

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, David Ellinghaus, Mike Morrissey, Don Wagner, Barry Roffer, Jeff Chu, Denise Byrne, Steve Newman, Gregg Byrne, Frances Warren, LiYan Yao, Bob Vializ, Monique Grayson, Corinne Cody, Rich Finkelstein, and Julian Mackrel.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: George Rhein, Rob Ripp, Ray Willie, Keith Furey, Larry Collins, Colleen Driscoll, John Yearwood and Bruce Brooks

1. **WELCOME:** Mary Fleckenstein called the meeting to order at 6:10pm at Lehman College APEX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of February 26, 2011 was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Steve Newman and approved by all members in attendance.
3. **AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - 1) **Time Trials Sanction Numbers:** A request from Rich Finkelstein to automatically give a time trials sanction number for every sanctioned meet was denied by the board. Clubs should continue to request their time trials sanction numbers.
 - 2) **Commemorative Pin:** Bob Vializ will work on a limited edition of a 2011 Metro Pin to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 – suggestions should be emailed to Mary Fleckenstein and Bob Vializ.
 - 3) **Policy for Stipend Requirements:** David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the recommendations of which meets can be included for Metro Swimming stipend requirements. The motion was seconded. Discussion on whether or not Invitationals should count (they do). All members in attendance were in favor of this new policy. **Motion carries.**
List of acceptable meets: all Metro Sanctioned meets that were bid on, and accepted at the HOD Bid Meeting, or added on the calendar at a later date with the Board Approval. Swimmers must have competed in individual events in each meet (no time trials).
List of unacceptable meets: High school meets (dual meets, championship meets, State qualifier, State meets, etc.); Approved meets; Observed meets; Out of LSC meets; Dual/tri meets between 2/3 clubs (or more); Time Trials; “Closed” meets; League or association meets (ESSL, YMCA, WFA, etc.)
- 4) **Technical Planning recommendations:** David Ellinghaus presented the recommendations of the Technical Planning committee (report is available on the Metro Web site). Discussion followed.
 - a. Based on the actual dates of the Eastern Zone All-Star Meet (March 29-30-31, 2012), the following is the proposed calendar for the Championship season:
 - Zone Qualifier – February 18-19-20, 2012
 - Senior Mets (SCY Prelims; LCM Finals) – February 23-24-25-26, 2012
 - Silver Championships – March 2-3-4, 2012
 - 8-Under Championships – March 10-11, 2012
 - Junior Olympics – March 16-17-18, 2012
 - Age Group Championships – 3 sites – Mach 23-24-25, 2012

- b. Review of Silvers and Age Group alignment for 2011-2012:
 - New Rochelle YMCA and Westchester Wolverines move to Central
 - Fairview Swim Team, Rye YNCA and Silver Streaks move to North
 - Hurricane Swim Team goes to Central
- c. Changes proposed for Senior Mets Short Course 2012 – Olympic Year:
 - Prelims will be run as short course yards
 - Finals will be run as long course meters
 - All relays will be held SCY at the end of the morning sessions
 - Only 2 relays per team will be accepted (A and B relays only)
 - Thursday session will be held SCY - 1650 for women and 1000 for men
 - Sunday distance events will be held in LCM only - women 800 free and men 1500 free
- d. Changes proposed for Age Group Championships 2012:
 - 3 sites
 - Time standards changed to be slower than Silvers
 - Maximum of 4 events per swimmer per session
 - Swimmers' age must be 9-18 (no 8-under)
 - Swimmers with NT in an event will be allowed to swim it
- e. Junior Olympics: If we don't find a facility where we can have trials and finals, then go back to Timed Finals

A motion to approve the recommendations of the Technical Planning Committee was made and seconded. Vote: 1 opposed – all others in favor. **Motion carries.**

- 5) **Travel Policy**: All LSC's and Clubs must have a travel policy. This policy must be posted on LSC and Clubs web sites. USA Swimming has one on their web site. A motion was made to use the USA-S Travel Policy and change the words USA Swimming to Metropolitan Swimming. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- 6) **Athletes Reps**: Frances Warren would like to stay on as Athletes Rep. We are all very happy to keep Frances on the Board in addition to Gregg Byrnes and LiYan Yao (Senior Athlete Reps) and Julian Mackrel (Junior Athlete Rep). Frances will be the Senior Athlete Rep. "Liaison to College Swimming".
- 7) **Senior Swimming Proposal – National Swimming Center**: John McIlhargy has made a proposal to Metro Swimming to buy a fractional Ownership for a new facility (NSCC Palms Aquatic Center) that will be build in Fort Myers, Florida. The Palms Aquatic Arena will be built on what was the Boston Red Sox Spring Training Stadium. All information regarding the National Swimming Center Corporation can be found at www.nationalswimming.org – Both Don Wagner and John McIlhargy spoke about this project:
 - All Metro Teams will have 7 days of training use of the facility at no fee throughout the year
 - Access to sports performance and educational clinics and aquatic conferences
 - All coaches and Metro assigned will have membership in the Champions Sports Club
 - Access to sports camps and athletes of the Association of Swimming Professionals, etc.

There are many ways that teams could take advantage of the association with this facility. At this time, we are the only LSC being asked to participate. Don Wagner believes that this would be a tremendous opportunity for Metro as opposed to getting time to train at Colorado Springs. In order to buy into this, we would need to either:

- Raise the USA-Swimming registration fee of each Metro swimmer and non-athlete members from \$58 to \$65 for 2011-12 which would give Metro an additional \$7 per member.
- Add an additional Splash Fee per event – this could be done by adding \$1 to each event a swimmer enters in a meet. Of this, \$0.75 would go to Metro and \$0.25 would go to the host team. This additional \$1 would not be included in the 20% surcharge. Of the \$0.75 going to Metro, \$0.45 would go to the fees for the National Swimming Center, and \$0.30 would go to Metro Club Development, Age Group, Outreach, Zone team, etc.

Don Wagner made a motion that we present the funding regarding the use of the facility in Fort Myers to the general body. Jeff Chu seconded the motion. A very long discussion followed on this huge proposal as there were many questions about this proposal and extra fees. It was also noted that Metro is one of the few LSC's not charging Surcharge fees per athlete per meet. All members present were in favor of presenting this to the House of Delegates. **Motion carries.**

- 8) **Policy Manual**: Mary asked Mike Morrissey to try to finish the update of the Policy Manual.
- 9) **Leap 2**: This USA-Swimming project will be continued after the completion of the Policy Manual
- 10) **New Club**: Diana Caskey (Head Coach) and Michael Sabala (Former Metro swimmer; Assistant Coach) of the Women Swim Team at Columbia University came in front of the Board with a request to join Metro as a team "NY City Lions". The team would only be opened to women members of the Columbia University Swim Team, and this would allow them to attend Nationals as a team. A motion to accept the new team was made, seconded and accepted by all. **Motion carries.**
- 11) **Reminder about Review**: Just a reminder that Metro Swimming works separately from Review. We do not have a list of review cases. We, as a Board, do not know anything about what goes on at Review and we do not have any comments on cases.
- 12) **Meeting**: Mary Fleckenstein requested a meeting of the Executive Board to take place as soon as possible within the next week.

7: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

May 20, 2011