

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, Holger Fietkau, Chris Sawicz, MaryAnn Senecal, Monique Grayson, John McIlhargy, Paul Weir.

EXCUSED: Richie Finkelstein, David Ellinghaus, Mary Fleckenstein, Barry Roffer, Gil Smith, Christian Robledo and JoAnn McCaffrey

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed those present.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of September had not yet been mailed out. They will have to be approved at the next meeting.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- Bea Hartigan sent a letter about starting blocks to Marty at Lehman College.
- Ray read a letter from Art Bilodeau (West Point) about distance meet stipend and problems with a dryer at the academy. After long discussion, Mac made a motion to give West Point the \$1000 stipend for the distance meet. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. 6 were in favor, 2 were opposed. Motion carried.
- Bea Hartigan and David Ellinghaus will review guidelines for distance meets. We will get a copy when this is done.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

No report at this time. We are solvent.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- Bea has not received any ideas from teams on the subject of how to celebrate the 25th anniversary of USA-Swimming.
- Problems in the wording of some meet information. Sanction number must also be included in the meet information. Bea will get in touch with the teams involved.
- When making up times for NT, please be realistic! Bea contacted one club about their fictitious times.
- Flying Dolphins is still delinquent in meet report and check from a meet held on May 5th. Badger/Apex has not send reports from long course JO's.
- Bea received a letter from a parent about a swimmer that was not considered for the Metro Scholarship due to the difference in deadline dates for applications. The cut-off date on the website was in June 7th, but the winners were chosen in May! Bea asked Chris and Holger to review the Metropolitan Officials Scholarship Award information.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Chris Sawicz

- Holger said that the Officials Chair decision on the number of volunteer sessions was not accepted very well. They had a meeting with the Area Chair people after the House of Delegates in September. As a result:
Stroke & Turns judges who need to do 6 sessions for re-certification each year will need to volunteer for **one (1) session** at a Metro run championship meet or National meet.
Starters and Referees who need to do 8 sessions for re-certification each year will need to volunteer for **two (2) sessions** at a Metro run championship meet or National meet.
- Holger received an email from Janet Law (Old Dominion) about how much she enjoyed officiating at the long course meets that ran from both ends of the pool at LIAC.
- Holger ordered videotapes and books on officiating. Each Area Chair will be given a set.
- Administrative Clinic: October 19th at 10am at Marist College (Brian Berg and JoAnn McCaffrey)

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

No report at this time.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

All is set for the winter Zone meet. Gil, Lenny and Mac met to talk about camps after the House of Delegates meeting. They will present it at the next meeting.

9: COACHES REP: Gil Smith

Gil was unable to attend.

10: ATHLETES' REP: Paul Weir

Paul had nothing to present at this time. He wasn't at the last meeting and did not get the minutes.

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Barry was unable to attend.

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Barry was unable to attend.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend the meeting. David and Bea will review guidelines for "Distance" meets.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend the meeting. October 19th Administration Clinic info is on website.

15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary was unable to attend the meeting.

16: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Rich was unable to attend the meeting. Bea spoke to Rich earlier and said that New York City Aquatic Club and Riverbank are way behind with their Swim-A-Thon money (SAT was in March).

17: OLD BUSINESS:

MaryAnn suggested that when Barry receives the applications for sanctions, he should put them in a file with the meet informations and keep all for at least a year.

18: NEW BUSINESS:

- Richie had told Bea that he had some questions about the meet information regarding the awards of West Point Trials/Finals meet in December.
- Dave Ferris mentioned that, if we are going to bring the athletes at the September General meeting, we should have a program for them. We could ask an elite swimmer to come and talk to the athletes. We should also include the athletes in voting process at the meeting. Mac is volunteering to help Paul & Christian look into this and put an agenda together for the next meeting in September 2003.

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

**Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the Flushing YMCA
7:00pm (dinner), 7:30pm (meeting)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
October 11, 2002