

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

PRESENT: Bob Vializ, George Rhein, Mary Fleckenstein, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Frances Warren, Julian Mackrel, Nicole Papsco, Marc Danin, David Ellinghaus, Don Wagner, Denise Byrne, Gregg Byrne, LiYan Yao, Edgar Perez, John Yearwood, and Rich Finkelstein.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Larry Collins, Colleen Driscoll, Rob Ripp, Ray Willie, Steve Newman, and Bruce Brooks.

1. **WELCOME:** Bob Vializ called the meeting to order at 5:58pm at Lehman College APEX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
David Ellinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of February 24, 2012. Motion was seconded and approved by all members in attendance. Minutes approved as published.
3. **NEW ORGANISATION:** Lisa Baumann came in front of the Board to introduce herself and request approval for a new organization: **Excel Swimming**. This organization will not be active on the Age Group level for about 18-24 months. Started with Masters and instructions and will move to age group at a later date. They are using multiple facilities. A motion to accept the new organization was made, seconded and approved by all. Metro welcomes Excel Swimming.
4. **HALL OF FAME:**
 - a. Lehman College, who had agreed to host the physical site of the Metropolitan Swimming Hall of Fame at the College APEX, is now expecting to receive \$5,000 each year to maintain it! We need to explore other ways to display the Metro Hall of Fame. We may not need to actually have a physical site.
 - b. David Ellinghaus made a motion that the Board be assigned the task to research what it would cost to have a professionally designed Interactive Virtual HOF Site that would be linked to the Metro Website. John Yearwood seconded the motion which was approved by all. **Motion carries.** Bob Vializ, Metro's outgoing General Chair, was asked to research different options. A formal agreement with Lehman will be tabled until the September Meeting.
5. **CLARIFICATIONS – HISTORIC METRO SWIMMER - OT STPENDS:**
David Ellinghaus has received a few emails about Olympic Trials Stipends for college swimmers coming back to Metro after they finish their college careers.
 - a. We need to clarify who qualifies as a "Historic" Metro swimmer. Example: a long time registered Metro swimmer goes off to college, trains with the college team for 3-4 years, swims with Metro during the summer months, and maybe transfers his/her USAS registration back and forth between the college team and Metro during the college years. After graduation from college, the swimmer comes back to Metro and has all intentions to represent his/her Metro team at Trials.

This swimmer can be defined as a “Historic Metro Swimmer”. It should be made clear to the coaches that this applies only to swimmers that come back to swim with their Metro teams for the first summer right after finishing college.

- b. Only swimmers representing Metro at OT will be eligible for the Olympic Trials stipend. To swim at Trials, swimmers are allowed to have a secondary affiliation. The primary affiliation is where the swimmer is registered. There may be swimmers at Trials swimming as registered with their college teams, but listing their Metro Team as the secondary affiliation. We must make it clear that the swimmers must be registered with their Metro teams as their primary affiliation in order to receive the OT stipend.
- c. On the Metro Web site, we did a great job listing the Olympic Trials qualifiers as well as the Metro Alumni qualifiers. Some swimmers listed as Metro OT qualifiers are not currently registered with Metro. Those swimmers will be moved onto the list of Metro Alumni.

A motion was made to the Board to accept these clarifications. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

6. **GENERAL CHAIR REPORT:** Bob Vializ

- a. Spring Sectionals South will be held SCY while Spring Sectionals North will be held LCM on the same weekend in March. Some LSCs in the Northeast wanted it that way – close vote at Eastern Zone meeting. LCM won by 1 vote. This may still be reviewed at Convention, so please let us know what you would prefer!
- b. Deck Change – proposal to ban the practice of deck changing. Question is “what kind of penalties would be given to swimmers?”
- c. Establishment of a Diversity Chair position to the Eastern Zone Board of Directors (limited to a 2-year term)
- d. Another position to the EZ Board: Age Group Chair Non-Coach is still vacant after a year!

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Flushing YMCA is requesting a sanction to host a SCY meet on Saturday night, July 7th, at the YMCA. There will only be 11-12 and 10-Under events – open to all Metro teams on a first come first served basis. There are 3 meets that weekend, 1 of them is already closed 2 months before the meet and FLY was not invited to the other 2 meets. Motion was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

8. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD SESSION:**

Members of the Executive Committee were asked to stay on for a brief Executive Session.

Present: Bob Vializ, George Rhein, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Frances Warren, Julian Mackrel, Nicole Papsco, Gregg Byrne, Edgar Perez, John Yearwood, LiYan Yao, Don Wagner

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

May 19, 2012