

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 16, 2002

At White Plains YWCA

**PRESENT:** David Ellinghaus, Larry Collins, JoAnn McCaffrey, John McIlhargy, Gil Smith, Rich Finkelstein, Monique Grayson, Robie Ortof, Mary Fleckenstein & Barry Roffer.

**EXCUSED:** Mary Ann Senecal, Paul Weir.

**ABSENT:** Scott Bartleson, Christian Robledo.

**1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting came to order at 5:21pm

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

David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the minutes of February 24, 2002. JoAnn seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes are accepted as mailed.

**3: GENERAL CHAIR:** Larry Collins – outline of House of Delegates meeting

- ❖ 2002 First Quarter Accident Summary Report
- ❖ Nominations from USA-Swimming
- ❖ Newspaper clippings from Chuck Wielgus at USA-Swimming
- ❖ Governance Study recommended by Task Force
- ❖ Proposed Camp Development Committee
- ❖ Proposed Coaches Forum
- ❖ Proposed Outreach Project Committee
- ❖ Eastern Zone Meeting:
  - Sectional Meet: run by Zones but USA-Swimming Bid Process
  - Addition of events for Zones: strokes 200's for the 11-12 age group, and 500/400 free for the 10-under
  - Super Sectional meet (combining section 1 & 2)
  - Raise of USA-Swimming registration dues for 2004 (\$15 first year, then \$1 per year for 10 years)
  - Team selection for meets at Summer nationals
  - New sponsor for USA-Swimming: Splash TV on Nickelodeon, Mutual Of Omaha
- ❖ Rich Finkelstein asked why there is a \$2 surcharge at Zone Qual meet since it is not a "championship" meet.

**4: TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MaryAnn Senecal was unable to attend.

Robie Ortof reviewed the proposed budget for 2002-03. Change in surcharge for one-year trial (\$0 for 8-under championship; \$1 for Silvers, JO's and Age Group; \$2 for ZQ and Senior Mets).

**5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:**

Scott Bartleson was not at the meeting. Rich Finkelstein questioned the fact that some teams don't send their meets information to all clubs. The answer was that meet info must be available on the website 6 weeks before the meets, and host clubs must also send the information to all clubs. Clubs should send it to the Metro Website as soon as they receive their meet sanction numbers.

**6: OFFICIALS:**

Rich Finkelstein asked what the criteria are for the Joe Stetz Scholarship. He believes that it was a financial need based scholarship, not a Metro MVP scholarship. This should be reviewed.

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:**

Summer Senior Mets will be held at Lehman and hosted by the Association.

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT:** John McIlhargy

- ❖ Camp program: Mac will get people for the committee.
- ❖ Zones: everything is set for the summer Zones in Buffalo.
- ❖ Zones 2001: Metro does owe money to the hotel in Maryland. Two bills were not included with the rest and they will be paid right away.

**9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

No report at this time

**10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVE:**

The athletes' representatives were absent.

**11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Everything is set for Summer Zones

**12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Barry said that Brad thanks everyone at Metro.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coaches: please update your credentials. 2<sup>nd</sup> year coaches must pass the test in order to re-register.</b></p>
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**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David thanked Larry for nominating him for the 2002 Phillips Petroleum Company Outstanding Service Award. He received the award and said that it was very nice! Congratulations, David.

The bid meeting will take place tonight, at the House of Delegates meeting.

Technical Planning has been looking at the Metropolitan short-course championship schedule to determine whether our present format is the best for our athletes.

- ❖ The current format allows our swimmers the opportunity to progress from one level to the next.
- ❖ The current format has led to a consistently strong zone team. The ZQ meet also minimizes the administrative load of the zone team coordinator.
- ❖ Both the JO's and ZQ meet have consistently produced a high number of NAG Top 16 reportable times.
- ❖ Both the JO's and ZQ meet have proven to be manageable under the current format.

However:

- ❖ Holding JO's in mid-February means no championship meet in March with relays.
- ❖ The current format takes some of the excitement out of JO's.
- ❖ The current format requires us to place Silvers the first weekend of February, offering less preparation time after the December holidays.
- ❖ The current format means an additional weekend at a meet for athletes, coaches, parents. However, when JO's and ZQ were combined in the past, the meet has proven to be too large and almost unmanageable.

**Options:**

- ❖ 1: Maintain our current format based on progression. The format allows us to keep the 15-18 age group in both JO's and ZQ meet. The issue of whether a swimmer aging up prior to Zones may swim finals in his/her current age group at ZQ meet must be answered.
- ❖ 2: Combine JO's and ZQ into one meet in March. Prelims/Finals for 11-12 and 13-14. Timed finals for 10&under. The 15-18 age group would be removed from this meet. Swimmers aging up between JO/ZQ and Zones would have the option of swimming in their current age group for the entire meet (including finals) or of swimming up for the entire meet. (Swimmers would be allowed to swim in their current age group for relays even if they swim up in their individual events.) The zone team for 15-18 would be selected from **proven** times submitted to the Metro office no later than the weekend of the JO/ZQ meet. The window of opportunity would be from December 1 of the current short course season through the JO/ZQ weekend.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** JoAnn McCaffrey

Nothing much at this time.

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

Nothing much at this time.

**16: OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time

**17: NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Rich Finkelstein wants to know why the info for the ESG Hudson Valley trials was on the Metro website. JoAnn explained that it was not supposed to be there and had been removed.
- ❖ There are not many Long Course Meets in Metro this summer! West Point had to close down and their meets were cancelled.

**Next Board Of Directors Meeting:  
Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00pm @ the Flushing YMCA**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry, seconded by Dave, and accepted by all!  
Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
May 18, 2002