

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Saturday, September 26, 2009

**PRESENT:** Bob Vializ, Brian Brown, David Ellinghaus, Barry Roffer, Monique Grayson, Eric Hertenstein, George Rhein, Zach Coleman, Eric Heinemann, Rich Finkelstein, Jeff Chu, and Bea Hartigan.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Paul Simco, Edgar Perez, Corinne Cody, Mary Ann Senecal, Larry Collins, and Mary Fleckenstein.

## **1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am at Lehman College APEX in The Bronx, NY. Bob welcomed all members in attendance.

Coaches from new Metro Clubs came to introduced themselves to the Board:

- Blue Fish Swim Club (BLSC) of Central Islip – Head Coach Jim Finley
- Manhattan Makos (MAKO) – Head Coach Elliot Ptasnik and assistant coach Michael Poropat
- Ossining Spartans – Head Coach Michael Kane
- Boys & Girls Harbor Aquatics (BGHA) of Lower Manhattan – Head Coach Arlester Carney

Bea Hartigan reminded all coaches that their Club must be on probation for a one year period. Coaches must be certified and new coaches must pass the USA Swimming test before registering for a second year.

## **2: METRO WEBSITE:**

Peter Smit is the new webmaster of the Metropolitan Swimming website. Peter has worked a tremendous amount of hours to revamp the website and convert the database aspect of it into a user friendly much nicer website. A lot more needs to be done over time. David Ellinghaus made a motion to give Peter a onetime \$1,500.00 for the revamping of the website. Eric Hertenstein seconded the motion. All present were in favor. **Motion carries.** The money will come from this year's operating budget.

## **3: 2009-2010 BUDGET:** George Rhein

- Proposal for Invitational Meets: Whenever either of the following factors is present:
  - all Metro teams are not invited with an equal chance of participating or
  - when any out of LSC teams gets in the meet when any Metro teams are cut,

The proposal would be that the Host Team would not be entitled to the waiver of the 20% surcharge on their own swimmers. If we do get this passed it would create surcharge revenue of at least \$15k. This money could be used to sponsor more long course meets. Long discussion followed. This would affect mostly teams that do not invite all Metro Teams to their Invitationals and mostly during the Long Course Season. This would not be a problem for Invitationals that accept entries on a first come first served basis with all Metro Teams invited. A suggestion was made to add a surcharge to out of Metro teams but that would probably not stop those teams from attending.

- We decided to hold off discussion and talk about it again in January.

## **4: RETREAT FOR BOD:** Bob Vializ

Metropolitan Swimming has completed Part 1 of the **LEAP** Program (LSC Evaluation and Performance Program of USA-Swimming). *Improving LSC effectiveness is one of five major priorities of 2009-2012 Business Plan. The goal is to have LSCs become more effective and efficient in providing programs and services to the athletes, coaches, officials and clubs in their area. Key strategies include evaluating and redefining LSC roles, responsibilities and priorities and recognizing top performing LSCs. In order to focus on LSC effectiveness, the LSC Development Committee was charged with the task of providing a tool to measure LSC effectiveness and achievement.*

We are now looking to work on a very intense **LEAP 2**. In order to accomplish this, the board needs to spend a weekend together to be able to complete this part of the program. We need to set aside some dates for this.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – September 28, 2009