

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, February 24, 2012

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, David Ellinghaus, Don Wagner, Denise Byrne, Gregg Byrne, Larry Collins, Colleen Driscoll, Bob Vializ, Corinne Cody, Rich Finkelstein, Monique Grayson, John Yearwood and Bruce Brooks.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: George Rhein, Rob Ripp, Ray Willie, Steve Newman, Frances Warren, Julian Mackrel and LiYan Yao.

1. **WELCOME:** Bob Vializ called the meeting to order at 1:40pm at Lehman College APEX. Meeting took place between prelims and finals of Senior Mets.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Correction: Rich Finkelstein arrived at the meeting after item 4b and did not vote prior to that. A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of January 11, 2012 was made, seconded and approved by all members in attendance. Minutes approved as corrected.
3. **ADDITION TO LC MEET CALENDAR:** The New York Sharks have been approved to host an additional LC meet this summer: July 14-15 at Felix Festa.
4. **REQUEST:** Thomas Cohill, EHY, requested permission from the board to post information re: tryouts for the Youth Games, for Italian and Italian American swimmers ages 11-13 years old.
5. **ZONE TEAM QUALIFIER MEET:** Edgar Perez and John Yearwood
We need to review the meet information.
 1. Edgar would like to change the 15-18 events at Zone Qual. to timed finals events instead of Trials/Finals. No changes for 11-12 and 13-14. All 15-18 would still swim during the prelims sessions.
 2. Penalty for NS:
 - a. Swimmers that are NS at finals on any of the 3 days will be automatically out of the meet
 - b. In addition, the club will be fined \$100 per event
 - c. A swimmer that is a NS during prelims or timed finals events will be out of their next event
 3. Zone attendance: If a swimmer qualifies for the Zone Meet, and then decides not to attend, the club will be charged the full amount of the Zone trip and the swimmer will be banned from attending for 2 years.
 4. Discussion on swimmers that come to the Zone Qualifier meet and scratch finals because they have no intentions of going to Zones. If this happens, swimmers should be out of the meet.

6. **HALL OF FAME:**

Bob Vializ announced the names of the Class of 2012: **Barry Roffer** and **Monique Grayson**! The Hall of Fame Induction and the Ceremony for the 2012 Awards Winners will be held May 3rd, 2012 at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens. More information will follow.

7. **OPEN WATER:**

1. Bea Hartigan is asking for a sanction # for an Open Water Meet. Bea will be asked to send in the paperwork.
2. Bruce Brooks announced that there will be an Open Water Clinic for Officials
3. Colleen Driscoll: Colleen would like to see more participation from the age group swimmers – The Open Water meet will be held on June 24 at West Neck Beach in Huntington, NY. Last year's meet was great and very well run and safety was excellent! Events for Age Groups will be 400 meters for 10-unders; 1 mile for 11-12 and 1 or 2 miles for 13-overs.

8. **PROPOSAL FOR STIPENDS:** Corinne Cody

Proposal for Travel Stipends for Swimmers:

1. Speedo Champion Series (Sectionals): \$200
2. Juniors – 3 levels:
 - i. USA-S Summer Junior Nationals: \$800
 - ii. USA-S Winter Junior Nationals: \$500
 - iii. NCSA Junior Nationals: \$400
3. Seniors:
 - i. USA-S Summer Nationals: \$1,000
 - ii. USA-S Winter Nationals: \$600
 - iii. US Open: \$1,000
 - iv. World Championship Trials: \$1,000
 - v. Open Water 10 K: \$500
 - vi. Open Water 5 K: \$350
4. Olympic Trials: \$1,500 (as voted on by LSC, not by %)

Where would the money come from: David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the above proposal and the increase the surcharge for Senior Mets from \$2 to \$10, and the surcharge for Junior Olympics from \$1 to \$5 (this would also help for funding the Zone Team). Motion was seconded and accepted. **Motion carries.** This will be proposed at the HOD in May.

Another proposal is that the Travel Stipend should be made payable to the swimmers or their parents, not to the clubs (unless the Clubs paid for everything). Checks should be tied to the receipts. The Travel Reimbursement form will be posted on the Metro Web Site so that parents can see it and be aware of it. It was also suggested that the information about Athletes Travel Reimbursement should be included in heat sheets at Senior Mets.

9. **DIVERSITY REPORT:**

The NYC Recreation Department will be joining Metropolitan Swimming in September 2012. At the present moment they are looking at about 30 swimmers and 2-3 coaches. Ray Willie will be working with John Hutchins to help him commit to his plan. Tentative plans: On April 15th Anthony Erwin will be helping Metropolitan Swimming by having a Clinic for the NYC Rec. department athletes who will

be joining Metro. We will work with their coaches to help them through the certification/registration process. As more info is available, it will be posted on the Web Site. The cost of this endeavor will be submitted at the next meeting.

10. DISABILITY:

Congratulations to USA Paralympian **Philip Scholz**, representing Three Village Swim Club, who set four class-S11 American Records at the Senior Metropolitan Winter Championships: 200 IM (2:27.57), 50 free (26.23), 100 back (1:11.86), 200 back (2:33.04).

11. SENIOR CHAIR: Don Wagner

Don has received more applications for the Training Trip in April. 10 girls and 10 boys will participate as well as 2 male coaches and 2 female coaches. Discussion on Travel weaver, Medical weaver, Code of Conduct (alcohol free trip), use of 15-passenger vans (Richie suggested that we contact USA-Swimming about this).

12. BUDGET:

1. USA-Swimming's recommendation is to have a 2-year surplus. We are trying to run extra programs but we don't know what the future may hold.
2. Zone Equipment: Bids must go out to Vendor as our Contract expires this year.
3. Mary requested information for travel to the Eastern Zone Meeting from Board members that will attend the meeting in May.
4. USA Swimming Facilities Development Department will conduct seven regional Build-a-Pool plus 6 Save-a-Pool Workshops in 2012. For more information and work shop registration go to www.usaswimming.org/facilities.
5. In Budget - Legal expenses in Review under Committee

7: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Denise Byrne and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

**The May House of Delegates has been moved to Wednesday, May 16, 2012
at 7:00pm at Lehman College APEX
A Board of Director will be held the same day at 6:00pm**

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

March 3, 2012