

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Nassau County Aquatic Center

East Meadow, NY

PRESENT: John McIlhargy, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Eric Fisher, Allen Wone, Jim Wargo, Mark Owens, and Stanley Wong

EXCUSED PRIOR: John Alaimo and David Ellinghaus

ABSENT: Dom Boccio, Brian Hansbury, Elaine Ang, Edgar Perez, Jocelyn Fisher, John Yearwood and Robert Frawley.

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** John "Mac" McIlhargy welcomed everyone present at this meeting! Mac called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.
2. **ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**
The minutes of February 20, 2019 could not be approved, as there was no quorum at this meeting.
3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** John McIlhargy
 - a. **Championship Meets** – Most championship meets went very well, except for some issues with Bronze.
 - b. **Eastern Zone Meeting** – April 12-13, 2019 at Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. Everything is set for the meeting. Mac, Mary, Jim, John Y., Edgar and Monique will attend.
 - c. **Taxes and Finance** – Neither Mac nor Allen have heard back from anyone since sending the info. Mac will follow up with them. Metro's business has also been streamlined with the addition of Grassi and Co.
 - d. **Open Water** - Mac attended an Open Water Committee meeting at Lehman College. Dates are still being looked at for the Open Water Metropolitan Swimming Championships at Rye Beach.
 - e. **HOD and By-Laws** – Metropolitan Swimming must now follow the same pattern as USA Swimming and streamline the By-Laws. They are posted on the website and will be up for approval at the HOD in April.
 - f. **Mac Last BOD as General Chair** – This is Mac's last BOD meeting. Thanks, Mac, for a really well-done job – applause!
4. **TREASURER REPORT:** Elaine Ang
 - a. Elaine was not in attendance at the meeting and has not answered emails, texts, phone calls or reception of certified mail that was sent to her.
 - b. A motion was made by the Board in February, to ask the treasurer for her voluntary resignation.
 - c. Elaine Ang will no longer be an account signor on the Annuity Funds (Fidelity).
 - d. The Board is asking Elaine to return all Metro's property.
5. **OFFICE MANAGER:** Mary Fleckenstein
 - a. **Registrations:** We have 10,403 athletes (up from 10,249 at this time in 2018). Our total membership is 11,382. There are 4 teams with expired Head Coach certifications. There are 85 clubs, and 3 clubs

that are currently swimming as UN as they are going through the club certification process. All swimmers of those clubs are registered as unattached.

- b. Coaches certifications: Some LSC's fine coaches if their certifications expire!!! We have too many coaches, with expired certifications, on pool deck during practices, and trying to get on the deck at meets. This is a liability and safety issue. What can we do so this doesn't happen anymore? It is the coaches' job to make sure they are fully certified. A recommendation would be that a person on each club checks the coaches' certifications monthly. Maybe charge a processing fee for last minute updated certifications. Long discussion followed. The coaches' representative needs to investigate this and talk to the coaches.
- c. New Athletes' Protection testing: through Center for Safe Sports. Three new courses must be taken for renewal.
- d. Bronze: Pre-meet recons were done for all three meets as per the meet announcements. Meet announcements also mentions that athletes must have swam their events as least once prior and have a time in SWIMS for all events. Times not found after the recons: South –10 pages. Central –15 pages. North –11 pages. All three host clubs were notified that this was unacceptable and that they needed proof of times from the teams, or the athletes were to be removed for those events. One of the 3 sites left kids in the meet, including their own, and let them swim the events, mixed in with the other swimmers, but pulled them out after the events were done, marked them as exhibition, and entered those times as time trials. There was a time trials sanction, but it was not run as time trials. Another host also had a time trial sanction and entered the swimmers out of those events and then ran a separate time trial session. What to do about that!!! Swimmers that were previously DQ'd in an event can't use that time to enter the meet – that DQ time is NOT in SWIMS. Long discussion followed. We really are here for the kids but need to follow the meets information! What if a swimmer swam an event in LCM previously within the time period? Meet info wording needs to be carefully updated!

6. **SECRETARY/NTV**: Monique Grayson

- a. No report currently.
- b. Things are going well with meet results.

7. **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**: Allen Wone

- a. Transition period with the new accounting firm is doing well.
- b. We are in good shape.
- c. Discussion followed on hotel re-imbursements for officials at meets.

8. **ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVES**: Mark Owens (Jr. Rep) and Stanley Wong (at Large)

- a. Jocelyn Fisher (Sr. Rep) and Robert Frawley (at Large) were not in attendance at the meeting
- b. Nothing to discuss at this time.

9. **SENIOR CO-CHAIRS**: Jim Wargo and John Alaimo

- a. Jim Wargo's Report – in conjunction with Diversity – 3 Metro swimmers were named to the Diversity Camp that will be held May 2-5 at the OTC in Colorado Springs:
 - Francesca Arciniegas – COND – Coach Jim Wargo
 - Edward Park – NYSA – Coach John Alaimo
 - Evan Morales – NYSA – Coach Chris Mance
 - Staff for camp: Head Coach David Rodriguez (AGUA) and Assistant Coach Amine Boubsis (92nd Street Y)

- b. New Metro Records were achieved at the NCSA Spring Championship in Orlando this past week, including a **NAG** Record in the 13-14 girls 200 fly by Tess Howley – LIAC - coached by Ginny Nussbaum
- c. ISCA will take place the weekend after this meeting.

10. **ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIRS:** Eric Fisher

- a. Not much to report currently.
- b. Many forms will be revamped as online submission forms.
- c. Revenue from meets are down – Meets’ attendance is down but Time Trials, Dual and Tri Meets are way up.
- d. How to reverse this trend and how to continue to finance Metro. We need to redefine what an acceptable meet is.
- e. Club Excellence Program – Total of \$32,200.00
 - BGNW - \$1,300.00
 - LIAC - \$10,700.00
 - TVSC - \$1,000.00
 - BAD- \$6,000.00
 - COND - \$3,500.00
 - WEST - \$2,600.00
 - AGUA - \$7,100.00
- f. We are over budget for Meet reimbursements.
Reasons: we do not raise money from outside of the organization, we do not take money from sponsors and donors, etc.
- g. Proposals to be considered for vote at HOD of April 17, 2019:
 - 1. About facility surcharge by Allen Wone of Sachem Swim Club
 - 2. To change article 301.6 by Eric Fisher, Admin Vice-Chair
 - 3. To change article 304.2 by Eric Fisher, Andin Vice Chair
 - 4. To rule change for championship meets by Jim Wargo and Jon Hubert, Condors Swim Club
 - 5. To Silver Championship changes by Age-Group Co-Chairs and Technical Planning Chair
- h. Recommendation is to not call meets “Invitational” or “Open” meets as most meets are held as invitationals anyway –all teams should be allowed to charge a facility surcharge. An email will go out.

11. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None currently

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

Next Meeting – Mandatory HOD – April 17, 2019 at NYAC

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson
April 14, 2019



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1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

Excused prior to meeting: Dave E. John A.

Roll Call:

NOT PRESENT

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Reports of officers

3: GENERAL CHAIR: John McIlhargy: Welcome –General Updates

- Championship Meets
- Eastern Zone Meeting
- Taxes and Finance
- Open Water
- HOD -By-Laws

4: OFFICERS REPORTS: (**additional information or officer request for specific time)

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| • SECRETARY REPORT: Monique Grayson | TREASURER'S REPORT: Elaine Ang |
| • FINANCE CHAIR: Allen Wone | ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Eric Fisher |
| • SENIOR CHAIR: John Alaimo/Jim Wargo | AGE GROUP CHAIR: John Yearwood/Dom Boccio |
| • COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: John Yearwood | ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Jocelyn Fisher/Mark Owens |
| • TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus | SAFETY COORDINATOR: Edgar Perez |
| • SAFE SPORT COORDINATOR: Brian Hansbury | At Large Athletes: Stanley Wong/ Robert Frawley |

5: OFFICE MANAGER: Mary Fleckenstein

6: UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

7: NEW BUSINESS:

8: NEXT MEETING:

Adjournment