

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

**PRESENT:** John McIlhargy, Brian Hansbury, Bruce Brooks, George Rhein, Mary Fleckenstein, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Don Wagner, Denise Byrne, Edgar Perez, John Yearwood, Julian Mackrel, Nicole Papsco, David Ellinghaus, and Rich Finkelstein.

**ABSENT:** Amine Boubsis, Dave Ferris, Ray Willie, Colleen Driscoll and Rob Ripp.

1. **WELCOME:** John “Mac” McIlhargy wished everyone a Happy New Year and called the meeting to order at 6:05pm at Lehman College APEX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of December 4, 2012 was made, seconded and accepted by all members in attendance. The minutes were approved as published.
3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** John McIlhargy
  1. Welcome and Roll Call.
  2. The Eastern Zone had a conference call about the Spring Speedo Sectionals. As a result:
    - a. In years where different courses (SC vs. LC) are offered, restrictions on competition are lifted, allowing North Section Eastern Zone Members to attend the South Section Eastern Zone Meets and vice-versa. Cap is set at 800 swimmers.
    - b. For teams from outside the Eastern Zone requesting to attending an Eastern Zone Meet, meet hosts may establish & select the number of outside zone participants that will attend the meet. Teams from outside the zone will not be permitted to enter bonus events.
    - c. As a result of the motions passed by the General Chairs, participation of Eastern Zone Teams is not restricted by jurisdiction.  
*Northern Section- Eastern Zone Meet* Erie Community College, Buffalo, NY March 2 1-24, 2013  
*Southern Section- Eastern Zone Meet* VA Tech Pool, Christiansburg, VA March 2 1-24, 2013  
Time standards for both meets are posted on the Eastern Zone website.
  3. Three Village Swim Club ran the Long Beach Snowball Mini Meet as a fundraiser for LBA. This was very successful. 12 officials volunteered for the meet; TVSC raised about \$14,000 for LBA; Sachem Swim Club gave the profit of their 8-under session on that same weekend to LBA; Hobie Swim gave \$1,000 of prizes and T-Shirts; Hasty Awards donated all the awards for the meet; and Harbor Seals made a \$1,000 donation.
  4. All Committee Chairs are reminded to email a list of their committee members to John asap.
  5. The updated Policy and Procedures Manual and the updated By-Laws will be posted on the Web site as soon as possible.
  6. Board Presentation by Bob McKeever (Financial Advisor) regarding Investment direction. We don't have to make a decision right away. This has to go to the Finance Committee and the Board will welcome the Committee recommendations. Mac thanked Bob McKeever for coming and asked the Finance Committee to get it done fast.

4. **TREASURER REPORT / FINANCIAL CHAIR:** Corinne Cody/George Rhein

1. Corinne arrived late so George gave the Treasurer's report - Metro is financially very healthy. The Financial Statements for Fiscal Years ending August 31, 2012 & 2011 were available. It included the Statement of Financial Position as of August 31 and the Statement of Activities for the years ended August 31. There are no surprises at this time and we project that we will be where we need to be.
2. We must look into our investments. We need to be conservative.

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** Denise Byrne

1. So far so good – Most of the meets are current and up-to-date.
2. Teams are reminded to send in their meet reports – a check is not sufficient! Financial post meet reports must be sent!

6. **SENIOR CHAIR:** Don Wagner

April training trip to Deerfield Beach, Florida with the Metro All Stars April 17-21, 2013

1. The goal of the camp is to get some of Metro's best athletes together in a positive training environment, where they can challenge each other in a setting where the only thing they have to be concerned with is training hard and getting better.
2. The top ten girls and top ten boys will be selected for the trip
3. The selection is based on **open** power points
4. Athletes must be 13 or older and must have been swimming and training in the Metro LSC for at least one year
5. Qualification period is from the first day after Winter Speedo Sectionals 2012 (March 26, 2012) through March 24, 2013 (Spring Eastern Zone Sectional meet).
6. Coaching staff is selected by number of athletes qualified and attending the trip. The staff must have at least one female and one male coach.
7. Swimmers and coaches stay in the Deerfield INN in Deerfield Beach FL
8. In February, a list will be posted and updated on the Metro web site with the top 30 girls and boys.
9. On Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be extended to the Top 10 boys and girls, and they must accept within two (2) days or the "next in line" will be invited.
10. Training will be in the Deerfield Aquatic Center with 2x2 hour long and short course practices per day.
11. This Training Trip is subsidized for by Metro Swimming

7. **AGE GROUP CHAIRS:** John Yearwood and Edgar Perez

1. Hotels have been booked for the Short Course meet (in Rochester, NY) and for the Long Course Zone meet which will be in Virginia.
2. Hobie Swim has won the bid for Metro Zone Team apparel. Contracts will be done.
3. Zone Qualifying Meet will be February 16-18, 2013 – This meet is for swimmers that will actually attend Zones if they make the team. Swimmers that have no intention of going to Zones should not be entered in this meet.

8. **COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Amine Boubsis

Amine was not in attendance at the meeting

9. **ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Julian Mackrel and Nicole Papsco  
Julian and Nicole talked about the Junior Athlete Election and how to go about running this election. Normally it is done at Senior Mets but then we do not reach all of the 13-Over athletes. Maybe do it by email or through the Metro Athletes' Facebook Page. Contact Julian or Nicole for information. This page is for athletes only!
10. **TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus  
Nothing new at this time. Championship dates for this summer will be:
1. Senior Mets – July 18-21, 2013
  2. Junior Olympics – July 26-28, 2013
11. **OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Bruce Brooks
1. Bruce announced that Corinne Cody will step down as Area Chair at the end of December 2012. Mark Amodio has accepted the position of Area Chair for Hudson Valley North. Thanks to Corinne for her work over the years.
  2. Winter Senior Mets has been approved as a National Certification meet. USA Swimming certifiers (one of them an 2012 Olympic Games Starter) will be training our officials, on deck, for the duration of the meet.
  3. Bruce would like to increase the number of Officials in Metro, especially from teams that do not host meets (but do attend meets).
12. **REGISTRATION CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein  
Nothing new for this meeting – report will be given at HOD meeting.
13. **NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION / TOP 16:** Monique Grayson  
Requests for Observation of High School and College championship meets must be filled out and emailed to Monique at least 2 weeks prior to the meet. Forms are available on the Web site.
14. **WEB PAGE COORDINATOR:** Monique Grayson  
Nothing new at this time.
15. **SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Brian Hansbury  
New report of occurrence has been posted on the website. All teams need to submit info online to US Swimming the paper copy is no longer needed nor is it accepted.
16. **SAFE SPORT COORDINATOR:** Brian Hansbury
1. Currently we are just publishing the info regarding the new Meet Announcement Requirements
    - a. No Deck Changing allowed – Disqualification from Meet
    - b. No Cameras behind the blocks or in locker rooms
  2. Upon returning from the Safety In Sport Conference Jan. 27-29 in Colorado Brian will make a full report to the board and the HOD on the new bylaws and suggested rules for travel and social media that US Swimming is putting into place.
17. **HALL OF FAME:** Mary Fleckenstein and Monique Grayson  
Nothing new at this time.

18. **DISABILITIES COORDINATOR:** Denise Byrne

Nothing at this time

19. **SWIM-A-THON:** Richard Finkelstein

Nothing new at this time

20. **OPEN WATER COORDINATORS:** Rob Ripp and Colleen Driscoll

Rob and Colleen were not present at the meeting

21. **DIVERSITY:** Ray Willie

Ray was unable to attend the meeting. Mac said that Ray is asking to resign from Diversity. Mac will let us know who he will appoint to replace Ray.

22. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

None

23. **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS:**

Corinne – A swimmer attended AT&T Short Course Nationals. The swimmer was entered in an individual event and 4 relays, swam all four (4) relays but did not swim the individual event (was DFS for the individual event). Discussion on this – our policy has always been that in order to receive a travel stipend, a swimmer must actually compete in an individual event at the meet. The Travel stipend for this swimmer was denied.

24. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

25. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next BOD meeting will take place at Lehman College on Saturday, February 23, 2013, in between Prelims and Finals at the Winter Senior Mets.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted  
Monique Grayson

January 16, 2013