

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

PRESENT: Bob Vializ, George Rhein, Edgar Perez, Steve Newman, Don Wagner, LiYan Yao, Gregg Byrne, Julian Mackrel, David Ellinghaus, Monique Grayson, Mary Fleckenstein, John Yearwood, Denise Byrne, Rich Finkelstein. Dave Ferris (LIAC) and Tom Pullen (COND) were also in attendance.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Bruce Brooks, Larry Collins, Rob Ripp, Corinne Cody, Ray Willie, Colleen Driscoll, Marc Danin and Frances Warren.

1. **WELCOME:** Bob Vializ called the meeting to order at 6:15pm at Lehman College APEX.

2. **ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. John Yearwood seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as published.

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Bob Vializ

- a. **Funding Available for 2012 Swimposium** – The Age Group chairs will work with USA Swimming to organize a Swimposium in 2012. Date and location to be decided. As part of the USA Swimming budget, funds are allocated to provide for USA Swimming staff and volunteers to travel to LSCs. It will be a one-day event. The last Swimposium held in Metro was on April 30, 2005 at Asphalt Green.
- b. **Club Membership Fee** - Our club membership fee is very minimum. Discussion on whether to change the annual Club Fee of \$150 per team to a fee based on membership size (which would be based on the prior year's membership). A motion was made to send this to the Budget Committee to decide how much each club will pay for Club Membership. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Budget Committee will look into this.
- c. **Meet Calendar Update on Metro Web Site** – If some sessions in a meet are closed, but not all sessions, we will ask the webmaster to direct clubs to check the host website for updated info.
- d. **Discussion on the 5 (five) hour rule for Long Course meets for 13 and Older sessions** - It was implemented on a one season trial basis last year by Mike. A motion was made and seconded to allow host teams to continue with the 5-hour rule for LCM meets for sessions restricted to 13 and older swimmers only (Sessions set as “Open” events must follow the 4-hour limit rule). The motion was approved by all. **Motion carries.**

4. **SENIOR CHAIR:** Don Wagner

- a. **Training Trip** – A motion to approve \$20,000 to take a Metro All-Star Team to a Training Trip to Deerfield Beach, Florida, was made and seconded. The All-Star would be for about 20 swimmers selected on Power Points. The trip would take place April 11 to 15, 2012. After discussion, all were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- b. **Condors NCAA Format Invitational** – The Condors are requesting a change to their NCAA Meet, which is overbooked. They have created a Plan A (adding a time trial session to accommodate those that will be cut from the prelim session) and Plan B (involves creating an additional session as a "B" flight that would consist of those that would have otherwise been cut. "B" flight participants would be eligible to qualify for finals). This change would allow them to accommodate all currently entered swimmers. Discussion followed on the method of cutting/accepting entries based on their posted meet information. Decision will be made once all votes are in.

5. **TREASURER REPORT:** Corinne Cody/George Rhein

Corinne was unable to attend the meeting. George Rhein went over the Profit and Loss report which was available. From September 1, 2011 to January 8, 2012: Income \$206,361.66 – Expenses \$47,419.63. The Balance Sheet was also available

6. **BUDGET:**

Dave Ferris came in front of the Board to give a report on the Budget Subcommittee Meeting that took place on January 7, 2012:

- a. **Club Excellence Program** - this program should be reinstated and information posted on the Metro Web Site as soon as possible. Dave made a motion to change the existing Club Achievement performance grants to the new USA Swimming Top 10 national rankings for ages 11-18.
- b. **Budget Sub-Committee** – will evaluate and implement and be responsible for the proper operation of the Metro Club Achievement Program. It will also evaluate on a yearly basis the travel stipend program and report budget adjustments. This sub-committee will report to the Metropolitan Administrative Vice Chairman.
- c. **2010 Program** – motion to look back at the 2010 program.
- d. **Surcharge & Funds** –
 - i. Based upon the current need and peer reviews, the committee suggests funding travel stipends by immediately raising the surcharge for the Junior Olympics to \$5.00 per athlete and raising the surcharge for Senior Mets to \$10.00 per athlete.
 - ii. In addition, Metro would form three funds as follows: General Fund; Age Group Travel Fund; Senior Travel Fund

7. **HALL OF FAME:**

- a. **Nomination Procedure** – We need more responses and more involvement from all.
- b. **Display at Lehman** – A motion to allow the HOF Committee to spend what is needed and work with Marty Zwiren (Lehman College APEX) to decide on the best site for

the HOF and best plaques, was made and seconded. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

8. TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

Proposed Amendment/Additional language for Article 203 of the P&P Manual - If a swimmer qualifies for a regional/national level meet (one that makes the swimmer eligible to receive a travel stipend from Metropolitan Swimming) but was unable to fulfill the criteria established by Metropolitan Swimming to receive the designated stipend due to "extraordinary circumstances," a team may appeal to the Board of Directors on a case by case basis. Examples of "extraordinary circumstances" the Board of Directors MAY consider are:

- a. Documented illness, documented injury, or a death in the immediate family that kept a swimmer from competing in Senior Mets and/or from competing in 5 metro sanctioned meets. In that case the proof of the swimmer's prior participation in Metro sanctioned meets must be provided
- b. A swimmer does not have a valid Senior Met cut but then qualifies for a stipend eligible meet. In that case proof of participation in other Metro sanctioned meets must be provided

9. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson
January 13, 2012