

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

PRESENT: John McIlhargy, Bruce Brooks, Mary Fleckenstein, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Denise Byrne, John Yearwood, Amine Boubsis, David Ellinghaus, Michael Zuppone, Frances Warren, Gregg Byrne, Colleen Driscoll and Rob Ripp.

Brian Hansbury, Rich Finkelstein and Bob Fitzsimmons arrived after the start of the meeting.

EXCUSED PRIOR TO MEETING: Edgar Perez, Don Wagner, Elliot Ptasnik, Nicole Pasco .

ABSENT: George Rhein

1. **WELCOME:** John “Mac” McIlhargy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Lehman College APEX.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of February 22, 2014 was made, seconded and accepted by all members in attendance. The minutes were approved as published.

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** John McIlhargy

a. Welcome to baby John William (Jack) Hansbury and congratulations to the happy parents – Alice and Brian!

b. Metro lost two members within a few days of each other since our last BOD Meeting: Zachary (Zach) Woods (age 27 – former swimmer at MWSC) and Thomas (Tom) Rosenkranz, a Metro Official with RFAC. Our deepest condolences to both families.

c. **BOD Housekeeping Items:**

Discussion on removal of all the non elected from the actual “Board of Directors” – for example Records, Top Times, Web Page Coordinator, Open Water, Swim-A-Thon, Registration Coordinator, Hall of Fame, Review Committee, Disability, Officials, Diversity, Safe Sport. The following positions are in our Bylaws as BOD members: ***Admin Vice Chair, Age Group, Athletes’ Representatives, Coaches Representative, Finance Chair, Safety Coordinator, Secretary, Senior Chair, Technical Planning and Treasurer.***

All **elected** positions are voting members but the **appointed** positions do not vote and are Committee members. We will need to update this on the Website (@governance). After we actually vote on this, we will recommend which positions should be moved back into the actual Board, like Diversity, Officials and Safe Sport for example (maybe Disability). Any addition to the actual BOD members will need to be presented to the HOD and voted on at the September HOD.

A motion was made and seconded, that all non elected/non-voting members on the Board of Directors (those positions that are appointed by the general Chair) be eliminated from the Board of Directors, effective at the end of this meeting. All voting members are in favor. **Motion carries.** All new Committee Chairs will be appointed after the General Chair election every two (2) years and will be voted on at the following September HOD meeting.

- d. Ryan Wagner has resigned as Athletes Rep. – the General Chair will appoint a new Senior Athletes Rep. to replace Ryan. We welcome Michael Zuppone, AGUA, as the newly elected Junior Athletes Rep.

A motion was made to change the Metro Swimming Athletes Rep. Election Procedures at Senior Mets to an electronic voting system (email vote by all athletes 13 and Over, for one week, beginning on the first day of Winter Senior Mets. This is a change for the Policy and Procedures Manual. This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.

Motion carries.

- e. **Metro Officials Chairman**, Bruce Brooks, has officially stepped down. He is being replaced by Robert (Bob) Fitzsimmons. Many thanks to Bruce for the awesome job done with the Officials since 2010. Applauds!
- f. We may have a **Review Case** coming up – Scott Bartleson and USA Swimming are aware of this. Teams need to have a Code of Conduct for parents!
- g. **Open Water**, July 13, 2014, hosted by Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc on Huntington Bay, Long Island. Discussion on rules, liability, meet course, meet information, other paperwork needed, and exact procedures to follow for obtaining Open Water Sanction from Metro.
- h. **Finance** – As a reminder, USA Swimming voted on a \$2 increase of each registration, athlete and/or non-athlete, for the next 5 years, starting this September 2014 – Metro Registration will go from \$60 to \$62 in September – Suggestions for new Finance Chair: Bob Fitzsimmons

4. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next BOD meeting will take place at a date to be announced. Meeting will be posted on the Metro Web Site as soon as the date and site are set.

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

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

May 28, 2014