

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

**PRESENT:** Ray D'Annolfo, Barry Roffer, Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Chris Sawicz, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Rich Finkelstein, Holger Fietkau, Georges Rhein, Dave Ferris and Christian Robledo.

**EXCUSED:** Gil Smith, David Ellinghaus, Ryan Emanuel and JoAnn McCaffrey

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed all members in attendance.

### 2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections to the minutes of October 14, 2003:

#5 – Administrative Vice Chair: Metro Championships: meet committee may be made of different ~~board~~ members at each session of metro run championships.

#12 – Registration: The NYAC must swim "unattached" for 4 months, from September 17, 2003 until January 17, 2004.

Barry Roffer made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

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

- Ray received an answer from Carol Birch about the Swimposium to be held at the General Meeting on Sunday, September 26, 2004. Planning of Swimposium will start after the New Year.
- Metro will refund the cost of items that were never received by 3 swimmers at LC Zones.
- The Metropolitan Hall Of Fame needs a new site. It could be in a hallway.
- Marist Distance Meet: a few events were not scheduled (400 IM's). Bea Hartigan made a motion to give a reduced stipend of \$750 to Marist for their meet. Holger Fietkau seconded the motion that was then accepted by all.

<p>It is reminded that in order to receive the \$1000 stipend for a Distance Meet the following events MUST be scheduled: 12&amp;Under 500 free; 13-14 400 IM; 11-12 400 IM; Open 1650 free</p>
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- Barry Roffer made a motion to follow Ray D'Annolfo's recommendation for transfers: After a transfer form has been sent to a club there will be a 30-day period for that club to respond. If the Metro office has not received the written form after 30 days, we will assume that the swimmer is clear to be transferred. The 120 days rule in which a swimmer must swim unattached will still apply. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.

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

- MaryAnn didn't have her report (problems with the printer).
- We are solvent.

### 5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- It is reminded that the Metropolitan Swimming website is not to be used for personal use.

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

- Chris Sawicz and Joe Hogan attended the Officials Meeting in Colorado Springs, October 24-26. Chris went over some of the topics that have been most frequently mentioned in discussions with officials over the US.
- There was a long discussion on the differences between a **sanctioned** meet (USA-Swimming meet with a sanction number given by LSC), an **approved** meet (meet in which not all swimmers are members of USA-Swimming but is run strictly under the USA-Swimming Technical rules) and an **observed** meet (high school or College Championships, YMCA, which is not necessarily officiated in its entirety by USA-Swimming officials and in which swims must be

“observed” upon request made prior to the swim. Swimmers must fill out “Individual Verification Form” in order to have their swim(s) “observed”. The assigned observers are responsible for determining whether the swim(s) conform(s) to USA-Swimming Technical Rules).

- A motion to recognize times of “observed” swims from the NY City high school championship was made, seconded and approved.
- A motion to grant “Observed Meet” status to the Girls Catholic High School championship was made, seconded and approved (7 yes/2 no/1 abstention). Swimmers must bring “Individual Verification Request Forms”.
- A motion to grant “Blanket Observed Meet” status to the Girls High School State Championships was made, seconded and approved (5 yes/2 no/3 abstentions).
- A motion to grant “Observed Meet” status to the Suffolk County High School Championships was made, seconded and approved (7 yes/1 no/I abstention)

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

- Dave asked if everything was in order with negotiations with Lehman for JO’s, Sr. Mets and Zone Qual meets.
- Dave made a motion to increase the stipend for Metropolitan swimmers attending the 2004 Olympic Trials in California, to \$1,250. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. After discussion on this matter the motion was amended and the amount changed to \$1,500. Everyone was in favor. Motion carries. In order for the swimmers to receive this stipend, they must swim in at least six (6) Metro sanctioned meets and participate in at least one (1) Senior Mets.

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

- Mary presented a bill that still needed to be paid for Long Course Zones. Mary Ann will take care of it.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

- Gil was unable to attend the meeting. A “Coach Of The Year” nomination form must be prepared and mailed to all clubs.

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

- Ryan was unable to attend the meeting. Christian will give Bea the list of athletes that are interested to be on a committee.

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

- Nothing new at this time

**12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- Too many clubs have unregistered swimmers competing at meets. Coaches can’t give a “grace period to see if the swimmers like it”. They MUST be registered with USA-Swimming as soon as they start practicing with a team.
- All coaches MUST be registered and the credentials and fees in the hands of the coordinator BEFORE coaches are allowed on deck! Coaches MUST wear their cards at all meets.

A SWIMMER MUST be registered before competing in a meet. **All registrations must be in the hands of the REGISTRATION COORDINATOR for the swimmer to be considered registered.** There are no pending registrations or registrations to be held by the clubs. If swimmers are not registered, they are not a member of USA-Swimming and therefore not eligible to compete in meets or to be considered for awards, honors, or NVTs. There are no retroactive registrations or NVTs.

If a swimmer is entered in a meet and competes without registration, USA-Swimming RULE 302 on athlete registration, permits the LSC to assess a **\$100 fine per swimmer** to a coach or club representative who indicates that a swimmer is registered for a meet by entering the swimmer in the meet, when in fact that athlete is not duly registered.

- New club called New York Sharks (NYS) must have new initials.
- Some clubs are still in arrears with payment of long course JO’s.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:**

David Ellinghaus was unable to attend the meeting. He has been busy reviewing meet information for Silvers, JO's and Senior Mets.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:**

JoAnn was unable to attend. Coaches are reminded to send their accident reports to JoAnn.

**15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Mary has been invited to an Adapted Swimming Workshop in Colorado Springs January 23-25, 2004. She is interested and will attend.

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

There is nothing new at this time.

**17: FINANCE CHAIR:**

George Rhein is looking into more advantageous bank account and potential mutual funds for Metro. He is looking into Bond funds and Stock Funds. Bea and George will review information and find a solution for the excess funds.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**

- Barry will look into purchasing Neck Band with Card Holder for coaches' cards.

**19: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Monique Grayson made a motion to wave the 20% Metro surcharge for all Distance meets in which a Metro stipend is given. Mary seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Next Board of Directors meeting:  
Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 6:30pm at White Plains YWCA**

**House of Delegates' Meetings:**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2004 (Bid meeting Summer Meets)  
Wednesday, May 12, 2004 (Bid meeting 2004-05 Meets)  
Sunday, September 26, 2004 (Mandatory meeting + Athlete)**

**At White Plains YWCA**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
November 13, 2003