

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, July 21, 2001

PRESENT: Larry Collins, John McIlhargy, David Ellinghaus, Brittany Boehm, Paul Weir, Gil Smith, Rich Finkelstein, Lenny Galluzzi, Brad Roffer, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson

EXCUSED: MaryAnn Senecal, Barry Roffer, JoAnn McCaffrey

ABSENT: Todd Trotman, Scott Bartleson

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting took place at Applebees, in Yonkers, between prelims and finals of Senior Mets. Larry welcomed everyone and introduced Gil Smith as the new Coaches Representative.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 7, 2001. Brad Roffer seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

- Larry received a letter from John Levine, coach of AquaBears (CT). His team went to a meet at the Nassau County Pool at Eisenhower Park and he was unhappy with the behavior of some officials.
It was noted that Metro officials represent our LSC and should behave accordingly.
- Larry already has the first 5 tapes of Splash TV. They are very good and are available for viewing.
- Some Metro officials will attend the Officials Clinics in Chicago in August, and a different one in September.
- 2001-02 Meet Schedule. LIAC wants to add meets. They were unable to attend the General Meeting in May (Dave & Ginny were away at a meet and there was a death in the family of the coach that was supposed to attend the meeting). In order to add the meets, the correct procedure to follow is for LIAC to contact all teams that have a scheduled meet on those weekends: October 27-28 and February 1-2-3 (National Qualifier meet).
- **Resolutions:**
 - Larry would like to see 12 officials at each session at all Championship meets: 4 at each end (turns), and 2 on each side of the pool.
 - Larry would like to implement an official policy for outreach clubs and athletes.
 - Larry & Mary would like to have a policy for athletes with disabilities to be able to swim in our championship meets (for example: adapted cut-off times).
 - Larry would like to implement a policy of having non-paid officials at all Metro Championship Meets, whether hosted by the Association or a club member (8-under Championships, Silvers, Age Group, JO's, Sr.Mets, etc.). Officials would have to sign up to volunteer their time for a certain number of sessions.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal was unable to attend the meeting.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Scott Bartleson was absent.

6: SENIOR CHAIR: Brad Roffer

A decision has to be made whether the Association or a club member runs Senior Mets in the future. Brad believes that the association should run the meet. Larry thinks that we should still allow clubs to have the meet, but that we should go over all aspects of the meet with the clubs that bid on the meet. David mentioned that Connecticut has a fine system for Championship meets. If things are not done exactly as mentioned in the meet booklet, the host club is fined a certain amount.

One of the most important things at Sr.Mets is to have a Clerk of Course/Announcer to handle all scratches. There was also a long discussion on the timing of Sr.Mets in July. More teams travel to away meets, and there is a conflict with Grand Prix meet, etc.

7: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy
The dates for camps will be available soon.

8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith
Gil was introduced as the new Coaches' Representative.

9: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVES: Brittany Boehm
The athletes complained about the warm-up/cool down during Senior Mets Long Course. They would like to see a break between events.

10: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:
Barry was away as Head Coach for the Junior Team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.
Send paperwork for Zones to Brad Roffer.
The hotel will be Holiday Inn in Buffalo. There were few requests from coaches to attend! Barry is going to Zones. Lenny Galluzzi asked to attend as well.

11: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:
Slow at this time of year.

12: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus
Nothing at this time. **There will be a TP meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 30 at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco.**

13: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein
Mary had a great time in Arizona. She said that it was a very humbling experience. She would like to see more kids with disabilities involved with swimming at the club level.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey was unable to attend.

15: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein
Nothing new at the moment.

16: OLD BUSINESS:

- Lenny Galluzzi suggested that we also look into using the pool at Fordham.
- Officiating: there should be an officials meeting before each session at meets, to go over strokes, rules, etc. (Example: what should we look for in the IM?)

17: NEW BUSINESS:
Officials Scholarship Winners: Michael D'Annunzio (FLY) and Melissa St. Amour

Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary & David seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, September 19 at Flushing YMCA – 7PM

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
July 31, 2001