

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, Holger Fietkau, Gil Smith, Monique Grayson, Barry Roffer, John McIlhargy, Christian Robledo.

EXCUSED: Mary Ann Senecal, Richie Finkelstein, David Ellinghaus, Mary Fleckenstein, Paul Weir, Lenny Galluzzi, Chris Sawicz, and JoAnn McCaffrey.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:54pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed those present and introduced Holger Fietkau, new officials co-chair (with Chris Sawicz).

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Dave Ferris made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 13, 2002. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

a. USAS Convention: all reports will be mailed out with the minutes.

* Individual athlete membership dues will be increased from \$25 to \$40 a year, effective with the 2004 membership year. Dues will increase a dollar a year for the next 10 years after that.

* All new Clubs must take and pass the New Club Management Course before registering for their second year. This would affect new clubs only. Others would be grandfathered.

* Effective immediately, USA Swimming will accept Ellis & Associates "National Pool & Water park Lifeguard Training Program – Universal Lifeguard License" in lieu of Safety Training for Swim Coaches.

* Metropolitan Swimming will host the 2004 USA-Swimming 10K National Championships (Congratulations, Bea!)

b. All Metro/USA meets (including Metro run meets) **must** have Meet Marshals (LSC to receive 5 free vests). Meet marshals must check the locker rooms as well as being responsible for safety on deck.

c. Letter from USA-Swimming headquarters about a complaint regarding violation of Code of Conduct in New Jersey.

d. The request made by West Point for distance meet stipend was denied (44 events doesn't qualify for "distance" meet).

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

MaryAnn was unable to attend. Barry Roffer read the report (as of 8/31/02). Gil Smith made a motion to accept the report. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. All in favor. Report accepted as read.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

a. Letter about safety of the starting blocks at Lehman College during long course season. Letter will be sent to Marty at Lehman.

b. Letter from officials chair about 15 meter marks on lane lines at Lehman. This will be included in the letter to Marty.

c. Post competition reports: meet hosts will be notified if report not in after 14 days of completion of meet.

d. Reminder to coaches: do not enter swimmers with NT (no time). Make up a time instead.

e. Ideas for 25th Anniversary celebration of USA-Swimming.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

a. Holger made a proposal to revise the officials re-certification requirements: All sessions for re-certification would be voluntary sessions; 2 sessions would be worked at Metro run meets; 1 session would be worked at National meet for Strokes & Turns judges, and 2 for starters and referees. Dave Ferris seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.

b. Each club must be encouraged to have a certified Head Timer responsible for running a clinic for all timers before meets.

- c. Dave Ferris made a motion that Metro would buy 3 sets of training tapes for officials. Barry seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a. Ray gave Dave the list of scratches between prelims and finals at long course Senior Mets.
- b. Dave contacted West Point regarding dates availability for Senior Circuit.
- c. World Cup will be held at Eisenhower Park (only stop in North America): November 22 & 23, 2002. \$5 admission for Metro Swimmers and Coaches. Contact LIAC.
- d. Dates of Grand Prix meet: July 10-13, 2003

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

- a. Too many swimmers in the USA swimming out of Age Group. Some kind of system is needed to verify age (birth certificate).
- b. New events at Zones: 10-unders: 500/400 free. 11-12: 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly. They will be included in the Zone Qualifier meet (same schedule as Zones).

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- a. Club fundraising idea book
- b. Camps: one in spring, one in summer, one in fall. Hardest is to get coaches that have the time to attend.

10: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE: Paul Weir & Christian Robledo

Christian enjoyed Convention. Reminder: each club must bring an athlete at the September meeting.

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Metro finished fifth overall at LC Zones (girls were first, boys seventh). Thanks to Mary and her staff for a job well done.

Question on \$2.00 fee for Zone Qual. meet: check minutes of May 16, 2002.

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Barry mentioned that Staten Island Aquatics and University were without a pool.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend. Monique gave a copy of the minutes of August 29th Technical Planning meeting. Updated 2003 time standards were available. They are also available on the Metro Website in STD format to import in Team Manager (right click on STD, then "Save target as", then import file "Metro" in Time Standards in TM).

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend the meeting

15: ADAPTED COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary was unable to attend the meeting.

16: SWIM-A-THON COORDINATOR: Rich Finkelstein

Rich was unable to attend the meeting

17: OLD BUSINESS:

- a. HAA can run Age Group Championships South as scheduled.
- b. Did West Point contact Condors (Bob Carlucci) about their request to change date of WP meet?

18: NEW BUSINESS:

Three Village (TVSC) is canceling their October and November meets. No pool.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed at 9:45pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2002 – 7pm at Flushing YMCA

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson, September 22, 2002