

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, David Ellinghaus, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, George Rhein, Corinne Cody, Paul Furbeck, Bob Vializ, Barry Roffer, Brian Brown 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 6:34pm at the YWCA in White Plains, before the House of Delegates meeting. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **New Club** - Ilan Noach came in front of the Board to introduce himself as the coach of record for the new team he is starting: Empire Aquatics Incorporated. "Empire Swimming" will have the letters EAST. He has a one-year contract with the Hackley School in Tarrytown – 6 lanes pool. He is working on renting another facility as well. Starting on June 4, he will have 3 more coaches. By-Laws and all paperwork was sent to the Metro Office. The new club must take the Club Leadership/Business Management course within the first year. Bob Vializ made a motion to accept Empire Swimming as a Metro Club. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion which was accepted by all.
- B. **Lifetime membership to USA-Swimming.** What would the criteria be to award such a membership to a member of Metropolitan Swimming? David Ellinghaus made a motion to table this subject until the next Board Meeting at which time the Board will prepare some written guidelines. George Rhein seconded the motion which was then approved by all.
- C. **LIAC request for Club Grant Program money.** Dave Ferris submitted a second request which is basically the same as the first one. David Ellinghaus made a motion that teams that have not received their award money should be sent a letter from the Board, explaining that they must resubmit a request of how they are going to use the money in ways other than salaries and/or pool rental time. Bob Vializ seconded the motion. Discussion followed and it was decided that we must have a three-person committee to review the requests. All were in favor
- D. **Octagon Request.** Mary received an email about a social networking site for swimmers. We asked Erin Kiernan for her opinion in this matter. She doesn't believe that metro swimmers would be too interested as they have their own networking.
- E. **Committee Appointments:** all members of committees will need to be appointed again. This will be done at the next board meeting.
- F. **Convention:** This year's USA Swimming Convention will be held at Garden Grove, California, September 25-30, 2007. The following were invited to attend: Mary Fleckenstein, George Rhein, Bob Vializ, Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, Brian Brown, Monique Grayson, Barry Roffer, Erin Kiernan, Chris Finnegan, Scott Bartleson, and Edgar Perez. (Mary Ann Senecal declined). All paperwork was distributed and must be sent back to Mary as soon as possible.
- G. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7pm (6:30pm for dinner) at the Flushing YMCA. (Richie Finkelstein is asked to secure a room).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – May 19, 2007

