

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

**PRESENT:** Bob Vializ, George Rhein, Bruce Brooks, Monique Grayson, Mary Fleckenstein, Larry Collins, John Yearwood, Denise Byrne, Corinne Cody, Rich Finkelstein.

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** David Ellinghaus, Rob Ripp, Ray Willie, Colleen Driscoll, Marc Danin, Edgar Perez, Steve Newman, LiYan Yao, Gregg Byrne, Julian Mackrel, and Frances Warren.

1. **WELCOME:** Bob Vializ called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at Lehman College APEX.

2. **NEW TEAMS:**

- **Swim Brooklyn – SBK** – Thatcher Woodley, Poly Prep High School, introduced his new team. They have a very small pool and at this time, most of the swimmers will be from the high school.
- **Hurricanes – HES** – Vladimir Frenkel has been coaching swimmers for many years at the Jewish Community Center in Canarsie/Brooklyn. The swimmers swam as Unattached until now. The center has a 4 lanes 25yd pool.

3. **BOARD OF REVIEW:**

A closed session regarding the Board of Review issues took place at this time.

4. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Time Trials** – A request from Dragos Coca (LGAC) to have a relay record validated was discussed by the board. The swim was achieved at a meet as a time trial. The results of the time trial are invalid as a separate Time Trials Sanction was not requested ahead of time by the host team. The Board voted that current procedures will hold.
- b. **Records** – Metro records achieved at sanctioned Time Trials are valid.
- c. **Senior** – Don Wagner is asking for Metro to finance a training trip to Florida, April 11-15, 2012, for about 24-26 swimmers who have achieved OT cuts – about \$22,000. This is a totally new item and the board does not want to divert money from another approved budget item (Elite Camp) to this OT camp. Long Discussion - George read an email from Don but as Don was not in attendance, so we could not get all the specifics.
- d. **Approved and Observed Meets** –
  - YMCA meets will continue to be sanctioned as Approved Meets – Those meets should be bid on at the bid meeting as “closed” meets. All YMCA Teams in Metro attend many of the Metro meets and contribute plenty to the LSC.
  - Recreation and other League Meets (like ESSL) – dual meets will continue not to be sanctioned / approved as the age update and some events are non conforming. The Championships meets can be approved as long as the request is made on time and all paperwork is received.

- Dual Meets between 2 USA Swimming registered Clubs may receive a dual meet sanction as long as the age update is as of the first day of the meet, and all events are conforming (no mixed relays). There should not be any mention of a league in the meet name.
  - High School Championship meets or large invitational can be sanctioned as Observed meets as long as the request is made on time and all paperwork is received at least 2 weeks ahead of the first day of such meet. Requests forms (available on the Metro Web site) must be emailed to [monique.grayson@metroswimming.org](mailto:monique.grayson@metroswimming.org). There must be one USA-S certified Strokes & Turns officials at each end of the pool observing all strokes and turns.
- e. **Hall of Fame** - The nomination period for Hall of Fame is now open and will close on January 7, 2012. The nomination form can be found on the Metro web site under 'Forms'. Please review the Nomination Criteria first. Steve was not at the meeting – there are also 2 plans for the HOF at Lehman: Plan A is very similar to the Lehman HOF and all the plaques will have to be redone – Plan B is a kiosk with a computer console instead of plaques. Option B is more expensive. We all agree that plan A would be better. We also need to make sure that the Metro Web Site has updated bios with pictures of all members of the HOF.
  - f. **Budget / Stipends** – The House of Delegates voted on the Budget in September. The Budget passed with the exception of the stipend for Nationals and the Club of Excellence. Those 2 items are open. The Finance Committee and the Board recommend that the stipend for Nationals be set as \$600 per swimmer for this December Nationals. We are still awaiting recommendations of the special Budget Committee that is supposed to review this for the January HOD meeting. A long discussion on stipends followed. Do the stipends really go back to the swimmers (or at least to their parents) or do they go to the Clubs? Swimmers participating in Open Water National Championships receive are allowed to request the stipend for Nationals.
  - g. **Policy & Procedures Manual** – Was last updated in 2007 - Denise Byrne and Monique Grayson will work on it. All changes will be posted on a regular basis in a different text color.
  - h. **Invitationals** – some teams still owe Metro the 20% surcharge fee from Invitationals they held. George will review all the Invitational Reports. Bills will be sent to all teams that still owe.
  - i. **Transfers** – reminder that swimmers cannot swim attached to a team until the 120 days period is over. Those swimmers must swim Unattached in all meets during that “transfer” period. Emails are sent to Meet Directors and coaches after the meet recons are done. A fine should go to all teams that do not send a recon at least one week before their meets! Swimmers that are not registered or that have an expired registration are not allowed to swim in a meet. Reminder also that transfers must be filled out completely and sent to the Metro Office.
  - j. **Financial Statements** – for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2011 and 2010 are been posted on the Finance Page of the Web site (on Governance page).
  - k. **New Teams** – A motion to accept Swim Brooklyn (SBK) and Hurricanes (HESS) was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries**. Welcome to the 2 new teams.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted  
Monique Grayson

December 9, 2011