

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Vializ, Edgar Perez, Barry Roffer, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, Mary Ann Senecal, and Rich Finkelstein (for a few minutes).

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Brian Brown, George Rhein, David Ellinghaus, Paul Simco, Zach Coleman, Larry Collins, Bea Hartigan, Bryan Dorsey, Paul Furbeck and Erik Heinemann.

All votes were considered by voting members only

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the YMCA in Flushing, Queens. Bob welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of May 29, 2008, was made, seconded, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as posted.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Bob Vializ

- a) Mike Mejia Dry Land Article: An article re: warm-ups will be posted on the website in the new "Dryland" section.
- b) May 2009 Long Course "sectional style" Meets: We are proposing hosting 3 - 1day LC meets at Lehman on 3 Saturdays in May. Each session would include the events of one of the days of the sectional meet. This meet will be a Senior Oriented meet for either 13 & over athletes and 15 & over athletes. If the sessions are very small, we can use the remainder of our "session" time to allow attending athletes to do some LC training. Of course, that will be dependant on time and logistic factors. There were many questions on who would run those meets and what it would cost for Metro as this is not a budgeted item. This will be tabled until the January HOD.
- c) College Recruitment seminar at SC Senior Mets: Larry Van Wagner from Marist may host a seminar on College Recruiting for swimmers and their parents. He would talk about rules of recruiting, and all the steps that athletes must take before applying for college. This would be done in between sessions on the Saturday of Senior Mets short course in February 2009.
- d) Sanction approval process: All meet information will be read by Barry and Monique in order to receive a sanction number. Checks and applications still need to be sent to Barry at the Metro Office. We will be working on a template for all meet information. Discussion on what meets are or are not considered Invitationals. If all teams from Metro and other LSC's are invited, it is an Invitational and it should be mentioned on the meet information.
- e) Coaching Clinic: we are looking at the weekend of April 18, 2009 to host a Coaching Clinic for Metro coaches.
- f) Status of teams needing Club Leadership Course: Barry will get the info from Nationals.
- g) Conflict of Interest Policy for board/committee members: we will check with USA-Swimming to get a form for board and committee members to sign.
- h) LSC Development: Bob volunteered Metro to be one of the first to sign up for this program. Eventually, all LSC's will be required to do this program of USA-Swimming.
- i) Streamline Metro Web Site: Some small changes will be made on the Metro web site within the next few weeks.
- j) Swimnetwork.com: this link will be added to the web site.
- k) Award Committee: A new committee will be chaired by Mary Ann Senecal. We will buy awards for all championship meets, in bulk, and offer them for purchase to all teams hosting championship meets. The Metro logo as well as the meet name (Junior Olympics - Silvers - Age Group - etc...) will be on the medals. It will be optional this year.

4: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

- a) Question about Metro's IRS ID # and NY Tax Exempt #

5: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Edgar Perez

- a) Bid for Zone Equipment: Edgar has been busy updating the proposals and the contract. We need to itemize everything to make it easier for comparison. Bids will be opened to Speedo, Nike and TYR vendors.
- b) Age Group South/Nassau is still Open: We mentioned in May that we would offer the meet to Old Westbury Aquatics. We haven't heard from OWA so Edgar will contact each team in that section to see if they are interested in running the meet.

6: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- a) A report was not available.

7: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION: Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Coaches must check their registrations in team manager and make sure that all is correct. Swimmers that are not registered should not be entered in meets.

8: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS:

- a) Advice and Consent to Appointments:
- Corinne Cody has resigned from her position as Disability Chair and Mary Fleckenstein has accepted to replace Corinne.
 - Age Group: Bryan Dorsey has not had much time to participate. The position of Age Group Co-Chair will be offered to Erik Hertenstein.
 - Diversity Liaison, which replaces Outreach, will be chaired by Edgar Perez.
 - Swim-A-Thon: nothing new to report

9: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Conference calls: We will look into this as another way to have a meeting.
- b) Complaint: We received a complaint from a parent about a questionable picture posted on a web site. This has been taken care of. Reminder: web sites are accessible to children and also linked to local, regional and national swimming entities!

10: NEW BUSINESS:

None

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, January 14, 2009 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains YWCA on North Street – Bid Meeting Long Course Season 2009
- Wednesday, May 13, 2009 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains YWCA on North Street – Elections and Bid Meeting Short Course Season 2009-2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: (Tentative schedule - if needed)

- Tuesday, November 18, 2008 @ 7pm – at the White Plains YWCA – if needed
- Saturday, February 21, 2009 – in between sessions at Senior Mets at Lehman College

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – October 16, 2008