

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz, Eddie Lary, David Ellinghaus, Corinne Cody, Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov.

EXCUSED: George Rhein, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer and Rich Finkelstein.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm at the White Plains YWCA. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of June 8, 2004: #12: *The team will stay at the Adams Mark (Marks) hotel in Buffalo this summer.*

#19: *Joe Stetz "Scholarship".* A motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2004, was made by Bea Hartigan, seconded by David Ellinghaus, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Golden Goggles Award Dinner: Mary handed out pamphlets about the mission of the Foundation. Long discussion followed on this subject. David Ellinghaus made a motion that Metro would support the Golden Goggles Award. Eddie Larry seconded the motion. Vote: 7 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. **Motion carries.** Eddie Larry proposed an amendment to the previous motion: to send four (4) people to the dinner. Monique Grayson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. 2 voted for the amendment and 6 opposed it. Motion failed. Dave Ferris made a motion to send two (2) people to the first Golden Goggles Award Dinner in New York City on Monday, November 19, 2004. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion. Vote: 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. **Motion carries.** David Ellinghaus made a motion to send Ray D'Annolfo (immediate past chairman) and Charlie Lampasso (2004 Metro Age Group Coach of the Year) to the Golden Goggles Award. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous. **Motion carries.**
- b) Swimposium: All day clinics hosted by USA-Swimming for coaches, athletes, parents, officials, etc. We need a location with classrooms and a pool. Eddie Lary will check AGUA's availability for Saturday, April 30, 2005.
- c) Convention: Bea will update the guidelines for Metro Delegates to the Convention, to include a policy of cancellation once funds have been committed.
- d) Outreach Coordinator: this is a non-voting position. We need to establish a policy on how the Association will support the swimmers and/or clubs that have financial difficulties. Brian Brown and Larry Collins have volunteered for the position. Mary Ann Senecal made a motion that we elect both candidates: Brian Brown as Outreach Coordinator and Larry Collins as Assistant Coordinator. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- e) Safety Chair: Congratulations to Carolyn Johnson who was elected as new Safety Chair. Larry Collins, Ed Kroft and Allan Uribe had also volunteered for the position.
- f) Mary asked all chairs/committees to prepare written goals for their respective department. Bea proposed that we prepare a rough draft for the November meeting (November 9, 2004).
- g) Dave Ferris made a motion to allocate \$375 to get Board of Directors insurance through USA-Swimming. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- h) Voting Process for future HOD meetings: we need to make sure that teams send no more than the three delegates that are registered with USA-Swimming and listed on the Club's Registration Form. Need to have proof of all registrations. Maybe give each a voting card.
- i) Hall of Fame dinner attendance: All board members are asked to attend. Dinner is taking place on the Tuesday **before** Memorial Day (There was an error in the last HOD minutes)
- j) Mary Ann Senecal proposed that Metro give a raise to webmaster of Metro website (John Coombs) from \$200 a month to \$300 a month. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. 11 yes. **Motion carries.**

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/04 – 10/10/04. Not too much money came in during this short period.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

George was unable to attend the meeting. The balance of the investment is \$203,124.37 as of 9/1/04.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- The Senior Mets notice must include a note stating that Swimmers with Disabilities that have qualified for the Disability Championships are allowed to swim those events at Senior Mets.
- Bea requested to add a Budget line for Metropolitan Open Water Championships (two 5K and Age Group).
- Spring Sectionals: who exactly bid on the meet?
- Lehman College: we need to talk about charge for food at Senior Mets and Zone Qualifier meets.
- Postage meter for office. We need more info on this subject.
- Correction for the HOD Minutes from September 26: New Club Leadership program: New Clubs are **required** recommended to attend one meeting.

7: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

- If Kathie Weisberg has problems she must contact officials or Bea Hartigan.
- Send officials expiration dates to Jamie Pfister
- Officials that have not met their recertification requirements must be notified now that they will not be certified after December 31, 2004. Letter must make it clear.
- Registrations for 2005 are online (at Forms).
- 2005 Joe Stetz Scholarship: 4 scholarships of \$500 each. Applications must go to Kris Sawicz. Deadline for applications is January 31, 2005.
- Officials are running certification and recertification clinics.
- Corinne Cody mentioned that it will be hard for officials on the last weekend of October because there are too many meets in the North that same weekend.
- We need to have a protocol about steps to take with certifications that expire.

8: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- Urgent need to request permits for meets being held at Eisenhower Park Aquatic Center. Eddie Lary and David Ellinghaus must pursue this now for JO's.
- There must be a meeting between Age Group Chair, Senior Chair and Technical Planning

9: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Eddie Larry

- Eddie is looking into new ways to order uniform for Zones.
- He will have a temporary agenda for the Swimposium by next meeting. Will also check for pools and permits

10: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:

Gil Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

11: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov

- Ryan is communicating with athletes. They would like to have a recreational committee to make Senior Mets and Zones more fun, for example music at meets, optional apparel for Zones.
- They will introduce themselves as Athletes reps at meets.
- Both reps think that some of the athletes that attended the HOD meeting were too young to be there. They feel that athletes should be at least in high school to attend the meeting.
- Write a bio of all candidates for Junior Reps. Metro needs to establish concrete criteria of what's acceptable on posters as to not offend anyone.
- Ryan is working on nomination forms for Junior Reps candidates.
- Swimmers have volunteered to be on Senior, Age Group, Technical Planning and HOF committees.

12: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:

Barry Roffer was unable to attend the meeting due to his father's illness.

13: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Barry Roffer was unable to attend the meeting. He has received some meet recon already.

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

- It is already much better at this time of year than last year.
- Registration Recon is working but there are still problems with some teams with unregistered swimmers and transfers.

15: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- We need to have long term contracts to run meets at facilities.
- Senior and Age Group Coaches need to meet to plan the calendar for the quadrennial.
- We need to make recommendations to USA-Swimming to let them know how this Association feels about Sectionals, etc.

16: SAFETY COORDINATOR:

Carolyn Johnson was not in attendance as she was just elected new Safety Chair.

17: HALL OF FAME:

Len Galluzzi was unable to attend this meeting.

18: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

- National Disability Championships will take place in June 2005.
- Plan for coach, official and chair to go to the Disability Nationals. Application Process will be posted on website. Coach must be interested in coaching swimmer with disabilities.

19: SWIM-A-THON:

Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting.

20: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

- Nothing new in Metro. Metro did not win bids for Masters Open Water in 2006.
- 2005: Metro Championships will be on Sunday, July 10th.

21: OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing old to review at this time.

22: NEW BUSINESS:

- Need to set guidelines on how to prove a swimmer's registration if a coach wants to enter a swimmer at a meet if swimmer was not entered already.
- Dave Ferris brought up the issue of high cost of running meets in some facilities. David Ellinghaus asked the Board to endorse an increase of entry fees up to \$4 for individual events (timed finals) and \$6 for Trials/Finals individual events. The Board of Directors endorses this proposal which will be presented to the House of Delegates for approval in January.
- Holger Fietkau wants to know what will happen with the proposed background checks starting next year. How much will it cost? We don't know yet.

Next Board of Directors Meeting: November 9, 2004 at Flushing – 6:30pm dinner; 7pm start.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Monique Grayson, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – October 21, 2004