

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

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

**EXCUSED:** Dave Ferris, David Ellinghaus, Georges Rhein, JoAnn McCaffrey, Gil Smith, and John McIlhargy.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed all members in attendance.

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

Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2003, as mailed. Barry Roffer seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

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

- a) All meetings at the Flushing YMCA must conclude no later than 9:30pm.
- b) Ray received a letter from Marty Zwiren (Lehman College).
- c) Eastern Zone meeting took place in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Ray received a Thank You letter from Mrs. Boehm.
- e) Hearing: Zone meet incident with Ryan Emanuel. The Board of Directors listened to Ryan's apology and Mrs. Emanuel's comments. The Board decided to accept Ryan's apology and to let him stay on as Junior Athlete Representative. The Board feels that Ryan grew from this incident and will do a great job as Jr. Rep.

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

MaryAnn gave her report. It will be available at the House of Delegates meeting. September to March: inflow is \$369,764.75; outflow is \$244,161.38. Overall balance is \$125,603.37.

Barry Roffer made a motion to accept the report as presented. Rich Finkelstein seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.

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

- End of season report: all payments are in at this time.
- Questions arose while reviewing some meets' psych sheets and financial reports. Sometimes there is a difference in the number of swims (especially when financial report doesn't show scratches, DQ's and no show).
- Eastern Zone Report: the Zone is launching a 2-year project of including swimmers with disabilities at the Zone meets. Each zone would be allowed to add two swimmers with disabilities 12-under and two swimmers 13-over in addition to the regular number of swimmers.

### **6: OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Chris Sawicz

- In order to make the officiating at Metro meets more professional and more consistent, the Supervisory group of Officials Chair persons and the Area Chairs presented their report.
- Clubs wishing to secure their own officials would be required to furnish the Area Chair with a list of officials working the meet before the start of the meet so that the Area Chair could be assured that all officials working the meet are credentialed and certified.
- The list of all certified officials will be posted on the website and updated as needed.
- Scratch procedure must be detailed on all championship meets information.

### **7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

Dave was unable to attend the meeting.

- Entry fee for long course Senior Mets is \$3.00 (Timed finals)
- Clarification is needed on the scratches' procedure and it must be specified in the meet info.
- A sign, reminding the swimmers of the rules, could be posted by the results.

- The general rule is that coaches must familiarize themselves with the rules and should teach the rules to their swimmers.

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

Mac was unable to attend the meeting. We need to have the possibility to adjust the starting time of sessions for Championship meets if the meet is small. This should be specified in the meet info. Each team would have to include an email address so we could email all clubs about change of starting time.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

Gil was unable to attend.

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

Ryan mentioned that athletes would like to see separate lanes "by stroke" at warm-up. Athletes also feel that Eisenhower Park is better than Lehman for big meets because there are more hotels in the immediate area. Ray reminded the athletes that they could form a committee made up of 4 or 5 athletes.

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

Bus & hotel are OK for Long Course Zones in Pittsburgh. Barry already has rooms at hotel in Virginia for next short course zone meet at George Mason University.

Discussion at Eastern Zone meeting about making the cuts for 15-18 slower than Speedo Champion Series (Sectionals) cuts. It will be voted on in September.

Speedo Champion Series (Sectionals) in March 2004 at LIAC will be held Long Course.

Sectionals in Buffalo this summer is an Open meet. It will be held at the same time as Empire State Games.

**12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Registration is quiet at this time. New "Swims" program will be in effect in July.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:**

David Ellinghaus was unable to attend the meeting.

- New events (and cuts) for the long course JO's will be available soon (10-under 400 free and 200 strokes for 11-12).
- Swimmers with JO cuts should not be allowed at the Age-Group Championships.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:**

JoAnn was unable to attend.

**15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Mary is suggesting that each meet notice include the following: "swimmers with disabilities should be encouraged to attend". This notice should be posted on the website as well.

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

There is nothing new at this time.

**17: FINANCE CHAIR:**

George Rhein was unable to attend.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**

- From Senior Chair: Proposal at HOD: Fine vs Swimmer out @ Sr. Met for Timers Violation.
- Election will take place at House of Delegates this Thursday, May 15, 2003

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson

May 14, 2003