

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, Corinne Cody, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer, Holger Fietkau, Paul Furbeck, Bob Vializ and David Ellinghaus.

EXCUSED: George Rhein, Carolyn Johnson and Anthony Mironov.

ABSENT: Rich Finkelstein, Brian Brown, Larry Collins, Kris Sawicz, Sophie Staskiewicz.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm at the YWCA in White Plains. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of November 15, 2005, was made by Corinne Cody, seconded by Mary Ann Senecal, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Zones update: Volunteers are needed for Eastern Zones: hospitality, admission, meet marshals, awards, timers, deck credentials, and much more. All those interested should contact Mary as soon as possible. Corinne Cody will be coordinating the Officials at the EZ meet.
- b) Awards for 12 & under meets: Reminder: It was voted at HOD of May 2004 that the minimum number of awards for 12-under at all age group meets must correspond with the number of lanes in the pool (6 lanes – awards for top 6; 8 lanes – awards for top 8; etc.).
- c) Request from TVSC: We received a letter from TVSC asking the Board's permission to change the warm-up times of some of their sessions at the January Joust meet. Monique Grayson made a motion to approve the changes. Bob Vializ seconded the motion which was then approved by all.
- d) Review Workshop in Atlanta: Paul Furbeck will be attending a Review Workshop in Atlanta, GA, February 3-4, 2006
- e) Meet cancelled: Old Westbury had to cancel their January meet due to Timing system problems. Big Blue Swimming had to cancel their January meet as well due to heating problems at the pool.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/05 – 12/31/05. Bea Hartigan submitted the information about interest credited to the CD's and information on the investment made by George Rhein. Questions were asked on cost effectiveness of meter machine for postage and on scholarship fund expense line. Bob Vializ made a motion to accept the report. Monique Grayson seconded the motion which was accepted by all.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) George was unable to attend. He gave the year end change in value for the investments as of December 31, 2005 - \$19,577.66
- b) The Club Excellence Grant applications have all been received and reviewed. Based on the criteria set by the committee the following clubs have qualified for the grant.
 - a. AGUA \$3700
 - b. BAD \$3300
 - c. BGNW \$2200
 - d. LGAC \$600
 - e. LIAC \$2600
 - f. TVSC \$2300
 - g. YMID \$3000

The total grant expenditure is \$17,700 which is less than the budget for the grants. Congratulations to the qualifying teams, and a special acknowledgement to BGNW and LGAC for the outstanding preparation of their applications.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Meet Reports: Five teams were delinquent but have finally given their reports. One of those clubs needs to send someone to take a Meet Director's Clinic. Still no report from some clubs.
- b) Winter Meet Analysis: was available for review at the meeting

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a) Senior Mets: Dave will make a formal proposal regarding the Bonus events at the House of Delegates. As the Senior Chair, he was in charge of determining if there will be Bonus Events or not.
- b) Awards from Senior Mets have been ordered.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

- a) Paul & Bob gave a copy of a letter sent to all LSC's from the National Age Group Development Committee. The Committee will be holding nationwide conference calls for the Age Group Chairs on a bi-monthly basis.
- b) The Age Group co-chairs are currently investigating the possibility of inviting successful national age group coaches to speak at our September House of Delegates meeting. Please email Paul or Bob to submit names of potential speakers.
- c) Long discussion on new team policy for Zone Team. Bea Hartigan made a motion requiring all the Metro Swimmers 11 and over attending the Eastern Zone meets to travel and room with the team for the duration of the meet. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- a) Nothing at this time.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Anthony Mironov and Sophie Staskiewicz

Neither Anthony or Sophie were available at this meeting.

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- a) Dave presented a very interesting report on Comparative Analysis of Senior Mets 2001, 2004 and 2005. This report shows that teams are focusing more on Speedo Champions Series (Sectionals) than on Senior Mets. The quality of Senior Mets does not seem as dependent upon the timing of the meet as much as how the Metro teams approach it.

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau

Holger reminded all that the Scholarship applications are due January 30, 2006. Applications are on the website.

Due to time restraint we had to adjourn the meeting at this point. Corinne Cody made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Bob Vializ seconded the motion which was approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Next BOD meetings:

February 19, 2006 – at Lehman College, between sessions

March 14, 2006 – at Eisenhower Park.

April 11, 2006 – at White Plains

Next HOD meeting:

May 17, 2006 – HOD at White Plains

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – January 16, 2006