

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, David Ellinghaus, Bea Hartigan, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Paul Simco, Bob Vializ, Brian Brown, Richie Finkelstein, Mary Ann Senecal, Edgar Perez, and Chris Finnegan.

ABSENT: George Rhein, Larry Collins, Scott Bartleson and Erin Kiernan.

All votes were considered by voting members only

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the YMCA in Flushing. Mary welcomed all members in attendance and introduced Paul Simco and Edgar Perez who were attending their first official Board of Directors meeting.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of BOD of May 16, 2007: Add: "Richie Finkelstein arrived late but was present at the meeting". A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of May 16, 2007, was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Bob Vializ, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) There will be a Risk Management Seminar in Minneapolis in August.
- b) Mary attended the General Chairs Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. She toured the facilities that will be used for the Olympic Trials and participated in many meetings.
- c) Dave Ferris (LIAC) came to the meeting to address the Board regarding the Club Excellence Program. Dave gave a written report to all in attendance and requested that the Board allow the Long Island Aquatic Club to receive the grant money it qualified for. Dave stepped out while the Board met. After discussion, David Ellinghaus made a motion that LIAC receive the \$7,700 grant money it qualified for. The check would be written out but not given to Dave until Mary Ann could confirm the exact amount with George Rhein (who was not in attendance). A friendly amendment stated that Dave Ferris would receive the check within a week. The motion was seconded. Vote resulted in one abstention. All others were in favor.

Motion carries. Bea Hartigan suggested that all signatures be done at the meeting so the check could be sent as soon as Mary Ann received the OK from George. Dave Ferris was called back in and told of the outcome of the vote. Dave thanked the Board.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann announced that we were operating at a deficit of \$94,733. The biggest increase in spending is due to stipends.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

Corinne presented a report with the Actual vs. Budget of 2005-06 and 2006-07. Mary Fleckenstein recommended establishing a Budget Committee that would meet this summer and go over everything, item by item. The Budget Committee would then make recommendations to the Executive Committee, who would then present a budget that is fiscally responsible, to the House of Delegates in September.

The following members of Metro will be asked to be on this Budget Committee: Corinne Cody (chair), Mary Ann Senecal, George Rhein, Robbie Ortof and Chris Finnegan.

Corinne will check what the procedures are to reopen the budget.

A recommendation was made that all budget items be requested no later than the Board of Directors meeting in April. All items must be done in writing by a set deadline in order to be considered for the budget. New items would not be considered after the Budget meeting in April (only corrections).

Mary asked that the Committee propose something to the Executive Board by August 10, 2007.

6: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Athletes of The Year: Never received their awards. They will be ordered and delivered as soon as possible. Barry will check on that.
- b) February meeting: As per By-Laws, we must sign a form that states that we have reviewed the Financial Statement and send the form to USA-Swimming. An Audit Committee will be formed to review the Financial Statements: Bea Hartigan, Erin Kiernan and Glenn Stafford.

7: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Bob Vializ asked to change the rule for the 10-under members of the Zone Team, to give them the option to go home before the last day of the meet if they only had 1 or 2 events. After discussion it was decided that we would keep the rule as it is.
- b) Bea Hartigan gave an update Re: Open Water Championships. 85 swimmers but only 3 age groupers as of June 26th.
- c) Brian Brown talked about marketing position in Metro. We need more info. He also talked about what to post (or not to post) on the Metro Website.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- * **Saturday, September 15, 2007 @ 8am – Mandatory HOD at White Plains YWCA – A 13-Over athlete from each team must be present at the meeting.**
- * **Wednesday, January 9, 2008 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains YWCA - Bid Meeting for LC Season 2008**
- * **Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains YWCA – Elections and Bid Meeting for SC Season 2008-09**

- * **Tuesday, October 9, 2007 @ 7pm – Board of Directors meeting at White Plains YWCA.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – July 21, 2007