

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, July 7, 2003

**PRESENT:** Ray D'Annolfo, Barry Roffer, Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Chris Sawicz, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Christian Robledo, Holger Fietkau, Ryan Emanuel and Gil Smith.

**EXCUSED:** Rich Finkelstein, Dave Ferris, David Ellinghaus, Georges Rhein, and JoAnn McCaffrey

### **1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed all members in attendance. Ray mentioned that it was Mary's first meeting as the newly elected "Age Group Chair".

### **2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

Gil Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2003, as mailed. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

### **3: GENERAL CHAIR:** Ray D'Annolfo

- a) Reservations and Registration for the USA-Swimming Convention in San Diego in September are being finalized. Ray D'Annolfo, Bea Hartigan, Mary Fleckenstein, Gil Smith, Dave Ferris, Christian Robledo and Ryan Emanuel will attend.
- b) Because of pool availability, Aqua Gems Swim Team has requested to change the dates of two of their meets for 2003-04. After considering the rest of the Metro schedule on those dates, the board approved the following changes: the meet originally scheduled for December 5-7 will now be held November 21-23, 2003; the meet originally scheduled for January 23-25, 2004 will now be held January 9-11, 2004.

### **4: TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Ann Senecal

- MaryAnn gave her report. September to July: inflow is \$377,815.75; outflow is \$261,618.69. Overall balance is \$116,197.06. Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the report as presented. Barry Roffer seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.
- Mary Ann Senecal and Monique Grayson attended the SWIMS training program in Colorado Springs in June. The program, which replaces the STAR/NTV/OVC programs, is new and will be really great once everything is functional. All meet results are now entered into a "Holding Tank" at USA-Swimming. Athletes with registration errors [incorrect spelling of last name, or of first name, or incorrect birth date, or athlete not registered] or relays without names or incorrect information, are kept into the tank until such information is corrected by Mary Ann &/or Monique. More information will be given at the General meeting in September. Mary Ann & Monique had a great trip.

### **5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** Bea Hartigan

- Bea sent a letter to Len Galluzzi regarding the Hall Of Fame dinner. Attendance has been poor. People need to be notified and invited much earlier, not at the last minute. Dates for next year should be set as soon as possible.
- Entries for the 5K are slow coming and are late as usual! As of July 7, 60 masters swimmers were entered in the 5K; 12-15 are entered in the Open 5K (including 3 from NYAC); about 24 are entered in the Age Group 5K (including 17 from TVSC).

### **6: OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

- Holger & Chris got involved with officiating at the Special Olympics at Hofstra University in June. Holger asked the Board to subsidize the Special Olympics. Discussion followed. Bea Hartigan made a motion that the Metro Board's opinion was not in favor to subsidize the timing system operator for Special Olympics NYS Games 2003. Gil Smith seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor. Motion carries.
- Chris mentioned that once again there is a lack of volunteer officials schedule to participate in the very busy next 3 to 4 weeks (Grand Prix, Senior Mets, JO's). There are not enough officials volunteering from Suffolk County (does the Area Chair call officials?). Brian Berg and Paul McClintock do a good job securing volunteer officials from their areas.

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

Dave was unable to attend the meeting.

- Very small Senior Mets at this time (entries due July 8). Still trying to finalize positions of announcer, clerk of course, meet marshals, etc.
- Lehman College proposal: the board reviewed the "Lehman Rental Proposal". Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the proposal sent by Marty Zwiren. Gil Smith seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all. Bea Hartigan asked to have more coolers with water on deck.

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

- The awards for JO's have been ordered for long course 2003 and short course 2004.
- Summer Zones: as of now, two coaches have requested to go. We need 6-8 coaches! Christian Robledo will not be able to attend Zones because he will be swimming at Nationals in College Park, MD at that time.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

Gil received a letter from the American Swim Coach Association regarding "Coach of the Year" for 2003. Previous year's recipients were Carolyn Johnson (BGNW: 2000), Kevin Stone (YMID: 2001) and Matt Gilman (AGUA: 2002). After discussion, the board nominated Dragos Coca of LaGuardia (LGAC) for this year's award.

**10: ATHLETES REP:** Christian Robledo and Ryan Emanuel

- Athletes' reps will try to set up a working committee.
- They will get ready for the September meeting and prepare an agenda for the mandatory athletes meeting at the House of Delegates of September.

**11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

All hotel reservations (including those for 10-under swimmers) must go through Barry in order to get reduced rate for Long Course Zones in Pittsburgh.

**12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Registrations are quiet at this time.

- Barry attended the training for the registration part of SWIMS in San Antonio, Texas. The new "SWIMS" program will be in effect in July.
- It is extremely important that coaches have the exact information in their team manager database. Swimmers ID numbers must be entered exactly as on their cards. Last name, complete first name, middle initial and exact birth date must be included. Teams that used to use "Z" as middle initial must stop this practice.
- All registrations should be done on the Hy-Tek Team Manager and every team should correct their database. More info will be given at general meeting.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:**

David Ellinghaus was unable to attend the meeting.

- The technical planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 6:30pm at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester. Cut-off times for the 2004 championship meets will be decided then.
- We need to finalize the redistricting of Metro teams for North, Middle and South Age group meet.
- Ray reminded that cuts for the Age Group championships should be 1/100 sec. slower than JO cuts. No swimmer with JO or ZQ times should be at Age Group meet.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:**

JoAnn was unable to attend.

- Bea mentioned that Safety and Adapted Swimming would not be held at the same time at Convention.
- Coaches are reminded to renew their CPR every year!

**15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein  
There is nothing much to report at this time.

**16: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein  
Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting.

**17: FINANCE CHAIR:**  
George Rhein was unable to attend.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**  
There was no "Old Business" at this time.

**19: NEW BUSINESS:**

- \$110 per person for registration at Convention.
- Talk about rotating site of meeting. Flushing Y was not aware that we were meeting on July 7. There will not be a meeting of the Board in August.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>House of Delegates' Mandatory Meeting: Saturday, September 20, 2003 White Plains YWCA at 8:30am One athlete per team MUST be present at the meeting Afternoon suggested workshops: CPR, Officials recertification, Registration</b></p>
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**Next Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 7pm at Eisenhower Park.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
July 13, 2003