

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2004

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Barry Roffer, Bea Hartigan, Chris Sawicz, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, George Rhein, Holger Fietkau, Gil Smith, and David Ellinghaus.

EXCUSED: Ryan Emanuel, Mary Fleckenstein, JoAnn McCaffrey Rich Finkelstein, Dave Ferris and Christian Robledo.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the White Plains YWCA. Ray wished a Happy New Year to all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections to the minutes of November 11, 2003:

- #7 – Senior Chair: a conflict with dates for Senior Mets LC and Olympic Trials was omitted from the minutes.
- #12 – Registrations: They MUST be registered with USA-Swimming as soon as they start practicing **competing** with a team.
- # 19 – New business: Monique Grayson made a motion to ~~wave~~ **waive** the 20% Metro surcharge for all Distance meets in which a Metro stipend is given.

Gil Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all. In addition, it was decided that the minutes of all Board Meetings and HOD meetings would be mailed again to all clubs.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- Appeal – Review Hearing – NYAC: A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously, to abide with the Review Committee's final decision on this matter.
- Metro Meets Entry Rule: The Board of Directors recommends that meet hosts give a priority deadline for all meets to Metro teams, and a second deadline for teams outside of the LSC. Regular meets should not be cut by time but by date received.
- Too many clubs have unregistered swimmers competing at meets. Swimmers can have a 30-day trial Practice Period before registration but they MUST be registered with USA-Swimming as soon as they start competing with a team.
- *USA-Swimming Rules & Regulations # 302.4 – An LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club representative signing a document which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA-Swimming for a meet when that swimmer is not properly registered. This will be enforced by the LSC and the LSC will be entitled to the fines imposed.*
Do we cap it? Make recommendation to Review Section (example \$1000 max. per club)?
- Officials @ meets: Clubs can use their own officials but must give the officials' names to their Area Chair, 2 weeks prior to the meet, to check that registration and certifications are in order.
- 2004 General Convention: Bea will reserve rooms at Wyndham Palace Resort in Orlando (\$69-\$89). Gil Smith made a motion to invite NTV officers & Registration Chair to the Convention. Ray seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carries.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- Report from 9/1/2003 to 12/31/2003. Overall total \$89,994.18 – Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as presented. Holger Fietkau seconded the motion that was then accepted by all.
- David Ellinghaus requested to re-instate the stipend of \$300 per swimmer in individual events, and \$100 for relay only swimmers, for Junior Nationals. The rule of six Metro meets, one of which must be Senior Mets, stands as before. Clubs are encouraged to attend the meets. Check website at <http://www.ncsa-usa.org>
- George Rhein made a recommendation to invest in a safe fund: "Oppenheimer Rochester National Muni C Fund". All are in favor.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- Ray D'Annolfo thanked Bea for the nice job done on many correspondence letters.
- Bea gave her report on meet reports: Missing reports from LIAC & Condors (October 25-26 meets), NBS (October 26), YMID & LIAC (November 28-30).
- Cancelled meets of December (Nor'easter Dec.6-7) will put a damper on Metro income!
- Request to the board to pay clerk of course/announcer at Metro Meets \$50 per session.
- Scratch procedure will be posted or given out with scratch sheets at all Metro meets.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

Metropolitan Officials Scholarship Applications are due January 31, 2004

- Officials @ meets: Clubs can use their own officials but must give the officials' names to their Area Chair, 2 weeks prior to the meet, to check that registration and certifications are in order.
- Problems with Badger's Double Dual Meets. Can we limit the number of teams participating in those invitationals? Club doesn't bid on these meets at regular bid meeting, even though they do get a sanction number. Concern about officials at those meets. Also, as per USA-Swimming Rules & Regulations # 202.2.10.A: *The LSC shall require the organization to which a sanction has been granted to file, within 45 days after the event, a financial statement setting forth all receipts and disbursements in connection with the sanctioned event.*

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- Dave was unable to attend the meeting.
- FINA Swimming World Cup will be held at Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park January 30-31, 2004

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- Mary was unable to attend the meeting but sent her report.
- Meet notices have come in and approval was given to and notices have been posted for:
 - Silvers: Aqua Gems – North and TVSC – South
 - JO's – Metro
 - Zone Qualifier – Metro
- Hauppauge, Viking, and APEX are working on Age Group Championships.
- Still waiting for TVSC – 8 & under
- Mary will order the awards for Zone Qualifier (a little smaller than for JO's)
- Mary will have an application for zone coaches available at the house of delegate meeting – as well as updated zone info for swimmers. Barry and Mary will be meeting with Hobie Swim to go over their bid. No other bid info is available at this time – but will get back to other vendors.
- Barry and Mary would like to go to Virginia to check out the hotel and facility, to iron out any problems with transportation, meals, and rooms before the meet. This will help alleviate most of the problems that occur when we go cold turkey. Some things cannot be solved over the phone.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- Submission of names for Metropolitan Coach of The Year must be given to Gil no later than May 1st, 2004.
- Create a form with criteria for Coach of the Year.

10: ATHLETES REP: Christian Robledo and Ryan Emanuel

- Christian and Ryan were unable to attend the meeting.
- Committees are all set up. Committee Chairs should contact Athlete Committee Members.

11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Barry is contacting Hotel and Bus Company. Getting samples from Hobie Swim for equipment.
- Coaches: please enter swimmers in Zone Qualifier meet **only** if swimmer intends on going to Zones.

12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Still problems with some registrations.
- All coaches MUST be registered and the credentials and fees in the hands of the coordinator BEFORE coaches are allowed on deck! Coaches MUST wear their cards at all meets.
- After a transfer form has been sent to a club there will be a 30-day period for that club to respond. If the Metro office has not received the written form after 30 days, we will assume that the swimmer is clear to be transferred. The 120 days rule in which a swimmer must swim unattached will still apply.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- David Ellinghaus wants to thank the meet directors of championships meets for sending him (and Mary) the meet information packets for approval, and accepting corrections and criticism.
- Senior Mets and Zone Qualifier meets: coaches are responsible to be aware of the proper scratch rules procedure and to inform their swimmers of the rules of USA Swimming.
- Meet Referee must be present at coaches meetings at championship meets.
- There is a conflict with dates for Senior Mets LC and Olympic Trials.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:

- JoAnn was unable to attend.

15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

- Mary is scheduled to go to Colorado Springs on January 23 – 25 for the adapted workshop. Travel arrangements have been made. Looks to be an action packed weekend with lots of info to bring back.
- Have requested from Hauppauge information on a swimmer so that we can include her on our zone team – as she is the only know swimmer with disability in Metro (as reported to Mary).

16: SWIM-A-THON:

- Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting.

17: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- George Rhein made a recommendation to invest in a safe fund: "Oppenheimer Rochester National Muni C Fund". All are in favor.

18: OLD BUSINESS:

- Barry will look into purchasing Neck Band with Card Holder for coaches' cards.

19: NEW BUSINESS:

- Procedure to follow when a meet is cancelled. Also, cancellations should be posted website.

**Next Board of Directors meeting (at Lehman):
Sunday, February 29, 2004 after Prelims, before 1650, at Senior Mets**

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**House of Delegates' Meetings (At White Plains YWCA):
* Wednesday, May 12, 2004, 7pm (Bid meeting 2004-05 Meets)
* Sunday, September 26, 2004 (Mandatory meeting + Athlete)**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barry, seconded by David, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:150pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
January 10, 2004