

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

**PRESENT:** Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, George Rhein, Rich Finkelstein, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz and Lenny Galluzzi.

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Corinne Cody, Carolyn Johnson, Brian Brown, Larry Collins, Ryan Emanuel, Anthony Mironov, Eddie Larry, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer and David Ellinghaus.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in Long Island. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

### 2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of BOD of January 12, 2005: #3d: Bea Hartigan *made a motion to charge suggested* a \$5 fee per attendee. *The motion was seconded and accepted by all.* #5a: Computer: George has the *Metro Laptop* computer ... #15b: Mary Ann and Monique will receive their first check at the end of February, *and therefore the 2<sup>nd</sup> one in August.* #24b: The Board said it was in violation of ~~Metro policy~~ *USA-Swimming Rules and Regulations* to switch events into a new session once the meet info has been posted.

A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of January 12, 2005, was made by George Rhein, seconded by Bea Hartigan, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

### 3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Colorado Springs: Mary Fleckenstein gave a brief summary of the General Chairs' workshop she attended in Colorado, January 21-23.
- b) Eastern Zone Pins: 250 have been delivered.
- c) Swimposium: is set for Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Asphalt Green. Registrations are coming in slowly. Teams are encouraged to attend. **All new clubs MUST attend the Club Development meeting.**
- d) Outstanding Service Award: email your nominations to Mary as soon as possible.
- e) Metro run championships – assignments/board run vs. club run: long discussion on this subject. Dave Ferris suggested that we set parameters, decide what we like and/or don't like, set dates and get a facility. Age Group, Senior and Technical Planning will talk more about this.
- f) Drug information on web page: we will insert a link to USA-Swimming website Re: drug policy. <http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=63&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>
- g) Eastern Zone Spring Meeting: May 7<sup>th</sup> – Bea Hartigan, Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Eddie Larry and Dave Ferris – (Anthony Mironov?) – Please let Mary know your thoughts on Zone Meet Potential Issues (rules Re: attendance at Zones for swimmers with Sectional cuts).

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

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/04 – 3/8/05. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as presented. George Rhein seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### 5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) Laptop Computer has been received.
- b) Please email George your budget requests for 2005-06 before April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Meet Reports: Bea just received reports from 2 clubs that were delinquent, one of which will be sent to review.
- b) Clubs owing entry fees to other clubs or to Metro: will not be able to vote at House of Delegates. Bea will give the list to Mary

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

- a) Pool selection for Summer Senior Mets must be decided soon.
- b) Eddie Larry, Dave Ferris and David Ellinghaus need to meet about next year's schedule.
- c) Metropolitan Swimming Club Development Program: Dave gave us a draft of the achievement program in support of USA-Swimming. Long discussion about it followed. Metro could decide on the criteria for our LSC. Dave Ferris made a proposal that the achievement program goes in concept for \$30,000 into the budget for 2005-06 for approval at the House of Delegates in May. Bea seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Eddie Larry

Eddie was unable to attend. There was a long discussion about the Zone Qualifier meet and the Eastern Zone rule about Sectional cuts.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

Gil was unable to attend.

**10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov

Both Ryan and Anthony were absent.

**11: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend.

- a) Need to reserve the pool for JO's for next year if doing the same way
- b) Meeting with Age Group and Senior Chairs
- c) Continue research on Invitational vs. Metro Meets

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

- a) Holger received a letter from USA-Swimming about a meeting for officials (referees of 2 years or less) in Colorado Springs, May 28-30, 2005. Holger recommended that Chris Smith (LIAC) and Ann Fosteris (FLY) attend the meeting.
- b) A meeting about the Joe Stetz Scholarship will take place March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Barry was unable to attend. Everything is set for Zones.

**14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Barry was unable to attend. Reminder that coaches must update their certifications and have their certifications in their possession at meets.

**15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16:** Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Only a few names left in the Holding Tank.
- b) New transfers report which is really great.

**16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR:** Monique Grayson

- a) Outdated information must be removed. We will sit down and check each page.

**17: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn was unable to attend the meeting.

**18: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

- a) HOF Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Riccardo's Restaurant & Catering in Astoria, Queens.
- b) Announcement will go up on the website this week.

**19: DISABILITY COORDINATOR:** Corinne Cody

Corinne was unable to attend the meeting. The Disabilities Championships were cancelled.

**20: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein

There was nothing new to report.

**21: OUTREACH COORDINATORS:** Brian Brown and Larry Collins

Both Brian and Larry were unable to attend.

**22: OLD BUSINESS:**

No report on Old Business.

**24: NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion about coaches entering false times for championship meets. Should proof of times be provided before championship meets? This problem needs to go to Technical Planning.
- b) Problems at 8 & Under Championships:
  - o Coaches certifications were not checked
  - o Warm-up were extended past posted time (reason was because scratches were not yet done and meet was not ready to go)
  - o Awards were not given as per championship rules (medals 1-6 if 6 lanes pool; 1-8 if 8 lanes pool.
  - o Problem with admission/program fee
- c) Elections in May: Nominations are open for the following positions on the Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors:
  - o Age Group Chairperson
  - o Treasurer
  - o Technical Planning Chairperson
  - o Safety Coordinator
  - o Board of Review

Anyone interested in running for a position listed above must contact the Metropolitan Swimming office, in writing, by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Elections will take place at the May House of Delegates Meeting.

**Next meetings:**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2005 – at 7pm at White Plains**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2005 – HOD at White Plains**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holger, seconded by Kris, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – March 17, 2005