

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

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

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Brian Brown, Larry Collins, Carolyn Johnson, David Ellinghaus, Rich Finkelstein, George Rhein and Steffi Niessl.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the YWCA in White Plains. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of BOD of March 14, 2006: #12b: "Holger will buy 4 ~~more~~ headsets ..." A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of March 14, 2006, was made by Barry Roffer, seconded by Bea Hartigan, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Zones Update: Thanks to Kris, Holger, Corinne, and Monique for a very successful meet. All sessions were done professionally. One complaint from AM after the meet because of kids fighting. We were not aware of it as no one complained during the meet.
- b) Eastern Zone Spring Meeting: May 13th – Registrations and checks are being sent this week.
- c) Outstanding Service Award: Four candidates had been nominated: Jim Roberts, Jennifer Trotman, Liz & Jack Luchsinger. A vote took place at the meeting. Jim Roberts was chosen as the posthumous recipient of this award! A motion to destroy the ballots was made, seconded, and accepted by all. Ballots were destroyed.
- d) At Large nominations for convention – we will wait until the May meeting.
- e) Submission of Rule Changes for Convention: What to do for submitting written proposals.
- f) Mailings: Mary mentioned a few e-mails received within the last few weeks.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

- a) Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/05 – 4/11/06. Overall total is \$87,851.54.
- b) A long discussion took place regarding payment for computer operators at Eastern Zones. Holger Fietkau made a motion to allocate \$75 per session for the 2nd computer operator during the three morning sessions; the head computer operator (\$100 per session) and the announcer (\$50 per session) would receive the usual fees allocated for Metro-run Championship meets. Gil Smith seconded the motion which was accepted by all.
- c) Bob Vializ made a motion to accept the report as presented. Corinne Cody seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

George was unable to attend the meeting. He will email the proposed 2006-07 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) Recommendation on "Surcharge": Bea is still studying the impact of the "no surcharge rule" for the host teams. Some teams are still late for their reports. Bea sent notifications to three teams regarding the penalties for their meet cancellations.
- b) Meet Directors Handbook: Bea hasn't had the time to take care of this.

- c) Athlete Rep. Resignation: Bea received Sophie Staskiewicz' letter of resignation as of March 2006.
- d) Meet Evaluation: Eastern Zone: Mary Illich approved the meet for N3 and gave John Ferrari of Maryland full approval to do the meet evaluation.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a) Congratulations: to Julia Smit (Three Village Swim Club) for winning the 200 meter backstroke at Nationals in Federal Way, Washington.
- b) Senior Mets Long Course: Pool and time need to be set and qualifying time standards need to be posted on website.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

- a) Congratulations on a successful Eastern Zone Meet: Music at finals was great and all the athletes loved it. Is there a penalty for high school seniors that leave the meet early and for swimmers canceling a few days before the meet? Brian Skeats left Zones early and Hilary Roberts cancelled a few days before the meet. Discussion followed. Barry Roffer made a motion that once athletes accept to attend Zones, they must fulfill their obligation for the entire meet. If they decide not to attend or leave early, they will be barred from Zones for 2 years. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- b) Recommendations to improve JO's:
 - a. Score the meet for all age groups and award a JO Team Champion
 - b. Work with TP to shorten the morning sessions and have the 10-unders swim in a timed finals pm session
 - c. Create more energy in finals with the use of a ready room and music.
- c) Age Group has established a committee: There are 17 members on the committee (must have four athletes). The committee will work on actively exchanging ideas on how to improve age group swimming.
- d) Request \$1000 for Age Group Development Program:
 - a. Plan will be finalized to present at May House of Delegates meeting
 - b. A reward system to recognize improvement and promote retention in the sport.
- e) Discussion on JO's and Zone Qual meet. How do some other LSC's choose their Zone team?

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

Gil had nothing to report at this time.

The Huntington Y will do a fund raising activity on April 29th for the Flushing Y families that were affected by the tragic accident on their way to Y State.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Steffi Niessl

Steffi was unable to attend the meeting but she gave her report:

- a) Zones: Zones went very well; team spirit was good; kids were exhausted by the last night. Would like to have a white sheet to decorate for the next Zone Meet. Also a megaphone and thunder sticks. Thinks a later curfew for the older swimmers would work well, giving more time to meet each other.
- b) Contract: Steffi is working on setting up a contract for athlete representatives – should be ready in May

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend. A technical planning meeting will be scheduled soon (at the end of April, beginning of May).

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

- a) Joe Stetz Scholarship winners: Tiffany Bui (YMID) – Harvard; Natalia Festa (LIAC) – Harvard; Robert Frawley III (OWA) – Columbia; and Gregory Pfeiffer (FLY) - undecided. Congratulations to all four swimmers. Kris Sawicz made a motion to order plaques or

frames to give the swimmers in addition to their monetary awards. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- b) Clinic in Colorado Springs: at the end of May 2006. Michael Panzarino (YMID) and Mike Gartman (NBS) will attend the Officials workshop. Checks for their registration were going to be sent to USA Swimming.
- c) Zones: Will prepare a list with names of Officials from all LSC's that worked at Zones.

13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Zones will be in Buffalo this summer. The Metro team will stay at the Holiday Inn on Delaware Avenue (same as last year).

14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Reminder: It is the coaches' responsibility to send in course updates to the office to keep cards current.
- b) College swimmers must be registered in order to swim this summer. They can be attached to their team right away.
- c) Metro has over 7000 athletes.

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

- a) We only have a few names from the Age Group Championships meets still in the holding tank.
- b) Two National Age Group Records and three Metro Records were set at Zones. Many swimmers achieved Top 16 qualifying times.

16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a) We used Real Time Results during Zones and it worked very well (Thanks to John Coombs for his help setting it all up at his end).
- b) Website is working well as a tool for all.

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn was unable to attend. There was nothing to report.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

- a) HOF Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at Riccardo's Restaurant & Catering in Astoria, Queens.
- b) Announcement has been up on the website and invitations were mailed. Chuck Felice, Jessica Foschi and Mary Ann Senecal will be this year's inductees.
- c) Reservations for the dinner are due May 12, 2006

19: DISABILITIES COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

Two Metro swimmers with disabilities participated in the Eastern Zones. They were both very happy to represent Metro.

20: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

There was nothing new to report.

21: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

Bea received the first entry (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:

There was no Old Business at this time.

24: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Bea Hartigan mentioned that Meet Marshals were often seen clinging together at Zones. She believes that all meet marshals should get a 20-30 minutes lecture before going on deck at meets. The safety Chair of each club should train and educate the meet marshals.
- b) Safety Weekend: June 17-18, 2006 at Huntington Yacht Club – Saturday: 8am (Coaches Safety); 9am (CPR) – Sunday: 9am (First Aid). Challenge/Review Courses in CPR/Professional Rescuer, Community or Adult CPR, Safety Training for Swim Coaches, Standard First Aid. Registration Form is posted on the website.
- c) Mary will try to get in touch with George Re: the budget and hope to present it at the May House of Delegates meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

*** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 @ 7pm – HOD at White Plains – Bid Meeting 2006-07**

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

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – April 19, 2006