

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING # 2

Saturday, September 22, 2012

PRESENT: John McIlhargy, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, David Ellinghaus, Denise Byrne, Amine Boubasis, Ray Willie, Bruce Brooks, John Yearwood, Richie Finkelstein, George Rhein, Nicole Papsco, Brian Hansbury, Mary Fleckenstein, Jeff Chu and Dave Ferris.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Julian Mackrel, Edgar Perez, Colleen Driscoll, Rob Ripp, and Don Wagner

1. **WELCOME:** John McIlhargy, Metro new General Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45am at Lehman College

2. **OPEN ITEM FROM MEETING # 1:**

Discussion on the requests received by the Metro Office to waive the fine imposed on clubs not attending the HOD September meeting, or not having an Athlete member over the age of 13 at the meeting. The Metro office has the attendance sheets for both Club representation and athlete representation. Some clubs claimed that they don't have any athletes 13 & Over on their team.

A motion was made to impose the fine, of \$100 per instance, to the Club that did not have a representative and/or an athlete in attendance at the September mandatory meeting. The Metro office will review if those teams did or did not have 13-over athletes on their roster. Each case will be reviewed. The motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

3. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Dave Ferris will prepare a report on the Senior National Committee Meetings at Convention. This report will be posted on the Metro Web Site when available.

B. Monique Grayson is looking to set up the winter Senior Mets entries through the OME system (Online Meet Entries) – instead of emailing entries as in the past.

C. David Ellinghaus received an email from Minisink Valley. They would like to add a meet to the Metro Calendar, on November 16-18, 2012. This is the weekend of the Condors IMX meet. Motion to approve this additional meet was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

D. David Ellinghaus – Corinne received a request from Asphalt Green asking for Travel Reimbursement Stipends for their swimmers that attended the Summer Sectionals outside of the Eastern Zone. We have a Metro rule that swimmers may request the Sectionals Travel Reimbursement Stipend as long as long as they attend the EZ Sectionals and make the EZ **North** standards prior attending the Sectional meet for which they apply. We need a policy for Travel Reimbursement whether a team attends an EZ Sectional meet or a Sectional meet outside of the Eastern Zone. Read HOD January 18, 2008 page 4: *“Sectional Stipends: Swimmer must meet Eastern Zone North time Standard and provide proof of travel expense of at least \$200 and Eliminate relay only stipends”*. Discussion followed. Some teams did not submit requests when going to a Sectional meet outside of the EZ based on the fact that they thought they needed to

attend the EZ meets to get a stipend. Other teams did submit requests that were denied for the same reason.

David Ellinghaus made a motion, that beginning with the March 2013 Sectional meets, we update the policy to reflect that teams may go outside of the Eastern Zone. However, in order to apply for the Travel Reimbursement Stipend for Sectionals, they have submit proof of times that their athletes achieved the qualifying times published for Sectional North or SuperSectionals prior to those meets entry deadlines. The motion was seconded. Vote by acclamation – all in favor. **Motion carries.**

- E. NYAC Olympic Trials Stipend Request for one of their swimmers – the coach’s argument was that the Travel Reimbursement Stipend Request Form was not posted before June 8th. Metro has had the policy of 5 meets during the 12 month period prior to the meet for which they are requesting reimbursement (one of which must be Senior Mets) for a long time. Teams know the rule. It actually used to be 6 meets. This rule has been the same for all of our Travel Reimbursement Stipends (with the exception of the “historic” Metro Swimmers while in College. This particular swimmer’s last Metro meet was at Senior Mets in February. The answer from the board was that we would not give the stipend unless the swimmer can proof that he attended a 5th metro Meet.
- F. Jeff Chu asked when the By-Laws would be updated on the Web Site. Answer is that it will be done as soon as we have the time to do update them based on Convention updates.
- G. **Senior Committee Training Trip** – will be April 17-21, 2013 – Selection will be based on IMX scores, not on Power Points. Only 2 athletes per team over the age of 13 for teams that have 5 athletes qualifying. The reasoning is to give opportunities for kids from other teams to attend. Question is why this reasoning? If you want many kids from different teams, then don’t have a criteria for eligibility! The idea is to find the best swimmers from the LSC to attend this training trip, not just 2 per team in order to include more teams! Don should set a meeting with the Senior Committee and come back to the Board with a proposal of the criteria’s for the 2013 Training trip selection will be. Long discussion followed. We should have a meeting at every Senior Mets – 2 per year – with the Senior Coaches of the Association to discuss this. What about the distance swimmers that only swim some events? The Training Trip is to go back to the Senior Committee for more information and updated criteria.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

October 9, 2012