

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Vializ, Mary Fleckenstein, Brian Brown, Ray Willie, Michael Morrissey, David Ellinghaus, Edgar Perez, Barry Roffer, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Eric Hertenstein, George Rhein, Larry Collins, Bea Hartigan, Jeff Chu, Bea Hartigan, Rich Finkelstein, and Frances Warren.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm at Lehman College APEX in The Bronx, NY. Bob welcomed all members in attendance and introduced Frances Warren (LIE) the new Junior Athlete Representative.

2: BOD & HOD MEETING DATES FOR 2010-2011 SEASON:

All meetings to be held at Lehman College APEX

- a) **Saturday, September 25, 2010:** BOD: 8am; HOD: 9am – This is the mandatory meeting for all clubs. In addition, an athletes' rep from each club must attend this meeting (13 & Over athlete)
- b) **Wednesday, January 12, 2011:** BOD: 6pm; HOD: 7pm – this is the long course season meets bid meeting
- c) **Wednesday, May 11, 2011:** BOD: 6pm; HOD: 7pm – this is the short course season meets bid meeting

3: PROPOSAL FROM DAVE FERRIS:

- a) Dave Ferris (LIAC) sent a proposal to the Board:

Having spent some time thinking about this LIAC would like to make the following proposal for your review:

Metro Swimming will form a meet committee. Metro Swimming will sponsor up to six Metro only long course meets. These meets should be geography spread out. Two in the north, two central, and two on Long Island. Metro meets should be placed on open weekends in the respective geographic areas. Metro Swimming will rent the facilities to run the meets. Metro Swimming will hire meet management teams to run the meets. These are not board run events. Although a board member may be part of a meet management team. Metro will charge an entry fee 1/3 higher than the going rate. Metro is not in the business of running meets. These meets need to be viewed as a reluctant solution to a problem. It should not be Metro's position to compete against clubs running events. Rather, Metro should use these seed events to encourage participating clubs to step in and take over these meets. Participating Teams will be responsible for providing timers, runners, and marshals in the same fashion currently followed at Senior Mets. Metro teams must take responsibility in the solution of this problem. These meets will add significant competitive experiences for Metro swimmers. They will also make money for Metro to be used for Board directed programs. Finally, done correctly, Metro meet management teams will help train members from the participating teams to run the events and take them over, relieving Metro of the duty and allowing Metro to successfully sunset the meet committee.

A long discussion followed. The Board Policy is that Metro is not in the business to run meets. More teams have shown an interest to rent facilities to run more long course meets next year.

- b) Brian Brown also suggested adding a surcharge and increasing the fee for entries. Too many facilities do not make enough money to keep on running meets and many do not want to close their facility for a meet when they could make more money running swimming lessons. Long discussion followed. We need to look at what clubs gain or lose at each meet. Team should present their case to the Board and show the income from their previous meets. Teams need to be able to run higher quality meets for the senior level swimmers.
- c) David Ellinghaus made a motion that the Board adopt a policy that teams running trials and finals senior level meets can approach the board requesting to add a "per swimmer facility surcharge" to offset the cost of running such meet at their facility. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- d) David Ellinghaus made a second proposal, that in light of this new rule, Brian Brown be able to go back to the board at Asphalt Green and to submit a bid to run his annual "New York

City Open" in November. Brian will put in the bid today and will have 30 days to pull out the bid based on the AGUA Board's response.

4: OLD BUSINESS:

Rich Finkelstein asked for some clarification on #6 - a from the February BOD meeting:

Brian spoke about the 2010 Youth Team World Cup "A" competitions which will be conducted in Stockholm, Sweden and Berlin, Germany in the fall, and also the "B" trip this spring in Barcelona, Spain, June 2-6, 2010. The cost per swimmer for each trip is \$750.00. Every LSC has agreed to sponsor their swimmers (Florida only \$500 towards each trip). Metro has six (6) swimmers on the Youth Team: AGUA (Annie Zhu, Sara Giberson, Lia Neal) and LIAC (Emily Kelly, Jack Wagner, Oliver Lee). Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to fund it but to turn it over to Finance and Senior committees to work on the budget to find the best way to finance it (suggestions include surcharge on Senior Meets to create such fund and/or create a new line item in the budget for such trips). David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor.

Any swimmer getting such funding from Metropolitan Swimming should follow the normal criteria required for stipend.

5: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Bea Hartigan is asking to have her letter about HOF added to the minutes of April 2010.

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of April 21, 2010, was made, seconded, and approved by all. The letter will be added to the minutes on the Web site.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Michael Morrissey

- a) Proposal to change Policy and Procedure Manual – Article 310 – Championship Meets – remove section 310.13 – *Officials working at Metro run championship meets will receive a \$20 per session stipend. If more than four officials per course are in attendance at the meet, the primary officials shall be designated by the Officials Chair. Reason:* All officials are encouraged to volunteer for team meets and championship meets. Starters and Referees are required to officiate 2 sessions at Metro championship meets. This is in the Officials guidelines.
- b) A motion about removing section 310.3 was made by Michael Morrissey, seconded by Mary Fleckenstein and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – May 15, 2010