

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Barry Roffer, Mary Ann Senecal, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, George Rhein, and David Ellinghaus.

EXCUSED: Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, JoAnn McCaffrey, Rich Finkelstein, Holger Fietkau, Chris Sawicz, Gil Smith, Len Galluzzi, Christian Robledo, Anthony Mironov and Ryan Emanuel.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the White Plains YWCA. Ray welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of February 29, 2004 as mailed was made, seconded and approved by all.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- a) Nominations for the USA-Swimming LSC Outstanding Service Award were discussed.
- b) Referee/Facilitators Workshop in Dallas, May 29-31
- c) Ray sent a letter to Ron Van Pool recommending Mary Ann Senecal and Monique Grayson for consideration as Presidential at Large Appointees.
- d) Officials for meets can not be dictated.
- e) Zone Meeting weekend of May 8th in Maine: Ray D'Annolfo, Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer and Bea Hartigan will attend. Will stay at hotel Friday and Saturday nights.
- f) Athletes' reps must be included in all the committee meetings.
- g) May Elections: Larry Collins will provide the slate of officers for the following positions: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Secretary, Finance Chair, Senior Chair, Coaches' Representative.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/03 - 4/19/04.

- a) Forms for meets stipend will be updated for the summer meets. Forms will reflect the calendar year of one year between first day of previous year's meet to entry deadline.
- b) Barry Roffer made a motion to reduce the number of meets required for stipend from six to 5, one of which must still be Senior Mets. Mary Ann seconded the motion which was accepted by all.
- c) A motion to allocate a \$50 stipend for relay only swimmers at Speedo Champions Series was reintroduced. The motion was omitted from the minutes at the time it was made, seconded and approved.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

Bea was attending the Disability Championships in Minnesota, and gave her report to Ray D'Annolfo:

- a) Bea is still looking for the HOF Guest Book. Were there meetings held this year?
- b) Review of officials' expense line - will stay same as 2003-04.
- c) Delinquent reports: Barry Roffer made a recommendation which will be included on sanction form and post competition report form:
 - o If report is 2 weeks late: a letter will be mailed and club will be charged \$25
 - o After another two weeks (4 weeks late): the club will be fined \$100
 - o After another two weeks (6 weeks late): the club will be sent to Review
- d) Bea mentioned that Paul McClintock might swim the 10K
- e) Teams that haven't paid their meet entry fees will be sent to Review. They must make their payments by May 1, 2004. Clubs that are not in good standing will not be allowed to vote at the House of Delegates general meeting.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR:

Holger Fietkau and Chris Sawicz were unable to attend the meeting.

7: SENIOR CHAIR:

Dave Ferris was unable to attend the meeting.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary gave the 2004 Short Course Zone report:

- The meet was very successful for Metropolitan Swimming. We ended up in 4th place overall – the girls were 3rd, the boys 4th. There were many fast swims. Tristan Hastings broke the 13-14 boys Zone meet record in the 100 back, and Kellyanne Tomasula broke the 200 back record in her prelim swim.
- Hotel was as to be expected and food was not too bad. Service was good. We did have trouble with late check out – however – they did give us a bigger room to hold down the fort.
- Kids were very well behaved – no problem to report. They took the meet seriously, slept for the most part. Rooms were left orderly with no damage. Cheering was difficult – as we were not seated by the finals pool at all – with no room to move in. They did manage to get in a few good ones though.
- Thanks to coaches: Erica Derlath, Carle Fierro, Eric Herenstein, Bob Vializ, Edgar Perez, Eddie Lary, John MacIlhargy, and Dragos Coca for all the hard work they did. They worked together as a group and were there for the Metro team. It made Mary's job very easy.
- Also special thanks go to our athlete rep elect – Anthony Mironov – who came through with flying colors. Also helping was Helen Nasser from Hauppauge. She is a member of the age group committee and was asked to volunteer her time as an athlete rep – great job to both of these athletes!!
- Special thanks go to our officials: Jill Yate, Paul Simco, Iman Andrew, Judith Wong, and Chris Smith. Virginia was impressed by our numbers and talent. These officials worked most of the 9 sessions – putting in very long days. Chris operated the computer system in one pool – without him they had no operator. All these officials also pulled double duty as chaperones!! Thanks for all your efforts.
- The equipment was well received. The swimmers looked great on deck. The 3 colors were a hit and saved the problem on what to wear after the first day. Some of the warm-ups were not received, but those athletes were given sweatshirts to hold them over until the warm-ups arrive. Those missing equipment will have the items mailed directly to their homes – estimated order arrival date was April 8th. Mary hasn't heard if they were received.
- Two swimmers with disabilities from other LSC swam at Zones. One of them broke a record. We strongly encourage athletes with disabilities to participate!
- Mary attended a Zone meeting about the future format of Zones. All reps from LSC felt the present format was acceptable. It meets the needs of our swimmers. As the Metro Rep, Mary voiced that Metro wants to keep the present format – keep 10-unders and 15-18 in the meet. Final vote will be at the Eastern Zone meeting in May.
- Age Group had a very successful season and looks forward to upcoming long course season.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:

Gil Smith was unable to attend the meeting. Coaches will vote for new Representative at May meeting.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:

Christian Robledo, Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov were unable to attend the meeting.

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

See Mary's Zone report above.

David Ellinghaus made some comments about the Zone Team Qualifying Meet:

- The quality of swimming at the ZQ meet was excellent. Swimmers that want to make the Zone Team have a chance to compete against each other.
- The Zone Qualifier meet is strictly for swimmers that want to attend the Eastern Zone Meet. He suggests introducing a fine system for swimmers that qualify and then say that they will not attend the meet.
- The swimmers' age for the Zone Qualifying Meet will be the first day of Eastern Zone meet.

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Calm at the moment. There are only three swimmers left in the registrations' holding tank.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

Discussion about the championships' meets schedule of 2004-05.

- Suggestion: should Silvers be held at three sites instead of 2?
- Suggestion: Age Group meet should be available for swimmers with Silver cuts and below (no JO's or ZQ swimmers). Age Group South must be held either in two sites or in an 8-lane pool.
- Following is the proposed Championship meets' schedule for 2005:

- Silver Championships: January 28-30, 2005
- Senior Mets: February 10-13, 2005
- Junior Olympics: Trials/Finals at Nassau County, Eisenhower Park: February 25-27, 2005
- Eight-Under Championships: March 5-6, 2005
- Speedo Champions Series: March 10-13, 2005
- Zone Team Qualifier: March 18-20, 2005
- Eastern Zones Short Course: March 31-April 2, 2005
- Age Group: April 1-3, 2005
- ConocoPhillips Spring National Championships: April 1-6, 2005
- Standards will be adjusted to make a reasonable time line.

Technical Planning Meeting:
Saturday, May 1st, 2004 @ 10am at the YWCA in White Plains

14: TIMES VERIFICATION OFFICERS: Monique Grayson/Mary Ann Senecal

There are about 150 times still in the holding tank, mostly from the Big East (about 20 from unregistered Metro swimmers). There are also 112 relays from the Big East in the Holding Tank.

- Mary Fleckenstein made a motion that Metro pay Monique and Mary Ann \$2000 a year for their work as TVO. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. Discussion followed: volunteering vs. paid job. This is a necessary job that is extremely time-consuming. All were in favor. It will be included in next year's budget. Both Mary Ann and Monique thanked the board.

15: SAFETY COORDINATOR:

JoAnn McCaffrey was unable to attend the meeting.

16: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

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17: SWIM-A-THON:

Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting.

18: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

George Rhein presented the proposed budget. George Rhein made a motion to increase the secretary's salary (Metro office) from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Motion was seconded and accepted by all. After long deliberation, the Board agreed on the budget to be presented at the May House of Delegates meeting.

19: HALL OF FAME:

Len Galluzzi was unable to attend the meeting.

21: OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made, seconded and approved by all to purchase lanyards & holders for coaches' credentials. Metro will purchase 1000 lanyards.

22: NEW BUSINESS:

- Delinquent reports: see above – 5: Administrative Vice Chair – c)
- A motion to get a "Pitney Bowes" stamping machine for the Metro Office was made, seconded and accepted by all.

Next Board of Directors' meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 6:30pm at Eisenhower
Next House of Delegates (Bid Meeting): Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.