METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 19, 2001 at Lehman College (Sr. Mets)

PRESENT: Larry Collins, Brad Roffer, Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Brittany Boehm, David

Ellinghaus, Rich Finkelstein, Rob Ortof, Scott Bartleson, Monique Grayson.

EXCUSED: Joanne McCaffrey, MaryAnn Senecal, John McIlhargy, Kerri Going, Cheryl Lynch.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting came to order at 2:35pm, in between prelims and finals at Senior Mets.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

- * In the minutes of November 15, 2000: # 16: Adapted Aquatics: Mary **Fleckenstein** (not Finkelstein) will be asked to fill the position.
- * In House of Delegates Meeting of January 9, 2001: # 6 Senior Chair. Scott Bartleson made a motion that we allocate a maximum of \$150 to each swimmer qualifying in an individual event for the Speedo Champions Series (Sectional), providing that the money is available. The swimmers MUST actually SWIM at the meet in order to get the money! (This last sentence was omitted).

Scott Bartleson made a motion to accept the minutes. Brad Roffer seconded. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

- * Bea Hartigan has been named Open Water Coordinator for Zone Open Water Survey. Bea wants to let everyone know that there will be an Age Group Open Water competition, on the same weekend as the 5K: 500 yds course between two piers: 9-10 (1000), 11-12 (2000) and 13-14 (3000).
- * Letters and articles from Chuck Wielgus.
- * Nomination forms for Outstanding Service Award.
- * 2000 USA-Swimming Convention EXIT survey summary.
- * Chuck Wielgus: USA-Swimming calendar.
- * Correspondence related to NCAA Swimming.
- * Copy of letter from Cristina Teuscher sent to Swimming World. Metropolitan Swimming supports what Cristina has to say.
- * Packet about US Open from Colorado. World Cup at LIAC.
- * Sr.Mets should be brought back to the Metro Board to bring the level of the meet back up. A committee will be formed to select the format of the meet. Dave mentioned that Connecticut has a "fine" system for when the teams running championship meets don't provide what they are supposed to. If teams bid on Senior Mets, they will have to follow the rules set up by the committee. This committee will be made of the Senior and Age Group Chairs, plus 2 or 3 individuals. The results should be mailed out before the bid meeting.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT:

MaryAnn could not attend. She sent a picture of the Metro pin for review by the board. Everyone agrees that the pin looks good as it is.

MaryAnn sent forms for reimbursement from Sectionals and from Nationals. Forms will be sent to John Coombs to put on the web site.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Scott Bartleson

There are 3 delinquent reports from January. Scott will send letters to teams.

6: OFFICIALS:

- * Todd Trotman becomes area chair of Long Island.
- * Search committee for officials chair includes Joe Hogan + 4 area chairs (Long Island, Westchester, Mid-Hudson Valley, NY City). Larry will send a letter. Bea would set up the search.
- * Roger Wycoff is still doing the Metro Scholarship. **But**:

Please, send applications for Metro Scholarship to the Metro Office: Barry Roffer, 19, Mt Rainier Ave., Farmingville, NY 11738

- * Larry would like to see that, at all the championships meets run under the Metro umbrella, from 8-under championships to Senior Mets, officials should not be paid. Officials should do at least two sessions at SC and LC Sr.Mets. We need the thoughts of the area chairs on this subject. Larry would like to go to each committee meeting at least once.
- * Lenny Galluzzi is asking if Metro will again subsidize the meals, for 2 athletes of each one of the 65 clubs, to attend the Hall Of Fame dinner. This would amount to about \$4,000. Rob said that it should be OK.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Brad Roffer

The Championships Booklet must be ready by the April Board Meeting. Discussion about the Metro Calendar.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT:

Mac was unable to attend. Silver Championship North went great, except that score was kept and announced. This is a non scoring meet. Silver South was great too!

9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE:

Kerri Going was unable to attend.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVE: Brittany Boehm

- * Brittany said that Barry has the newsletter.
- * She said that Ginny Nussbaum, at LIAC, is asking the board's approval to change their May meet from Saturday & Sunday (Mother's Day) May 12-13, to Friday & Saturday, May 11-12, 2001. All said OK. Meet dates are changed.
- * Vote for Junior Rep: some athletes will not go to JO's and Brittany wanted to have elections also at other meets. Maybe at Sectionals, but we must be sure that same athlete will not vote twice.

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Equipment for Zones is ready. Bus and Hotel are OK. Barry was going to go to the hotel on Friday, February 23rd, to check things out regarding the meals.

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Nothing going on.

Coaches: please update your credentials.

2nd year coaches must pass the test in order to re-register.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

* Reminder: May 2nd meeting at White Plains YWCA at 5:30pm - SC & LC Schedules and cut-off times.

* Regarding the Sectional Meet, there are NT (no times) for relays, but clubs can't bring "relay only" swimmers. This is a problem if you have only 2 or 3 boys or girls attending. You can't bring a relay! Dave would like John McIlhargy, who is on the Eastern Zone Committee, to check into this problem.

There is a mistake on the meet info for JO'S: Cut for 13-14 boys 50 yd freestyle is 25.89 (not 26.89)

- * There were some questions on deck at Sr. Mets: FS (False Start) problems: if the heat is recalled, and goes back to the blocks, it can be called a judgement call and there would be not FS. If the heat goes, swimmer is then DQ'd. What does USA-Swimming say about this rule.
- * Dave would like to see an increase in the number of Metro meets that a swimmer must attend in order to be eligible to swim at Sr.Mets. The coaches think that 3 or 4 meets would be better than the 2 meets requirement that we have now (majority think that 3 meets would be OK). We want the athletes to be more active members in the association.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:

JoAnn was unable to attend. The handbook is done. Summer Training Clinics: we need names,

15: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Condors is delinquent, but Bob Carlucci told Rich that he would take care of it.

16: ADAPTED AQUATICS: Mary Fleckenstein Larry welcomed Mary to her first meeting.

17: OLD BUSINESS:

none.

18: NEW BUSINESS:

- * **Meet Evaluation Forms** were distributed at Senior Mets. Those forms must be filled out after all meets and send back to Brad Roffer at the Metro Office.
- * Metro Records for longer distance events for 11-12 (1000 free, 1650 free, 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly, 400 IM): Kevin Stone, from Middies, believes that any result that can be proven legitimately should be considered, and certainly a time done in a Metro meet, especially at Sr. Mets. All present were in favor of this. Each club must send their records of 11-12 distance events to MaryAnn Senecal, for consideration.
- * **March 4**: Bob Carlucci, from Condors, wants to do a meet that day. Since the Middies meet that weekend is already closed, the board said OK.
- * June 9-10: TVSC is asking to do a 13-under Pentathlon meet. OK by all present.

Brad Roffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Scott Bartleson. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson February 24, 2001