it again on the main page of the website. Due date is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**10: NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Meet info Senior Mets SC: correction will be made so that all info re: relays is the same in all paragraphs: only top heat of relays swims with finals.
- b) Stipend from last season: one swimmer sent a late request. Stipend was refused. We will add an email address on the forms.

**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)

- Saturday, February 21, 2009 – in between sessions at Senior Mets at Lehman College

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Hertenstein, seconded by Edgar Perez and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – January 22, 2009