

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, September 22, 2012

**An Executive Committee Meeting was held at Lehman College prior to the Board of Directors Meeting.**

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**PRESENT:** Bob Vializ, Corinne Cody, Monique Grayson, David Ellinghaus, Denise Byrne, Amine Boubsis, Ray Willie, Bruce Brooks, John Yearwood, Richie Finkelstein, George Rhein, Nicole Papsco, Brian Hansbury, and Dave Ferris.

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

1. **WELCOME:** Denise Byrne, Interim General Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05am at Lehman College
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Bruce Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of the BOD of June 6, 2012. Bob Vializ seconded the motion which was approved by all members in attendance. Minutes approved as published.
3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Denise Byrne (Interim)
  - A. 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. A new election for General Chair will be held at the House of Delegates later today.
  - B. Teams have been fined for not following the Meet Report Procedures for the long course season. They were given a 7-day extension (for a total of 21 days) – [page 2 – Admin. Vice Chair – BOD June 6, 2012].
  - C. The Metro Office received emails from some coaches requesting a waiver from paying the fees resulting from not attending the HOD and/or for not having an Athlete in attendance [103.3 Policy & Procedures Manual]. Discussion followed. John Yearwood made a motion that Metro fine the clubs anyway, and a decision will be made individually for each case based on their team roster. Ray Willie seconded the motion. All in Favor – **motion carries**.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Dave Ferris made a motion to amend the Policy & Procedures Manual Article 311.2. Ray Willie seconded the motion.

**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 feels that 14 days to file the reports is punitive to teams that run many meets. Discussion followed. What is a reasonable period of time to file the reports? LC season has few pools that are hosting many meets within a very short period. It seems that in the past, some teams have never filed their reports and were not penalized.

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 no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> for the long course season (May to August). Ray Willie seconded the amended motion.

After more discussion, Dave made a second amendment, that reports be submitted to the Admin. 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). Ray Willie seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carries** and will be presented to the House of Delegates for approval.

- B. Dave Ferris made a motion that this change be effective retroactively as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Corinne Cody seconded the motion. Discussion. If this passes, teams that were fined this LC season for being late would have their fees reimbursed. Long discussion followed. Vote was called – 6 voted for and 5 against. **Motion carries**.
- C. David Ellinghaus said that it seems that there have been too many closed sessions of the Executive Committee.

*403.7 Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all members of Metro and USA Swimming. Matters relating to personnel, disciplinary action, legal, taxation or similar affairs shall be deliberated and decided in a closed executive session which only Executive Committee members are entitled to attend. By a majority vote on a motion of a question of privilege the Executive Committee may decide to go into executive session on any matter deserving of confidential treatment or of personal concern to any member of the Executive Committee.*

Results of open Executive Committee meetings should then be presented to the entire board. We need to follow the proper procedures and only go into “closed sessions” for sensitive issues [403.7 P&P]. Otherwise we need to have more transparency.

- D. David Ellinghaus made a motion to formalize the Board’s Online Voting Procedure as follows:
  - a. Formal proposal or motion is emailed to the Board
  - b. Proposal is then opened for 72 hours for discussion copying the entire board back and forth
  - c. After 72 hours, end of discussion and Chairperson Calls the Vote
  - d. Each member must email their vote **ONLY** to the Chairperson **AND** to the Administrative Vice Chair, and not to every member of the Board.

Ray Willie seconded the motion. All those in attendance were in favor. **Motion carries**.

- E. Dave Ferris mentioned that we also must be consistent with the By-Laws and Policy & Procedures with the amount of notice that is given to Board Members regarding any annual, regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors. There are time issues and quorum issues.
- F. Corinne Cody received a request regarding Travel Reimbursement from SuperSectionals. The swimmer, who is a long time Metro swimmer, did not participate in Senior Mets because she was in session in College at the time of Senior Mets. The swimmer is asking for an exception to the rule. Monique Grayson seconded the motion. Vote Call: 1 voted for, 2 voted against, the rest abstained. **Motion failed**.
- G. Dave Ferris added another proposal asking 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). Dave said that we

need more participation in order to make our association better at both the local and national level. The insight gained by participating on a national committee educates the participant on the relevant issues and produces more experts as to the inner committee workings to which the local LSC can draw information. People who serve on national committees become valuable resources to the LSC, giving us more diverse opinions, providing us with better information and strengthening the local LSC governance by their experiences. Metro would be greatly served to have active national committee members. It should be Metro policy to foster this commitment. Should we have a limit on the number of National Committee members attending? Corinne reminded all that all attendees must attend all of the Eastern Zone meetings as well as the House of Delegates (in addition to their other meetings) [*BOD June 2012*]. Dave explained that many of the National Committees meetings take place before we actually arrive at Convention. All members of the National Committees that attend Convention must provide a written report of their meetings in order to receive Travel Reimbursement.

- D. Name Change: Amy Johnson told the Board that the Middletown Recreation “Barracudas” Swim Team (CUDA) will be dissolving and will become a YMCA. The team is requesting to change its name to YMCA “Barracudas” of Middletown (YBAR). All swimmers will need to transfer to the new team. It is actually not a name change but it is a whole new team, with a whole new YMCA Board (and no longer a Parents Board). The whole team is transferring. Since none of the swimmers participated in meets since the spring, they will not need to be unattached for 120 days. All were in favor. **New Team accepted.**

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Denise asked that Board members stay on for a brief meeting after the House of Delegates to welcome the new General Chair. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 10:07am

Respectfully submitted  
Monique Grayson

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