

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Paul Furbeck, Bob Vializ, Mary Ann Senecal, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Brian Brown, Rich Finkelstein and Holger Fietkau.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Bea Hartigan, George Rhein, Scott Bartleson, David Ellinghaus, Carolyn Johnson, Steffi Niessl and Larry Collins.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm at the Flushing YMCA. Mary welcomed all members.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of June 13, 2006, was made by Paul Furbeck, seconded by Bob Vializ, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Stipends from 2005-06: A couple of letters from clubs requesting stipends for spring sectionals from last season were received past the deadline (and after the end of the financial year). A motion to deny the stipends for the late requests was made, seconded and approved by all.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

- a) Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/06 – 11/15/06. Mary Ann announced that we have a new accountant. We are within our budget. Everyone making more than \$600 must get a 1099 (officials, non salaried coaches, system operators, etc.). Check with your club's accountant.
- b) Motion was made, seconded and approved by all: all requests for reimbursements from Mary Ann must be made within 30 days or they will be denied – form is on the website.
- c) Timeliness of all financial reports and monies to Mary Ann. Be Prompt.
- d) Metro Club Achievement Program: what did the clubs do with the money they received?

5: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

- a) Start thinking about the budget requests for 2007-08.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) George Rhein was unable to attend the meeting. Investments results:
original investment: 200,000.00 – market value as of 11/15/06: 253,286.52
market value at the end of last fiscal year 8/31/06: 247,424.66
dividends paid last fiscal year 9/1/05 – 8/31/06: 10,104.16
- b) Metro Club Achievement Program: Requests have been sent out to the teams that earned the stipend last year to explain in detail how they utilized the funds. Results will be available to all clubs for ideas for their programs.
 - 2006 Program – 7 clubs applied as shown below and what they qualified for:
TVSC \$2900; LGAC \$200; BAD \$2700; BGNW \$800; LIAC \$???; YMID \$3400; AG \$3800.
- c) An executive Session took place at this time.
- d) Meet reports are for the most part coming in timely. Every meet referee must send their reports to their area chair who then adds it to the website. Include names of meet marshals and Head Timer.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Brian Brown

- a) Thoughts on letting a club bid on hosting LC Sr. Mets for 2007 (or co-host Club/Metro)? Clubs could be hosting a great caliber meet.

1. Should there be an application process beforehand after which the board would give approval or not.
 2. We will open up the bid for Sr. Mets LC if a team wants to host it.
 3. Dates would be set by Technical Planning.
 4. Senior Chair must approve the Sr. Mets meet info before it is published
- b) Format of Senior Mets Long Course: Brian would like to change the format in 2007 in order to help athletes that will go to Nationals and OT be more successful: Prelims in the afternoon and Finals in the morning: meet would start with prelims on Thursday afternoon. Those events finals would take place Friday morning, etc. with the meet ending with finals on Sunday morning.
 - c) Also, to make it more attractive to swimmers for SC and LC: add one heat of finals and make it 8 swimmers in the bonus heat, 6 in the consolation heat, 6 in the final heat, and 4 in a super final heat.
 - d) Warm-up for SC Sr. Mets can go from 1 and ½ hour to only 1 hour; This would help start the meet ½ hour early for prelims and also start finals ½ hour early.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

- a) JO's and Y State: Bob wants to know how to get the results from Y State on the last day of their meet since they will be choosing the Zone Team at the end of JO's. It is the coaches responsibility to get in touch with Bob and Paul.
- b) Zone Team selection process: will be posted on the website as soon as possible
- c) Coaches Clinic: it was a great clinic. They are thinking of doing something in the spring as well (maybe a level 3 clinic). Set should be set as soon as possible and posted. There should be no meet scheduled on that day.
- d) Swimmers' Clinics: New Jersey, Adirondack and Connecticut would like to do a joined clinic for swimmers.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Bartleson

Scott was unable to attend this meeting.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Steffi Niessl and Kristen DeGrazia

Steffi and Kristen were unable to attend this meeting.

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend. All request for changes in meet dates, meet program, etc. must go to technical planning – not to General Chair.

- a) GAEL 8-under meet: split session into 2: girls am and boys pm – OK
- b) GAEL 8-under meet: allow swimmers to add a fourth event: OK

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

Kris was not in attendance at the meeting.

- a) Mary's request for a list of officials has not been received. Holger asked Barry to give him a hard copy of the list.
- b) Corinne asked for updates on the meet reports online. Many are missing.
- c) Holger asked for Metro patches for officials. Maybe some ID tags.
- d) Holger submitted budget to George.

13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Hotel and buses – are we ready if we have extra kids?
- b) We need to reserve more rooms to accommodate the 10-unders.
- c) List of vendors that were sent bids requests Re: Zone Equipment is on the website

14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Reminder: It is the coaches' responsibility to send in course updates to the office to keep cards current. Roster on the website is updated once or twice a week. Only coaches in good standing are on the roster.

- b) Registration has been very busy.
- c) New cards have been sent out.
- d) New Club has been approved by USA-Swimming: Brooklyn Sports Club Aquatic Team coached by Eric Mitchell. Eric will come to the next meeting to introduce himself.
- e) Meet directors are reminded to send a Meet Recon to Barry at least a week before each meet. They must also correct the mistakes in their meet managers. Coaches must correct errors as well in their team manager.

15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16: Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Mary Ann: All is well (after spending more than 2 days on high school results). There are less errors than last year.
- b) Monique: reminder: standard way to set up a meet name: (Year) (LSC) (Club) (Meet Name): example: 2006 MR BGNW Holiday Meet. Location should be the name of the town/village/city etc. as in: Mount Kisco, NY

16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a) Email Monique for errors, corrections, suggestions, improvements.
- b) Please help clean out old items from the web page (email Monique).
- c) Annie Zhu set 2 NAG records at the 2006 NY City Open at Asphalt Green: 11-12 girls 100 yard Breaststroke (1:03.54) and 200 yard Breaststroke (2:16.47). Congratulations, Annie.

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn was unable to attend due to trip to Buffalo for Girls State.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

Len was not in attendance at this meeting.

19: DISABILITIES COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

Corinne has sent updates to the website.

20: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

There was nothing new to report.

21: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

Bea was unable to attend this meeting.

- a) The final version of the 10K entry materials has just been approved by the Masters Open Water Committee.
- b) The local and USCG permit processes are under way.
- c) Commitments from two motels have been achieved.
- d) The BIG news is that USA Swimming has included our 5K as a "Qualifying Event" for the Open Water Grand Prix. This means that our meet is now a part of the process to select the swimmers for the 2008 Olympic Team.

22: OUTREACH COORDINATORS: Brian Brown and Larry Collins

Larry was unable to attend the meeting.

- a) Brian has been in touch with John Cruzat and has been working on a proposal Re: \$5 registration fee – how does that get verified. Also, Re: entry fee waived or reduced at the LSC level for championship meets and no surcharge for those swimmers. How do we verify all this without embarrassing anyone.
- b) We need to add a line for the budget: outreach entries.
- c) The Madison Square Boys & Girls Club is now the New York Boys & Girls Club.

23: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Committee appointments: All members are willing to serve in the same capacity until next election.
- b) Awards from Zones not received?

24: NEW BUSINESS:

Richie would like to have a member of the board to be in charge of reminding the different HS sections' meet directors to request observation of their championships. This must be done at least 10 days prior to the actual meet dates.

NEXT MEETING:

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 @ 5pm at the White Plains YWCA.

House of Delegates: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 @ 7pm at White Plains YWCA – Bid Meeting for Long Course Meets

Next BOD Meeting will be Sunday, February 25, 2007 at Lehman College – if necessary.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – November 29, 2006