

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

**PRESENT:** Mary Fleckenstein, David Ellinghaus, Mike Morrissey, Don Wagner, Keith Furey, Barry Roffer, Rich Finkelstein, Jeff Chu, George Rhein, Denise Byrne, Steve Newman, Gregg Byrne, Frances Warren, LiYan Yao, Ray Willie, and Bruce Brooks

**EXCUSED:** Corinne Cody

**ABSENT:** Larry Collins, Rob Ripp, Colleen Driscoll

1. **WELCOME:** Mary Fleckenstein called the meeting to order at 6:14pm at Lehman College APEX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of December 7, 2010 was made, seconded and approved by all members in attendance.

### 3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A: **Long Course Swimming Association** (LCSA) Club application that was presented in December by Jeff Chu. The association wants to promote safe and healthy participation in competitive swimming in the Metropolitan LSC by operating long course swim meets, seeking new opportunities for long course swimming, and developing resources for such. This would be a closed association for clubs that chose to join. Discussion followed on timing of meet entries. A motion to accept the formation of the LCSA was made and seconded. In favor: 7 – opposed: 6 – **motion carries.**

B: **Brian Brown - request for new clubs to bid on meets:** Brian made a request for a revision of the Metro By-Laws and Policies regarding the ability of first-year clubs to bid and run meets. When a new club is involved there are just too many unknowns about the new club such as does it have enough members to run a meet? At least once a club is established coaches can make judgments about whether or not they want to attend a club's meet based on some knowledge of the club. A motion was made to keep our By-Laws as is – that new Teams remain on probation for a year. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

### 4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A: **Age Group Co-Chair:** Age Group Chair, Keith Furey, made a motion to ask John Yearwood of the New Rochelle YMCA to become the Age Group Co-Chair until the elections in May. Such motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

B: **Request for long course meets sessions of swimmers 13 & Over to be increased in length:** Mike Morrissey made a motion to change section 307.13 of the Procedure and Policy Manual. This change is for the 2011 Long Course Season ONLY. Motion is to allow Long Course sessions of 13 and older swimmers to run for a maximum of five (5) hours for the 2011 LC Season. Discussion followed. Motion was seconded and approved by all – **motion carries.** In addition, it

was reminded that any session for SCY and SCM held during the short course season, as well as LCM with 12 and under swimmers held during the LC season, which run over four (4) hours, will be sent to review. Any LC with 13 and over that run over five (5) hours will be sent to review.

C: **NDAC letter**: A request made by the Northern Dutchess Aquatic Club to have their ESSL dual meets given blanket Approved status was denied by the board. Discussion followed. ESSL can still request their championship meets to be approved. A motion to deny approval of league's dual meets was made, seconded and approved by all. This does not prevent the Metro teams to request sanctions for dual meets held strictly under the rules of USA-Swimming and does not affect approval of the ESSL Championship meet.

D: **LC Senior Mets Time Standards**: Senior Chair Don Wagner made a request to change the LC Senior Mets qualifying times as he feels they are too slow. He feels that many 13-14 and 15-18 don't want to attend LC Zones if they go to Senior Mets. Don was also approached by CT and NE who would like to attend our Senior Mets as part of a Senior Circuit meet! David Ellinghaus mentioned that 13-14 LC Zone cuts are AAA times. He does not believe that kids don't go to Zones because of Senior Mets. Making Sr. Mets cuts faster would make Sr. Mets very similar to SuperSectionals and opening it to other LSCs would limit our athletes from swimming in finals. Swimmers would prefer leaving the standards as they are. Another factor for teams to discourage their older athletes to attend Zones is the amount of recruiting that goes on at Zones from coaches of other teams!!! David Ellinghaus made a motion that we table this at the time and discuss it at a technical planning meeting with the Senior Committee and Technical Planning Committee. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

E: **Approval of Long Course Calendar**: A motion to accept the Calendar as posted on the Metro Web Site was made, seconded and approved by all.

- a) Carle Fierro of the Westchester Aquatic Club would like to run a meet on April 10, 2011. She needs the board approval since this is still part of the SC Season Calendar. Her Club's year of probation ends in March. She wants to run a SCM meet. Many would prefer it to be a SCY or LCM meet. A motion to allow the meet was made and seconded. Majority of members were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- b) Bea Hartigan Bid to run the Open Water Championship – Discussion – A motion to have our Open Water Co-Chairs review this bid and act upon it, was made, seconded and approved by all. Open Water Championship will be sent to the Open Water Co-Chairs for review.

F: **Hall of Fame**: If we go to a new location, we need to redo all the plaques so that they all look the same. It would also be great that Metro Swimming give some sort of a contribution (equipment or other) to Lehman College as they serve us more than any other facility in Metro. Marty Zwiren will do anything he can to help us and we are really appreciative. A motion was made to speak to Dr. Marty Zwiren, AD at Lehman College, about moving the Metro HOF permanently to the APEX facility. Motion was seconded and approved by all. Steve has also been in touch with Tony Corbisiero re: the HOF Awards presentation – luncheon or dinner. Tony will send some dates to Steve.

Dave Ellinghaus made a motion to allow Master Nationals to count towards one of the three (3) meets requirement to participate in Senior Mets (this for Masters' swimmers that are also registered as USA-S athletes). Motion was seconded. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

G: **Enforcement of the 4 hour rule**: there is no grace period – if meets run over 4 hours it will be sent to Review. The policy in Review will be that they will look at the meet and all fees for the events that ran over 4 hours will be forfeited to Metropolitan Swimming (with an additional monetary fine). At least 3 meets held within the last couple of months have been sent to Review already. As of this moment, the 4-hour rule is the rule with no grace period, except if there is a major malfunction of the timing system, lightning, power failure, or major problem.

H: **Club Excellence Committee**: Mike Morrissey would like to revamp the Metro Club Excellence Program. Looking into how to increase and diversify the way we reward the teams. A committee will look into this – Gregg Byrne, LiYan Yao, Jeff Chu, George Rhein, Mike Morrissey.

I: **Team Unify**: Web site program – they would give the LSC a free web site – Discussion followed. We are actually very happy with the way the Metro Web Site looks – it is more personalized than the Team Unify web sites. Mike Morrissey mentioned that with Team Unify we could have more “drop down” types of windows and incorporate a “Google” search of the web site. Ray Willie answered that all that can be done on the actual Metro web site if this is something that we want! We feel that they are pushing T.U. so that teams would then buy their team manager. The majority of the Board is very happy with the Metro Web Site as it is and is not looking to change at this time. No vote needed!

J: **Travel Policy**: We were asked at Convention to come up with a Travel Policy as far as athletes traveling. David Ellinghaus will look at what other LSC’s have done and at what USA Swimming recommends. This eventually will be part of our Policy Manual.

K: **CL2 Files of Meet Results**: Question about the CL2 files posted on the web site Results page – As per Susan Woessner at USA Swimming: *“Posting a meet results file that, if opened, would show USAS ids that include birthdays is not considered publishing birthdays and is thus allowed under the privacy policy”*. Long discussion followed on this subject. A motion to table the discussion (about having a password protected results site) to the next meeting was made, seconded and approved by all.

## **5: ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted  
Monique Grayson

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