

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2003

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 7:18pm.
The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections of minutes of September 21, 2002 House of Delegates: In **General Chair:** a: last sentence: Metropolitan Swimming will host the 2004 USA-Swimming **Masters** 10K National Championships. In **Administrative Vice Chair:** last sentence: Open Water **Masters 10K** awarded to Metro. Gil Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of September 21, 2002 as corrected. Holger Fietkau seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- A: LIAC Bruce Boehm Memorial Meet Surcharge Waiver/Donation to Trust Fund. Mary Ann Senecal made a motion that Metropolitan Swimming will donate a check, in the amount of the surcharge received from the October 26-27 LIAC meet, to the Bruce Boehm Memorial Trust Fund. Ian Noach seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- B: THINK TANK COMMITTEE NEEDED. Suggestions are needed as to what Metro can do for Clubs, Coaches, etc. For example: Provide ASCA Seminar for Coaches; Coaches Clinics; USA Workshops; Olympians at meets; etc. If you have any suggestions, talk to Ray or Bea. Recommendations will be made at May meeting.
- C: Ray will attend the General Chairs Meeting in Tampa, Florida, February 20-23, 2003 (Sr. Mets weekend). Bea Hartigan will preside over the Board of Directors meeting in February.
- D: Club Chairman Sue Anderson: contact her at Sanderson@USA-Swimming.org
There is a new motivational video: only for clubs that already have the toolbox. USA Swimming Club Toolbox, free to USA Swimming registered clubs. This box is full of information and tools to help your club achieve success! Find it at:
<http://www.usa-swimming.org/programs/template.pl?opt=news&pubid=2678>
You can receive all of this information for **FREE** by:
*Completing the Club Membership Profile form, which asks in-depth questions about your club.
*In return, we give you this valuable resource for your clubs!
Each club is allowed to receive one toolbox. If your club has multiple sites and you would like to purchase additional toolboxes, they are available for \$150 each by contacting Christine Schemmel at cschemmel@usa-swimming.org or 719-866-3547.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Gil Smith made a motion to accept the report from September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The report presented by MaryAnn was accepted. After the meeting, Mary Ann caught two errors in the report: 1) \$23,000 in uncategorized deposits: decimal point misplacement. 2) \$452 in uncategorized expenses: should go under "conferences".

Six Metro Records were already broken this season:

- Annie Zhu (LGAC) 8&under girls 50 breast: 39.31
- Sara Giberson (BASC) 9-10 girls 100 back: 1:04.58
- Julia Smit (TVSC) 13-14 girls 200 back: 2:00.54
- Julia Smit (TVSC) 13-14 girls 200 IM: 2:03.47
- Tim Nam (FLY) 11-12 boys 200 breast: 2:23.51
- BGNW 10&U girls 200 medley relay: 2:07.81
(Kim Holden, Alexandra Gorki, Ali Polhill, Christina Quaranta)

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- The USA Swimming Board of Directors unanimously adopted an Emergency Amendment to the Water Depth Rule, to be effective January 1, 2003. (See USA Swimming website). There is a

minimum of 4 feet requirement for starting from the blocks. If pool depth is less than 4 feet, swimmers must start from the deck or in the water.

- It had been questioned previously as to why/when a surcharge had been imposed on the Zone Qualifier meet. It is believed that the surcharge just evolved when JO's and the Zone Qualifier meet became separate, as a de facto situation. As voted at the May 2002 House of Delegates meeting in the Budget proposals, the Championships surcharge were *changed* to the following: 8 & under = none; JO's, Silvers and Age Group = reduced to \$1.00; Zone Qualifier and Sr. Mets remain at \$2.00. Since Metro has been imposing the \$2.00 per swimmer surcharge at the Zone Qualifying meet since it came into existence, Bea made a motion to continue to impose and collect this fee. Monique Grayson seconded the motion. 23 were in favor. 2 were against. Motion carries.
- Meet Directors are reminded that they are responsible to send a complete "Post Competition Report" and "Income and Expense Report" to Bea Hartigan **within 14 days** of the conclusion of their meet. They need to use the *current* forms, available on the Metro website. It is vital that the information be complete and accurate. Specifically, the total of entries *received* and the figures for the number of individuals and teams cut. Clubs that have a problem with generating a check must include a least a copy of the "voucher" or "check request" and go ahead and send the reports. The reports are important to Metro for many reasons, not the least of which is that USA-Swimming rules require that clubs submit them as a condition of sanction. If you have any question, contact Bea Hartigan at Bea10K@yahoo.com
- Clubs in arrears: Connetquot and Condors are not in good standing and cannot vote at this meeting. They will be sent to Review Committee.
- It is an established policy of Metro to prohibit coaches from the starting blocks area during competition, not during warm-up. Swimmers and timers are the only ones allowed behind the blocks. Questions arising during a meet should be directed to the referee, not to the timers. Only the coach of the swimmer may ask questions to the referee, not the parents!
- Times on the display system are there as a courtesy. If the coach's stopwatch doesn't agree, check with the referee. The display is not the official time. Wait until the results are posted.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Chris Sawicz

- a. New Re-certification Policy Revised for Officials. Check Metro website at: <http://www.metroswimming.org/Officials/Main.htm>
- b. The scholarship info will be reviewed. It will be posted on the website and mailed to all clubs. The deadline for entries will be April 10, 2003.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- Senior Mets must have been received by now. Info is also available on Metro website.
- Speedo Sectionals are March 13-16, 2003 at Eisenhower Park, in Nassau County.
- Senior Mets Long Course will be timed finals (as per House of Delegates meeting of September 2002)

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

John has been made chairman of USA-Swimming facilities task force.

- Age Group Championships South at Hauppauge. Post card was sent. Clubs involved should have received meet information packet.
- No swimmer should be allowed at Silvers if their times are faster or slower than the Silver cuts!
- Top 50 of Eastern Zone are available on Eastern Zone Website: <http://www.pvswim.org> or <http://www.maswim.org/Results/0203/Holidaymeets2002/xmasdatabase2002.htm>
- John will work with Christian to prepare the program for athletes at the next September mandatory meeting.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

Gil presented the ASCA Coach of the year awards to Carolyn Johnson (BGNW: 2000) and Matt Gilman (AGUA: 2002). Kevin Stone (YMID) received the award in 2001.

- Camps: Skills (10-under); Distance (11-12); IM Camp. There is \$3000 set aside for camps. Maybe one day in May (north and south), and one day in October (north and south). We will need pools and coaches! (Maybe Eisenhower in May?)

- At this point, nothing for older swimmers. Someone suggested a camp for 13-14 boys. Swimming is losing loads of boys at that age.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Christian Robledo

Paul was unable to attend the general meeting.

- Christian would like a list of where seniors plan on attending college in the fall. Please send emails to xchris1@optonline.net
- Elections for junior athlete rep. will be held at JO's in February. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Some of the requirements are to attend the National Convention in September (this year in San Diego), and to attend monthly board meetings.
- Christian encourages athletes to get on Metro committees.
- John will help Christian and Paul prepare an agenda for the mandatory athletes rep. meeting in September (each team must have at least one athlete present at the House of Delegates meeting in September).

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Barry is working with Hobby Swim to upgrade the uniform for Zones.
- Hotel will be closer to the pool than last year's hotel.
- Coaches, chaperones *and Officials* should contact the Metro office as soon as possible.
- Please note that the events format for 10-under has changed!

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Metro has 5,111 athletes, 377 non-athletes, 58 clubs and 1 organization. Be careful when sending registrations: some disks came with no club address and mistakes. Fill everything out properly, please.
- Updates for coaches' certifications must be sent to the office. Barry updates the list on the website almost everyday. Reminder that first year coaches must pass level one test before they can register for a second year.
- Hy-Tek will not upgrade the old Team Manager anymore. Everyone should have TM II.
- Ray mentioned that meet entry forms must be on the website in pdf file. Results should be available in CL2 downloadable file. When possible, meet file of events (including time standards) should be available for download.
- Ilan Noach made a motion that meet directors be required to make their meets information available on the Metro website as of the Short Course season beginning September 1, 2003. Teams that wish to receive a hard copy must contact the host team and ask for it. JoAnn McCaffrey seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David announced that Ginny Nussbaum is the new Chair of USA-Swimming Club Development Committee.

- Metro Board policy change: David made a motion that the Metro Board of Directors would have the discretion to add meets to the approved schedule, if they deem it necessary, to provide ample opportunity for our swimmers to participate (too many swimmers are cut from meets, especially 11-12 when meet is cut by time). Richie Finkelstein seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- Qualifying times for Silvers are from February 1, 2002 to meet entry deadline
Qualifying times for JO's are from February 15, 2002 to meet entry deadline
Qualifying times for Zone Qual. are from March 7, 2002 to meet entry deadline
- Proposed schedule for Winter 2003-04:
 - Silver Championships: February 6, 7, 8, 2004
 - Junior Olympics: February 19-22, 2004
 - Senior Mets: February 26-29, 2004
 - 8-Under Championships: March 6-7, 2004
 - Speedo Championships (Sectionals): March 11-14, 2004 – Long Course at Eisenhower
 - Zone Qualifier Meet: March 19-21, 2004
 - Age group Championships: March 26-28, 2004
 - Zones: April 1-3, 2004 at George Mason University (VA)
 - USA-Swimming Nationals will take place February 11-15, 2004

- Correction: in minutes of January Board Meeting: Qualifying times for Zone Qual. are from **March 7**, 2002 to meet entry deadline (not May 7).

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

Reminder to all: the safety representative from each team must write a report of every injury and must send the report to Joanne.

Let JoAnn know if you are running a class or clinic.

15: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

The Hall of Fame dinner will probably be held on the Tuesday before Memorial Day weekend (May 20) at The Hall Of Fame at Eisenhower Park.

16: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary was unable to attend the meeting.

17: SWIM-A-THON: Richie Finkelstein

There is nothing new at this time.

18: OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Holger Fietkau made a motion to set the officials stipend working at Metro run meets at \$20 per session. Richie Finkelstein seconded the motion. Paul McClintock mentioned that the Westchester officials usually work the Sunday sessions at Senior Mets. There have been times that 15 volunteering officials were present. The answer to that question was that the stipend would go to the 5 or 6 "main" officials whose names will be submitted ahead of time.
- b. Clubs should contact the Review Committee if visiting teams are still in arrears with entry fees to their meets.

19: NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry Collins, Chairman of Nominating Committee, will propose Slate of candidates at the May House of Delegates Meeting. The following positions are up for election: Age Group, Treasurer, Technical Planning, Safety, Review Board (6 regular, 3 alternates), Athlete Rep (Junior - voted at JO's by 13 & Overs).
- Meet Bids for Long Course Season: See attached calendar
- Technical Planning is usually meeting in August. Dates will be posted on the Metro website and in Board meeting minutes.

Ray D'Annolfo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Finkelstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

<p>Next Meeting: House of Delegates: Bid Meeting May 15, 2003 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Monique G. Grayson
January 22, 2003

LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2003 CALENDAR

May	3-4	YMID Age Group Meet
	17-18	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
	17-18	West Point Swim Club – Long Course Invitational
June	7-8	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
	14	Three Village Swim Club – Long Course
	21	Three Village Swim Club – Long Course
	21-22	Asphalt Green – Long Course
	27-29	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
July	2	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
	9	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
	10-13	Grand Prix – at Eisenhower Park (LIAC)
	11-13	Sachem – long course – 1 session each day
	11-13	West Point Swim Club – Long Course Invitational
	13	Huntington Bay – Metro 5K and Age Group Open Water
	17-20	Senior Mets at Eisenhower Park (Timed Finals) – Metro run meet
	23	LIAC – Long Course Invitational
	24-27	Speedo Champions Series at Buffalo (Sectionals)
25-27	Junior Olympics at Lehman College – Metro run meet	
August	5-9	National Swimming Championships at College Park, MD
	6-9	Summer Zones at University of Pittsburgh