

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

**PRESENT:** Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Paul Furbeck, Mary Ann Senecal, Bea Hartigan, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Brian Brown, Carolyn Johnson, Steffi Niessl, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz, George Rhein, and Lenny Galluzzi. Rich Finkelstein stopped by to give his report before the start of the meeting.

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Scott Bartleson, David Ellinghaus, Bob Vializ and Larry Collins.

### 1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Flushing YMCA. Mary welcomed all including the new board members in attendance.

### 2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of April 11, 2006, was made by Paul Furbeck, seconded by Bea Hartigan, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

### 3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Convention Packet: Mary distributed the packets to board members that will attend the convention in September. Members were asked to email their flight requests to Mary as soon as possible. Members must be present at the Eastern Zone meeting and at the House of Delegates. Meetings start Wednesday, September 13.
- b) New Paltz: is looking for an assistant coach for the men's team this fall. Contact Coach Dan Talleyrand at New Paltz for information.

### 4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

- a) Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/05 – 6/7/06. Overall total is \$50,606.88.
- b) Carolyn Johnson made a motion to accept the report as presented. Steffi Niessl seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### 5: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

- a) George Rhein handed out a Budget Analysis of 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and presented the proposed budget for 2006-07.
- b) Question about the actual Officials amount for 2005-06. It seemed incorrect. *Mary Ann sent an email the next day with the correction: \$450.00 (not \$7,499.00).*
- c) Request of a new computer for the office
- d) Club Mentoring – Age Group programs is asking for an additional line: \$1,000 for awards based on improvement (certificates, plaques, or other awards)
- e) Coaches Clinics: increase the amount from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Plans are in the works to host an Age Group Coaches clinic October 14-15, 2006
- f) Carolyn mentioned that there was a clinic of the Safety Education Committee / Risk Management Workshop in the spring of 2007.
- g) Carolyn Johnson made a motion to accept the additions and corrections to the proposed budget with the exception of the Officials line which needed to be verified. Steffi Niessl seconded the motion which was then approved by all. **Proposed budget was approved.**

### 6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) George had already received two meet reports. Names need to be corrected on the forms available on the website.

### 7: SENIOR CHAIR: Brian Brown

- a) Brian worked with Mary Ann on the meet information for Senior Mets Long Course.

- b) Brian made a motion to create a new "**Metropolitan Swimming Senior Coach of the Year Award**". The recipient would be voted on by the coaches and the award would be handed out at the Hall of Fame dinner each year. Paul Furbeck seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

- a) Age Group Coaches Clinic: Paul requested that Metro host an Age Group Coaches Clinic on October 14-15, 2006. (See Finance Chair - budget)
- b) Swimposium: Check the budget available from USA Swimming in 2007

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Scott Bartleson

Scott was unable to attend this meeting.

**10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Steffi Niessl

- a) Athletes Rep. Contract: Steffi presented a proposed Athletes Reps Contract. This is needed as this position is not to be taken lightly. Steffi made a motion to accept the contract as corrected. George Rhein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- b) Junior Athlete Rep: After long discussion on this subject, a motion was made to offer a temporary position of Junior Athlete Rep to Kristen DeGrazzia (TS) to fulfill the unexpired term of Junior Athlete Rep. (Steffi Niessl becomes the Senior Athlete's Rep). Bea Hartigan seconded the motion. One opposed. All others were in favor of the motion which carries.

**11: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend. The TP committee is working on the time standards for 2006-07.

- a) LIAC/OWA Age group meet Metro South/Nassau. Barry will contact Dave Ferris.
- b) Condors/Sharks: Metro needs to receive an **official signed contract** from the school in order to officially assigning the meets. Condors is requesting October 7-8, 2006, December 2-3, 2006 and January 27-28, 2007.
- c) Barry received a request for sanction from NYAC for October 22<sup>nd</sup> for Collegiate teams. This needs to be an Observed Meet!

**12: OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

There was nothing new to report.

**13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- a) Zones will be in Buffalo this summer. The Metro team will stay at the Holiday Inn on Delaware Avenue (same as last year).
- b) Some info is already posted on the website.
- c) Steffi Niessl made a motion to accept the updated Code of Conduct for Zone Athletes. Carolyn Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.** It will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

**14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- a) Reminder: It is the coaches' responsibility to send in course updates to the office to keep cards current. Roster on the website is updated once or twice a week. Only coaches in good standing are on the roster.
- b) Coaches are asked to correct their athletes' info in the team manager when there is an error reported to them. They must actually click on "build ID" again to correct the ID numbers. Same applies to Meet Manager: rebuild ID!
- c) Problems with Dolphin Swim Club because they don't use their team manager software. Continually misspell their swimmers' names because of this. Metro By-Laws require use of Hy-Tek Team Manager – 303.7 - page 13.
- d) Bea Hartigan made a motion to charge \$50 for each instance of registration mistake after January 1, 2007 for all recidivists (3<sup>rd</sup> time you are fined). All corrections should be made by then. Mary Ann seconded the motion which **carried** unanimously.

e) There may be a Registration Clinic in the spring of 2007.

**15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16:** Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

a) We only have a few names left in the holding tank at this time.

**16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR:** Monique Grayson

- a) Stats page has been changed to Archives page
- b) Board information page has been updated

**17: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Carolyn Johnson

- a) Carolyn is asking for nominations for the Adolf Kiefer Commendation Award. Due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006
- b) Risk Management workshop spring 2007

**18: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

- a) HOF Dinner was held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Riccardo's Restaurant & Catering in Astoria, Queens. Attendance was great! We came very close to budget.

**19: DISABILITIES COORDINATOR:** Corinne Cody

There was nothing new to report.

**20: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein

There was nothing new to report.

**21: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR:** Bea Hartigan

- a) There are about 2 dozen Masters swimmers registered for the Open Water Championships at this time. Also, TVSC is sending about 30 swimmers and the White Plains YMCA is sending 3 swimmers.
- b) An Australian swimmer will swim from Battery Park to Sandy Hook in July and is going for the record.

**22: OUTREACH COORDINATORS:** Brian Brown and Larry Collins

- a) Brian is asking for a scholarship for Outreach coaches to attend the Age Group Coaches Clinic in October.
- b) Discussion on Officials Scholarships: we could modify this to give two scholarships based on Academics and two scholarships based on financial needs.

**23: OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business at this time.

**24: NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to lack of available time tonight (we were asked to stop the meeting at 9pm), the Committees appointments will be discussed at an Executive Board Meeting in the near future.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Saturday, September 30, 2006 @ 8:30am – HOD at White Plains YWCA – One Athlete (13-over) representative from each team MUST be attend the meeting.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 19, 2006

