

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

PRESENT: Corinne Cody, Ryan Emanuel, Dave Ferris, Holger Fietkau, Mary Fleckenstein, Lenny Galluzzi, Monique Grayson, Bea Hartigan, Carolyn Johnson, Eddie Larry, Anthony Mironov, Barry Roffer, Kris Sawicz, Mary Ann Senecal and Gil Smith.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Brian Brown, Larry Collins, David Ellinghaus, Rich Finkelstein, George Rhein and Sophie Staskiewicz.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the YWCA in White Plains. Mary welcomed all members in attendance and introduced Carolyn Johnson who was attending her first meeting as Safety Chair.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of BOD of March 15, 2005: #6b: "~~Clubs owing entry fees to other clubs or to Metro...~~" – Note: The originally scheduled March 8 meeting was postponed to March 15, 2005 due to a snow storm. A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of March 15, 2005, was made by Barry Roffer, seconded by Bea Hartigan, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Swimposium: is set for Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Asphalt Green. Registrations are coming in slowly. Need meal for Club Development. Teams are encouraged to attend. **All new clubs MUST attend the Club Development meeting.**
- b) Outstanding Service Award: Four candidates had been nominated. A vote took place at the meeting. Congratulations to Mary Fleckenstein who was chosen as the recipient of this award! A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Monique Grayson, seconded by Holger Fietkau and accepted by all. Ballots were destroyed.
- c) Eastern Zone Spring Meeting: May 7th – Bea Hartigan, Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Eddie Larry, Gil Smith and Dave Ferris will attend (maybe also either Ryan Emanuel or Sophie Staskiewicz) – Please let Mary know your thoughts on Zone Meet Potential Issues (rules Re: attendance at Zones for swimmers with Sectional cuts).
- d) At Large nominations for convention – we will wait until the May meeting.
- e) Submission of Rule Change: Deadline date for submitting written proposals is May 15.
- f) Nomination Report: Ray D'Annolfo will select a committee to go over the slate of officers. There should be no more than two names per position.
- g) Metro Handbook: Larry Collins has offered to help. Lenny Galluzzi and Paul Fortoul had already volunteered to help redo the book.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/04 – 4/11/05. 605.16 is almost completed. Bills from Zones still need to be paid. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as presented. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

George was unable to attend the meeting. He will email the proposed 2005-06 budget to all. Please read it and email George back for corrections/additions, etc.

- a) All budget requests should be in at this time
- b) Budget will be ready for the May HOD meeting.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Penalty for "failure to pay": Update on those guilty: Bea sent a letter to teams and to Review Committee.
- b) Board of Directors: who are the voting members?: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Age Group Chair, Senior Chair, Finance Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Coaches Representative, Safety

Chair, Technical Planning, Senior Athletes Rep., Junior Athlete Rep., and Immediate Past General Chairman. Members of the USA Swimming Board and USA Swimming Committee Chairs are also allowed to vote. Quorum: 7 members. For Executive Committee meeting: quorum is 4. At the House of Delegates meeting: 20% of eligible members are needed.

Proxies are not allowed. Three votes per club. Group Member Representatives of Affiliated Group Members (ex.: YAC) shall have voice but no vote in meetings of the House of Delegates: 604.3.2

- c) Attendance policy for Board Members: Bea will research the Metro policy on this subject.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a) Metropolitan Swimming Club Development Program (draft): We will not allow a request from coaches that Dave not be present for vote at HOD. Dave gave us a draft of the achievement program in support of USA-Swimming. Long discussion about it followed. Questions: Are other LSC's considering such program? Should Juniors be added for consideration? Bea Hartigan made a motion to present the Metropolitan Swimming Club Development Program for vote at the House of Delegates in May. Carolyn Johnson seconded the motion which was accepted. The draft will be posted on the website.
- b) Senior Mets Long Course: Pool and time need to be set and qualifying time standards need to be posted on website (same time standards as 2004).

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Eddie Larry

- a) Congratulations on a successful Eastern Zone Meet: Metropolitan finished first in combined scores: 1,038 points; Metro tied with Middle Atlantic for 1st place in the girls division (541 points) and Metro finished second to Virginia in the boys division (497 points). It was a very even field. Many scorers from Metro. Kids had fun. So many Metro teams were represented this year at Zones.
- b) Uniform/chaperones/meals/coaches: Metro got shirts for the chaperones after the meet.
- c) Zone Meeting: Lenny Galluzzi attended a meeting at Zones about the purpose of the rule on Sectional cuts. Long discussion on this subject: take 15-18 out of meet; setting upper limit times; etc. We feel that 15-18 should be allowed to attend and that kids that make SCS (Speedo Champions Series "Sectionals") cuts after the SCS meet should be allowed to go to Zones. Dave Ferris resolved that Metropolitan Swimming will support the idea that swimmers are to remain eligible for the Short Course Zone Meet if they have achieved the SCS cut after the SCS entry deadline. Gil Smith seconded the motion which was accepted by all. **Motion carries.**
- d) Junior Olympics 2006: Eddie would like to reserve the Nassau County pool again for next year's JO's. He would like to increase the number of High Point Awards.
- e) Zone Qual. Meet and JO's: Should it be one meet? Some say Yes, some say No. It would be a nightmare for selecting the Zone Team. JO's is a **Team** meet while ZQ is an **Individual** qualifying meet. Who would be eligible, who would not be, who would age up before Zones, Who will not want to go, etc.
- f) Metro run championships – assignments/board run vs. club run: long discussion on this subject. Dave Ferris suggested that we set parameters, decide what we like and/or don't like, set dates and get a facility. Age Group, Senior and Technical Planning will talk more about this. We need a bond for teams that bid on championship meets.
- g) LSC sponsored Relay Meets (Relay Carnival): Technical planning will look into this proposal.
- h) Age Group Workshop: Paul Furbeck from TVSC will be attending the workshop in Colorado Springs.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- a) Coach of the Year update: It will be announced at the May meeting and the award will be given at the September meeting.
- b) Contacting coaches and feedback: Gil will get a list of addresses from Barry.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov

- a) New Representative: Sophie Staskiewicz from AGUA was not able to attend.
- b) Zone Equipment: athletes said it that the equipment was the best ever this year. They would like to add a towel on the option list. It would be nice to have water bottles at the meet (especially that many parents are not there to provide drinks to their swimmers). Athletes Reps would like to get coaches shirt as well.

- c) Zones Rules: Athletes Reps feel that the 9:30pm in room curfew is too early (normally it is 30 minutes after dinner). Pre-order party stuff ahead of times to bring it to Zones on the bus, instead of getting it at the last minute. Work on updating the cheers!
- d) Eastern Zone Meeting Suggestions: Athletes feel that there should be 2 sets of Zone Records: Pre and Post 2005 (because of the new rules).
- e) USA-Swimming Junior Nationals: They feel that the new Junior Cuts are too fast. (Note: they have been revised on April 6, 2005 by the USA Swimming Senior Swimming Committee but are still faster than the winter NCSA Junior National cuts).
- f) Age Group Swimmer of the Year: Nomination forms will be available at the HOD and at HOF dinner for 2006 Awards. They will be due by May 1, 2006 and should be based strictly on performance: only times achieved at USA-Swimming meets will count (not those from High School meets).
- g) Budget: request \$150
- h) Long Course Zones: Ryan Emanuel would like to attend this summer Zones.

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend.

- a) TVSC withdraws all bids for LC Summer meets at Holtsville as of March 30, 2005.
- b) Plan for next years meet schedule. We need to post the proposed championship dates.

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

- a) Joe Stetz Scholarship winners: Courtney Windler (TS), Clare McKenna (LIAC), Douglas Ellman (YMID) and David Caputo (WAC). Congratulations to all four swimmers.
- b) Clinic in Colorado Springs, May 28-30, 2005. Corinne Cody (VAC) and Ann Fosteris (FLY) attend the meeting.
- c) Suggestions: Send press release to newspapers about HOF.

13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Swimmers fine for not attending Zones: two swimmers are involved: Nicole Sheridan (LIAC) and Brienne Ryan (WSSC). \$50 per event.

14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Reminder: It is the coaches' responsibility to send in course updates to the office to keep cards current.

15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16: Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) About six pages of swims in the tank at this time from swimmers that were not registered at the time of swim, all from 3 teams: APEX, LBA, COND. Barry will send letters.

16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a) Outdated information must be removed
- b) Bigger and brighter box for the Swimposium.
- c) Correct link of BOD from January and March 2005 (links pointed to the same minutes)
- d) Add a "Late News" section on the front page with dates to make people aware when something new has been added or corrected.
- e) Metro Top 8 will become Metro Top 10 starting with the LC season. We will be able to view the whole list collapsed without having to click on each stroke and distance in each age group.

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

- a) Courses are posted for June at Huntington – Safety Weekend June 18-19, 2005
- b) 2004 End of Year Accident Stats:
 - a. USA Swimming: 835 accidents reported. Spread evenly among age groups. 89% of accidents occurred to athletes as opposed to non-athletes (3%) and guests (8%). Leg/foot was the body part most injured. 44% of injuries occurred in the water. 46% occurred during a competition.
 - b. Metro: 11 incidents were reported. Age range 10-17 (with one 39 year-old). 4 males and 7 females. All but one occurred in the water (1 on deck). 6 occurred during competition, one

during warm-up, 4 at practice. Majority of incidents occurred in the last 4 months of calendar year. Injuries occurred to various body parts as opposed to one outstanding area of the body

- c) According to USA Swimming, only 9 people can teach Safety Training for Swim Coaches in Metro. Carolyn will look into that information and correct it.
- d) Incident report for 2005: 1 to date.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

- a) HOF Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at Riccardo's Restaurant & Catering in Astoria, Queens.
- b) Announcement has been up on the website and invitations were mailed. Plaques have been ordered. Everything is set for the dinner. Reservations may be made until May 20, 2005

19: DISABILITIES COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

There is nothing new at this time. Updates will be sent to the website about Summer Zones Applications.

20: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

There was nothing new to report.

21: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

There are already 3 entries (Masters Swimmers) for Open Water Championships.

22: OUTREACH COORDINATORS: Brian Brown and Larry Collins

Neither Brian nor Larry was able to attend.

23: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Eastern Zone Meeting Technical Planning Meeting: this was discussed earlier. See "Age Group" and "Senior" Chairs.
- b) Request from Brad Evans (Half Hollow Hills) Re: performance enhancing drugs on a local level. A link to the USA Swimming Doping Control website will be posted on the Metro Website:
<http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=63&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

24: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Barry Roffer proposes that stipends for swimmers be increased as follows: Nationals \$600; Juniors: \$450; Sectionals \$200; Relay only swimmers: increase of \$50 each. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. Corinne Cody added a motion to give a stipend to swimmers attending the US Open (in the same amount as Juniors). Holger seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- b) Many thanks to the Washingtonville Seahawks for their outstanding help in making Age Group North a success. They gave Aqua Gems the use of their pool at the last minute!
- c) Board should only meet in September, November, January, March, April and June. Members are asked to bring written reports and send agenda items to General Chair 2 weeks ahead of time.
- d) Request from Ryan Emanuel: the board decided that only 2 athletes Reps. can attend the Zone Meet. If one of them can't go, then we'll get another one.
- e) Metro has the Zones banner, certificates for Athletes, and Pins.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- * **Wednesday, May 11, 2005 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains – Bid Meeting 2005-06**
- * **Tuesday, June 14, 2005 @ 7pm – Board meeting at Flushing YMCA (Tentative date)**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Ferris and seconded by Holger Fietkau. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – April 21, 2005