

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2011

PRESENT: Mike Morrissey, Mary Fleckenstein, David Ellinghaus, , Don Wagner, Denise Byrne, Gregg Byrne, Bob Vializ, Monique Grayson, Corinne Cody, Rich Finkelstein, George Rhein, Bruce Brooks, John Yearwood, Marc Danin and Julian Mackrel.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Rob Ripp, Ray Willie, Larry Collins, Colleen Driscoll, Edgar Perez, Steve Newman, LiYan Yao and Frances Warren.

1. **WELCOME:** Mike Morrissey, interim General Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10am at Lehman College APEX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of May 12, 2011 was made, seconded, and approved by all members in attendance.
3. **FINANCE CHAIR:** Corinne Cody
 - Corinne presented the Budget vs. Actuals Report (Budget 2010-2011) for the year ended August 31, 2011 – Total income \$309,581.68 – Total expenses \$246,367.55 – Excess of income over expenses \$63,214.13.
 - An audit of the books was done this summer and Corinne, Mike and CPA Michael Panzarino went over everything. All checks written out to individuals will now need 2 signatures, including those under \$1000.
4. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**
 - **General Chair** - Mike Morrissey mentioned that Metropolitan Swimming, Inc. purchased a USA Swimming Lifetime Membership for Barry Roffer to thank him for all the years spent as Metro Office Manager. This gift had been approved by the board through an email vote earlier in September.
 - **Senior Chair** – Don Wagner – In order to reduce the number of athletes in attendance at National meets, USA Swimming time standards for Junior Nationals and Senior Nationals will be tightened for next summer.
 - **Technical Planning** – David Ellinghaus – nothing at this time. The Condors will not be able to host the 8-under meet at Felix Festa as the pool became unavailable at that time due to the school district rule. The New York Sharks may host it if they can find another facility to host it.
 - **Age Group** - John Yearwood – nothing at this time
 - **Safety** – Marc Danin – nothing at this time
 - **National Times / SWIMS** – Monique Grayson – written report was available at the meeting.
 - **Registration / Office** – Mary Fleckenstein – a written report was available at the meeting. Reminder: all Metro related emails must be sent to metro.office@metroswimming.org
 - **Open Water** – Colleen and Rip were unable to attend but their report was available at the meeting.

5. BUDGET: George Rhein

- The big sticky points on the 2011-12 budget at the May meeting were the splash surcharge and the National Swimming Center Corporation (NSCC) Florida Pool project.
- George presented two versions of the budget: Version 1 is without any major change and Version 2 is similar to the version presented in May with the Florida Pool project. A big advantage in presenting the Budget at this meeting is that we can use the actual numbers.
- One change to be made is for line 81 – Olympic Trial Stipend – the amount should be in the column for Budget 2012, not in the column for Budget 2013.
- A motion to discuss and going forward with the NSCC Florida Pool Project was made and seconded. A long discussion followed. This motion was opposed by all members of the board in attendance – **motion failed**. Version 1 of the budget will be presented to the House of Delegates.

6. NEW ITEMS:

- Don Wagner spoke again in favor of a Select Training Camp for Metro Swimmers. It would not be held at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs for at Deerfield Beach in Florida, April 11-15, 2012.
- Splash Fees: Bruce Brooks made a motion to allow clubs to charge \$4 per splash for short course meets and \$5 for long course meets starting in January. Discussion followed. Most Clubs have already done their budgets for the 2011-12 so the motion will be modified and the starting date would be September 2012. Motion was seconded and accepted by all. **Motion carries and will go into effect as of September 1, 2012.**
- Mike Morrissey presented a Pool Improvement Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to offer financial assistance to club users and/or pool owners who have demonstrated needs to upgrade or improve their current facilities. The objective is to help better serve the needs of Metropolitan Swimming and local communities in terms of club development, swim meet hosting, and water safety. Very long discussion followed on this program and the feasibility of implementing something like that in Metro. This would need to be very carefully thought out. Bruce Brooks made a motion that we create a committee to research and discuss Mike's proposal and do some homework on it before presenting it to the HOD members. George Rhein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- Mary Fleckenstein said that Magdy Shokry is forming a new club: NCAC – Nile Crocodile Aquatic Club – team will practice at Flushing Meadows and at the Boys Club of New York.
- Mary also asked what the fine was for all the swimmers that swam in meets during the SC and/or LC seasons while not properly registered – letters were sent to teams about what they needed to do. Fee had been set a long time ago that it would be \$100 per swimmer – fine goes to the swimmer's club and to the host club! (do not accept deck entries...). Host clubs must receive a list of the swimmers that are not registered and should not swim.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:53am.

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

September 30, 2011