

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

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

**EXCUSED:** Dave Ferris, David Ellinghaus, Georges Rhein, Christian Robledo, Ryan Emanuel and JoAnn McCaffrey

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:24pm 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 July 7, 2003, as mailed. Barry Roffer seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

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

- Ray reminded all that all New Clubs must attend a Leadership/Business Management course during the first year of membership.
  - October 16 & 17: Eastern State Clinic taught by Tom Avischious at Cherry Hill, New Jersey (info is at [www.swimclinic.com](http://www.swimclinic.com))
  - October 18 at Connecticut Swimposium taught by Sue Anderson in New Haven ([www.ctswim.org](http://www.ctswim.org))
  - November 11-12 in Alleghany Mountains - Pittsburgh
- We are trying to organize a Swimposium. Tentative date would be at the General Meeting on Sunday, September 26, 2004.
- Metro will refund the cost of suit that was never received by a swimmer at long course Zones.
- The 2004 dues for Eastern Zones will be paid (\$125).
- The Metropolitan Hall Of Fame needs a new site.
- Stipend for Convention was set at \$40 per person per day.

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

- MaryAnn gave her report. September to July: inflow is \$377,815.75; outflow is \$261,618.69. Overall balance is \$116,197.06. Mary Ann received more bills that will be paid. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as read. Gil Smith seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.
- Some clubs still owe entry fees from Long Course Junior Olympics.

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

- Bea sent a letter to Don Green about Vincent Harkins (High school official).
- John Hutchins (NY Parks & Rec.) was not at the bid meeting in May. Wants to hold his annual meet. We will check into that.
- Metro Championships: meet committee may be made of different board members at each session of Metro run championships.

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

- Chris Sawicz and Joe Hogan will attend the Officials Meeting in Colorado Springs, October 24-26.
- There have been many clinics already for recertification and new officials (in White Plains, Asphalt Green, Flushing) and more are scheduled: Sachem (October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm), White Plains Middies (October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm) and at LIAC.
- Chris mentioned that they are not receiving the officials meet reports.
- The officials areas will be divided into five areas as follows:
  - \* Hudson Valley North (Brian Berg)
  - \* Hudson Valley South (Paul McClintock)
  - \* NYC [Bronx, Manhattan, Queens] (Joe Hogan)
  - \* Staten Island/Brooklyn (Tony DeNoble)
  - \* Nassau/Suffolk (Chris Sawicz/Holger Fietkau)

- A motion to accept this report was made by Mary Fleckenstein, seconded by Gil Smith, and approved by all.
- Chris and Holger are asking coaches to distribute the applications for Officials Scholarship to all High School seniors.
- Reminder to all officials: each LSC must provide 1 or 2 officials at Zones.

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

Dave was unable to attend the meeting.

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

No report at this time.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

Gil wants to organize a clinic and wants ideas about topics (nutrition, swimming techniques, distance, sprints, specialty camp, etc.). We need enough notice about a Metro run clinic for it to be well attended.

Gil reminds teams that they can get the Toolbox from USA Swimming.

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

Christian and Ryan were unable to attend the meeting.

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

- Metro office email address is changing to: [offmetswim@optonline.net](mailto:offmetswim@optonline.net)
- We are looking for bids for Zones equipment

**12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Registrations are quiet at this time.

- The New York Athletic Club must swim "Unattached" for four months.
- It is extremely important that coaches have the exact information in their team manager database. Swimmers ID numbers must be entered exactly as on their cards. Last name, complete first name, middle initial and exact birth date must be included. Teams that used to use "Z" as middle initial must stop this practice.
- All registrations should be done on the Hy-Tek Team Manager and every team should correct their database.

**New Swimmers MUST be registered in order to swim in a meet – No exception!**  
**Swimmers cannot compete unless they are registered!**  
**Registrations cannot be completed until we receive a check.**  
**Registrations must be sent on disk only, even for 1 or 2 swimmers.**

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:**

David Ellinghaus was unable to attend the meeting.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:**

JoAnn was unable to attend.

**15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Mary reminds all coaches to contact her if they have a swimmer with disabilities on their team.

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

Rich Finkelstein reported that Condors was in arrears with payment for their Swim-A-Thon.

**17: FINANCE CHAIR:**

George Rhein was unable to attend. He is looking into more advantageous bank account and potential mutual funds for Metro.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chris Sawicz made a comment that many people were not aware of the departure time change for the bus leaving from White Plains for summer Zones.
- Comments were made about the look of the website and it's content.

**19: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Letter from Alan W. Arata about "Parents Guide to Swimming"
- Talk about purchasing "Metro" neck bands with card holder

**Next Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 6:30pm at Flushing YMCA.**

**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 9:15pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
October 22, 2003