

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

**PRESENT:** Mary Fleckenstein, Ray D'Annolfo, Bea Hartigan, Barry Roffer, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz, Rich Finkelstein, and Len Galluzzi.

**EXCUSED:** George Rhein, David Ellinghaus, JoAnn McCaffrey, Gil Smith, Anthony Mironov and Ryan Emanuel.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park. Mary welcomed all members in attendance and introduced Corinne Cody as the new Adaptive Coordinator.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of April 20, 2004, was made by Mary Ann Senecal, seconded by Ray D'Annolfo, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

### **3: GENERAL CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Swimposium update: USA-Swimming doesn't hold a Swimposium on Sundays. After discussion, Bea Hartigan suggested that Metro host the Swimposium in the spring instead. Ray D'Annolfo seconded this motion. All agreed.
- b) Sue Anderson sent a copy of the Connecticut Conflict of Interest Statement, which is a revised version of the USA-Swimming Conflict of Interest Statement which USA Swimming Board and Committee members sign.
- c) Credit Card Usage: the board reviewed the appropriate usage of the credit card.
- d) Newburgh Meets: NBS did not send representatives to the General Meeting in May and forgot to bid on their meets. They are now requesting the following dates:  
October 24, 2004 – vote: 6 for – 1 against – meet is approved.  
December 11-12, 2004 – Mary will contact Marist before making a decision on this meet.  
January 21-23, 2005 – vote: 10 for – 1 against – meet is approved.
- e) Golden Goggle Awards Dinner: Rich Finkelstein would like Metro to be represented at the dinner in the fall in NY City. Full tables (and/or individual seats) are very expensive. We will table this issue until we have more information.
- f) Convention Update: Mary gave a copy of the convention general information. As of now, the following members will attend: Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Barry Roffer, and Dave Ferris. Both athletes' reps should attend. We still need confirmation from Gil Smith.
- g) Web page – at Mary's suggestion, it was decided that Monique Grayson will be the new liaison between Metro and John Coombs. Any postings on the website must go through the liaison. New pages will be added. The Zone page was added recently. We will meet with John as soon as possible.
- h) Sentauri Photos – Do not hire that company to take pictures at your meets! They took pictures at Silvers and Age Group South – some swimmers did not get their pictures and the clubs did not get their percentage of the sales. Attempts to contact them were fruitless! Phone and website have been disconnected.
- i) USA-Swimming audit of financial statements are available if interested.

### **4: TREASURER'S REPORT:** MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/03 – 6/4/04.

- Barry Roffer made a motion to accept the report as presented. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion which was accepted by all.
- Mary requested signature cards from the bank (switch over from Ray to Mary's).
- Mary Ann will try to give a more detailed report to the board (for example: income, expenses and budget lined-up in each category)

### **5: FINANCE CHAIR:** George Rhein

George was unable to attend the meeting

**6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** Bea Hartigan

- Bea reminded us that all attendees at Convention must complete the Code of Conduct and Medical Waiver forms, ***so be sure that the athletes have them completed before leaving home if they are young enough to need a parent signature.***
- Mary will take care of the flights reservations. Bea will take care of registrations and hotel reservations for the Convention in Orlando.
- Due to entry fees that are still outstanding, APEX Swim Club will not accept any further entries from Riverbank without payment in advance for all future Metro meets sponsored at Lehman College. Bea reminded all that the host club has the option not to accept entries from clubs that do not send payment or a voucher for payment.
- RED: had bid for a meet on May 21-23. Now they say that the meet is taking place in June!
- Bea would like to see the return of having the House of Delegates meetings on weekends instead of week nights.
- Bea mentioned that there were only seven board members at the budget meeting and that a 20 percent raise was done at the meeting.

**7: OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

- De-certification letter: response to Christine Klepeis about her letter of appeal.
- Update web page for officials: the officials' database will be made unavailable until all officials from all areas are included.
- A list of all certified administrative referees will be available at a future date.
- "Ask an Official" – questions & answers from Blue pages of Rules book.

**8: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

- Dave said that Senior Mets long course was ready to go. It will be held at Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park: timed finals – evening sessions.
- Dave presented his plans for a new pool. The Board will evaluate his request.

**9: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

- New Chair update: a few possibilities. Nothing definite as yet.
- College kids at Zone Qual/Zones: Bea Hartigan made a motion that ***"if a swimmer has participated in a meet representing an institution beyond grade 12, that swimmer is not eligible for the Zone Qualifying meet"***. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion which was approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- Awards for SC and LC JO's have been ordered.
- Zone coaches application forms are on the new "Zone" page of the Metro website.

**10: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:**

Gil Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

**11: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:**

Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov were unable to attend the meeting.

**12: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- The team will stay at the Adams Marks hotel in Buffalo this summer. Barry will request that some rooms be available for "late checkout".
- Estimates for the busses are in.
- A letter will be sent to swimmers that left Zones early.

**13: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Reminder: all registrations MUST be done on Hy-Tek export file, **even for 1 swimmer!**

In addition: **all meet entries** must be done on disk or they will be sent back. **Every Metro Club must use Hy-Tek software.**

**14: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend the meeting.

- We need to be stricter with the meet bid process.
- Teams MUST be in attendance at the bid meeting to bid on meets.

### **15: SAFETY COORDINATOR:**

JoAnn McCaffrey was unable to attend the meeting.

- JoAnn attended the Safety Seminar in Atlanta and had a great trip.
- Red Cross is still working on a new program.

### **16: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Corinne Cody

Welcome Aboard, Corinne!

- Mary gave Corinne the information she had on Adaptive Swimming.
- Plan for coach, official and chair to go to the disability nationals.

### **17: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein

Rich said that there was nothing new at this time.

### **18: OPEN WATER CHAIR:** Bea Hartigan

As of June 8<sup>th</sup> - 1 Age Group swimmer had registered for the Open Water Championships in July. Four Masters swimmers registered for the 5K, and 38 Masters registered for the 10K (4 of those are former English Channel swimmers)

### **19: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

- Len said that this year's Hall of Fame Dinner (6<sup>th</sup> Annual) was immensely successful. He will continue running the election and print the program but would like someone else to organize the dinner and do the announcement. He will also write a proposal for changing the voting system.
- Len will coordinate a list of past recipients – addresses etc. The plaques will be moved to a wall by the entrance, downstairs, at the Nassau County Aquatic Facility.
- A plaque for Senior Mets winners and Joe Stetz Scholarship winners will be added.
- We will include the names of the last 5 years winners of Senior Mets and Joe Stetz on the program.

### **20: OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Meet Marshals MUST be registered with USA-Swimming and MUST be visible.**  
Marshals shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue (USA Swimming rulebook – 102.18).
- As mentioned above (#6-Administrative Vice Chair): Due to entry fees that are still outstanding, APEX Swim Club will not accept any further entries from Riverbank without payment in advance for all future Metro meets sponsored at Lehman College. A host club has the option not to accept entries from clubs that do not send payment or a voucher for payment.

### **21: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Holger Fietkau made a motion to increase the mileage refund from 30¢ to 37¢. Kris Sawicz seconded the motion. Vote: 8 for – 1 against – **motion carries**. It was reminded that mileage refund is available for BOD meetings but not for HOD meetings.
- Bea Hartigan made a motion to lower the per diem back from \$40 to \$35 to be in line with national organization. Mary Ann seconded the motion. Vote: 8 for – 1 against – **motion carries**.
- The Age Group meet's time standard for the 11-12 girls 500 free (6:04.00) was omitted on the 2005 Metro Championship Meets Time Standards that was available at the May meeting. The corrected file and the Time Standards export file for Team Manager are available on the Metro Website.

**Next House of Delegates:  
Mandatory meeting for all Clubs. One athlete per club MUST be present at this meeting.  
Sunday, September 26, 2004 at 8:30am at White Plains YWCA**

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