

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Saturday, September 22, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 10:20am at the Lehman College APEX in the Bronx.

The list of Clubs and Athletes in attendance is at the Metro office.

Denise Byrne, Interim General Chair, welcomed everyone present and asked the athletes to go to their own meeting at this time.

Some reports were available at the meetings. Convention reports are available on the metro Web Site.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 House of Delegates meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Vote by acclamation – all in favor - Motion **carries**.

3. BUDGET: George Rhein

- a. George reviewed the Budget to Actuals 2011-2012 Report from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. The report was available at the meeting. No big changes in the budget. Major change is that the surcharges are going up starting this September 2012, and this will provide added income to the Association.
- b. George also presented the Budget Overview for the Quadrennial 2013-2016
- c. A motion to approve the Budget was made and seconded. Vote by acclamation – all in favor – **Motion carries**

4. TREASURER: Corinne Cody

- a. Corinne went over the Budget to Actuals.
- b. All the Travel Reimbursements for SuperSectionals, Junior Nationals, Senior Nationals and Olympic Trials have been processed. We also added Travel Reimbursement for Open Water Championships.
- c. We did have the Hall of Fame dinner this year.
- d. Last page of the report is the Statement of Financial Position as of August 31, 2012
- e. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. Vote by acclamation – all in favor – **Motion carries**

5. REGISTRATION REPORT: Mary Fleckenstein

- a. By the end of the 2012 swimming year – we had: 85 clubs, 9788 athletes, 526 coaches, 221 officials, 130 other - Totaling 10,633 registrations
- b. We already have 7 clubs registered for 2013, 391 athletes, 28 coaches, 6 officials and 29 other. There are more in holding tank awaiting payment or other issues.
- c. In the team packet is registration info. **Please be careful with transfers – please put them on as renew – and attach transfer form. If you mark as new or transfer them and then register them it confuses the system.**

- d. Please pay attention to updates on the Metro website about Coaches certification. **Beginning January 1st – new coaches must take Foundations of Coaching 1 as part of the registration process. Coaches must then take Foundations of Coaching 2 before they can register for the 2nd year!**
- e. **Some coaches are confused about Safety Training for Swim Coaches** – you can use your lifeguard certificate as part of the requirement – but you MUST have taken a written portion to fulfill the requirement. So, if you send me a lifeguard cert – I will hold until you take the online Safety Training Course on the USA Swimming web site.
- f. Reminder that NO registrations will be processed without a proper purchase order or payment.
- g. **Please check your swimmers ID #** - if it gets bumped in a recon – please fix and notify any meet director that you have sent entries into that the id was wrong – if a name appears on the recon more than once – you may be fined. ID # is important as this is the only way a swimmer gets credit for times in the SWIMS database.
- h. Beginning January 1, 2013, all Meet Announcements and Requirements for Approval of competition shall include the following statement: ***"Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged."*** The host club and/or Metro may change the last two words in this statement to “prohibited.”
- i. **Background Check updated info:** The cost for the background check for new Coaches and new non-athlete members is \$39. The cost for renewing a Level 1 and Level 2 background check will be \$19. There will be a new link created on USA-Swimming web site for renewing background checks. So, please wait to renew until this change has been made (by January), as refunds will not be issued.
- j. Clubs that hire new coaches must check and sign the **Pre-Employment Screening** box on the 2013 Club Application Form. Failure to check this box and sign the statement will result in the Club application being rejected.

6: ELECTION OF GENERAL CHAIR: Bob Vializ

Marc Danin, who was elected General Chair at the May 2012 HOD, resigned as of September 15, 2012. Denise Byrne, Administrative Vice Chair, has been acting as interim General Chair. Three candidates volunteered to run for the position of General Chair: **Ray Willie**, **Nelson Gonzalez**, and **John McIlhargy**. Bob Vializ asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing that there were none, a motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries**. Each candidate introduced themselves to the House.

- ✓ Vote by orange ballot took place: no clean majority – Runoff needed between Nelson Gonzalez and John McIlhargy. They both spoke again to all members still in attendance.
- ✓ Vote by green ballot took place: this new vote resulted in an exact tie between the 2 candidates.
- ✓ Vote by orange ballot took place: **Congratulations to John McIlhargy**, Metro new General Chair. John thanked the members in attendance and asked the Board Members to stay on after this meeting for a brief meeting.

A motion was made and seconded for the secretary to destroy the ballots. All in favor. **Motion carries**.

7: OLD BUSINESS:

We are still looking for Metro members to volunteer to for each committee. Twenty percent of each committee must be athletes. A signup sheet was available at the meeting (members may also email the chair of each committee to signup). We are looking at different ways to meet including through conference calls meetings. List of committee members will be available on the metro Website as soon as possible.

8: NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dave Ferris made a motion to amend the **Policy & Procedures Manual Article 311.2**.
311.2 The following shall be submitted to the Administrative Chair within ~~14 days~~ 60 days after each meet: a. heat sheet, b. psych sheets, c. meet results, d. the post competition report, e. the income and expense report, and f. a check for the meet surcharges. Host teams are exempt from paying surcharges on entries for their own swimmers in a non-invitational meet.
Dave Ferris amended his original motion, that reports be submitted to the Administrative Vice Chair within **30 days** of the meet during the short course season (September to April), and by **August 15th - or 30 days**, whichever is later - for the long course season (May to August).
The motion was seconded. Discussion. Vote by acclamation. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- B. Dave Ferris made a motion that this change be effective retroactively as of May 1st, 2012. Dave's motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Vote by acclamation took place. Seven opposed. The rest of those in attendance were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- C. Dave Ferris proposed that the Finance Committee budget for all Metro members, which are members of National Committee, to attend the USA Swimming National Convention each year (Chairs of National Committees are already included). All members of National Committees that attend Convention would be required to provide a written report of their meetings in order to receive Travel Reimbursement. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- D. Kerri Balbino (CFJV) made a proposal to require meet hosts to let visiting teams know right away (or at least within a week of sending their entries) if they are closed out of a meet. Too many Metro meets closed very fast. Dave Ellinghaus said that the meet info should clearly state the procedures of cutting teams and whether the host team will or will not accept updates from teams. When the session's timeline is met, hosts should no longer accept entries. Kerri made a motion to change the rule of letting teams know if they are closed out of a meet, from one week prior to the meet, to a week after a visiting team sends their entries. Discussion followed. David Ellinghaus said that meet hosts should use common courtesy and let visiting teams know if they are cut as soon as possible. He made a motion to table this subject and that the correct course of action should be to send this proposal to a committee formed through the Coaches Rep to bring different entities together to discuss this and present it at the next HOD meeting. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion Tabled** until January 2013.
- E. George Rhein: Metropolitan Swimming is in the process of obtaining quotes for health insurance for Metro coaches as an association. If we have 50 or more individuals interested, we can take advantage of preferred rates. We ask each team to poll their coaches and forward the names, dates of birth and type of coverage interested in (single or family) by October 31. Please send info to George Rhein at grhein CPA@aol.com or call (631) 793-5881 for more info.
- F. Denise Byrne: Each LSC and each club will be required, by January 1, 2013, to set their own policy on Anti-bullying and Claims. Example of policy will be available on the USA Swimming Web site.
- G. Greg Kincheloe (NYAC) requested a waiver for one of his swimmers to receive the Olympic Trials Travel Reimbursement Stipend even though the swimmer did not attend 5 Metro meets. Greg said that the OT Stipend was posted in early June and there were not enough meets available. Greg was asked to send this to the board for review.

9: ATHLETES REPORT: Nicole Papsco

- A. The athletes met and discussed all the topics that were presented at Convention: Eastern Zone meeting, Deck Pass, Nutrition, Rules and Regulations (deck changing), Safe Sport, Make A Splash, Bullying, etc.
- B. Athletes signed up to different committees.

NEXT HOD: Mandatory HOD on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – Bid meeting for the Long Course Season

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted

Monique Grayson

October 9, 2012