

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, Holger Fietkau, Rich Finkelstein, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer, Monique Grayson, Christian Robledo.

EXCUSED: MaryAnn Senecal, David Ellinghaus, Mary Fleckenstein, John McIlhargy, Chris Sawicz, Paul Weir and JoAnn McCaffrey.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:27pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed those present.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of November 12, 2002: in New Business: ~~...All were in favor of a "surcharge refund":~~ "A check, in the amount of the surcharge received from the October 26-27 LIAC meet, will be donated by Metropolitan Swimming to the Bruce Boehm Memorial Trust Fund".

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bea Hartigan, seconded by Barry Roffer, and approved by all.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- Ray will attend the General Chairs' Meeting in Tampa, Florida, February 21-23, 2003. Bea will chair the Board Meeting that will take place during Senior Mets.
- Gene & Mary Damm are looking for ARC coaches safety courses.
- Packet from Sue Anderson, USA Swimming, for all coaches.
- Where is the Metro Championship Booklet? (See Technical Planning)
- Question about Zone Qualifier meet surcharge of \$2.00 (May House of Delegates 2002; this will be reviewed in May 2003). The accepted procedure of charging \$2.00 for Zone Qualifier meet will be brought up at the House of Delegates meeting.
- Slate of Candidates must be mailed 30 days before Elections (candidates in odd years are: Age Group, Treasurer*, Technical Planning*, Safety*, Board of Review (6 regulars, 3 alternates), Junior Athlete (must be 13 & over). [*= no term limit]

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

MaryAnn was unable to attend the meeting.

Barry handed the treasurer's report for the period of September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Six Metro Records were already broken this season:

- Annie Zhu (LGAC) 8&under girls 50 breast: 39.31
- Sara Giberson (BASC) 9-10 girls 100 back: 1:04.58
- Julia Smit (TVSC) 13-14 girls 200 back: 2:00.54
- Julia Smit (TVSC) 13-14 girls 200 IM: 2:03.47
- Tim Nam (FLY) 11-12 boys 200 breast: 2:23.51
- BGNW 10&U girls 200 medley relay: 2:07.81
(Kim Holden, Alexandra Gorki, Ali Polhill, Christina Quaranta)

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- The USA Swimming Board of Directors unanimously adopted an Emergency Amendment to the Water Depth Rule, to be effective January 1, 2003. (See USA Swimming website).
- Bea received from Holger a copy of the letter to Todd (signed upon receiving it in November).
- Room reservations have been made for the 2003 Convention in San Diego. Name changes will be made after the Athlete Rep and Age Group Chair are determined in the spring.
- Clubs currently in arrears with reports of meets are: LIAC (11/30-12/1); Connetquot (12/6-12/8); Condors (12/7); West Point (12/13-15). Marist is recalculating their number of entries for 11/1-3. AGUA miscalculated and have a credit toward their 1/18-20 meet. Meet Directors should not forget to indicate the number of entire teams cut and/or individual entries cut. A note will be sent to the attention of all meet directors.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau

- Problem at the last LIAC meet with a coach yelling at the timers. Discussion about timers' responsibilities and swimmers and coaches responsibilities. Questions at swim meets should be addressed by the coaches to the meet referee (and not by parents!).
- USA-Swimming sent rule booklets to Holger.
- Reminder to all officials: you must carry your USA-Swimming registration card on deck.
- Question about YAC (Yonkers Aquatic Council). It's an organization, not a team. YAC must be on the mailing list but not on the website list of teams.
- Holger is working on the criteria for the Officials Scholarship.
- Problem with Suffolk County: no new officials this year.
- Holger will request that Sr. Mets, JO's and Zone Qualifier be designated as National Certification meets for officials.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- Senior Mets info has been mailed and is available on the website (including file of events for team manager).
- Senior Circuit meets: Dave has had conversations with West Point and AGUA. Meet dates for Senior Circuit will be determined based upon the summer meets' schedule at bid meeting.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

Mac was unable to attend.

TVSC is still looking for a pool to host Silvers south.

Metro Surcharge for Silvers, JO's and Age Group meets should be \$1.00 (no surcharge for 8&U).
Silver Championships: qualifying times as of February 1, 2002
Junior Olympics: qualifying times as of February 15, 2002
Zone Qualifier: qualifying times as of March 7, 2002

Bea mentioned that even though Hauppauge sent a post card announcing where to find the meet information for Age Group Championships **SOUTH** on the website, they are still required to send the information material to all clubs of Metro South. Lehman is hosting Metro Middle and Viking is hosting Metro North.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

ASCA sent Gil the awards for Coach of the Year for 2002 (+ the one that was never received from 2000). Matt Gillman (AGUA – 2002) and Carolyn Johnson (BGNW – 2000) will be invited to attend the January House of Delegates meeting to receive their award.

10: ATHLETES REP: Christian Robledo

- Mac will work with Paul & Christian to make the agenda for the September meeting. They may write a questionnaire for swimmers prior to the September meeting.
- Christian would like to have a list of where all seniors will be going to college.
- Prepare for elections of a new Junior Rep.
- All committees should have an athlete as member of the committee. For the moment, only the Review board as active athletes on the committee.

11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

Bus and hotel are OK for Zones. There will be a change in uniforms for Zones this year.

12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Year to date statistics: as of 1/7/03: 4,800 athletes; 66 teams.
- FAST, Staten Island, University and Tarrytown YMCA are not Metro teams anymore.
- Big Apple Marlins and 92nd street Y have paid but did not sent the registration info.
- CSC, NYCAC, Gold Medal, Team Rockland are not registered as of 1/7/03
- New Club applying: East Hampton YMCA. Team representatives will come in front of the board at the February meeting. Club is pending until then.
- Richie Finkelstein's email address was not on website. It will be added.

- Registration forms are on Website.
- List of coaches and their credentials expiration dates are also on the website (at forms).
- Contact USA-Swimming Headquarters if you have questions regarding foreign athletes swimming in a Metro meet.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

Dave was unable to attend but he sent an email to the board:

- JoAnn and David have been in contact regarding the Championships booklet. It is taking time because everything has to be retyped, reordered, etc.
- Metro 5K is July 13, 2003 (it will be July 10 in 2004).

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend.

15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary was unable to attend.

16: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

No report at this time. An investigation is in progress regarding Riverbank and NYCAC. Both clubs said they paid their Swim-A-Thon fees.

17: OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing today.

18: NEW BUSINESS:

- Farmingdale Swim Club needs a coach.
- Gill will send a letter to St. Johns regarding the college dropping the swimming program in 2004.

**Next Board Of Directors meeting: Sunday, February 23, 2003
after prelims at Senior Mets**

**Next House of Delegates meeting: (Bid Meeting)
January 15, 2003 at 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
January 12, 2003