

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2004**

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

The meeting came to order at 7:12pm at the White Plains YWCA, on a snowy night.

Ray wished a Happy & Healthy New Year to everyone present. The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

**2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

George Rhein made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2003 House of Delegates meeting. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as posted.

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

A. For Your information:

- Metro Board Minutes will be sent again to all on Metro mailing list.
- Meet Information (in PDF) and Meet Events files are posted on the Metropolitan Website. Notify the Meet Directors if you need info by mail.

B. "Be familiar with scratch Procedures" for Senior Mets and Zone Qualifier Meet. Coaches, please read it and tell your swimmers!

C. Please notify Barry immediately about meets that must be cancelled due to pool mechanical failure or bad weather. He will get the cancellation notice on the website.

D. Metropolitan Swimming will be hosting/running a Swimposium in conjunction with our September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 House of Delegates Meeting. Plan on attending. As a reminder, the September meeting is mandatory, and an athletes' rep must attend as well.

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

Mary Ann was unable to attend the meeting. George Rhein presented the report.

- Financial report of 9/1/02 through 9/31/03: Total inflows: \$438,675.00 – Total outflows: \$309,813.00 – Overall total: \$128,862.00. More money is supposed to come soon from registrations. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as presented. Gil Smith seconded the motion which was then accepted by all.
- The Board has re-instated the stipend of \$300 per swimmer in individual events, and \$100 for relay only swimmers, for NCSA Junior Nationals. The rule of six Metro meets, one of which must be Senior Mets, stands as before.

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

- The meet reports are up to date as of now! (Bea received a few at the meeting).
- The cancelled meets of December will have an impact on the budget.
- Reminder: reports must be received within 14 days of the last day of a meet.

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

Chris was unable to attend the meeting.

- The Officials Scholarship applications are due back January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Information has been posted on the Metro website since October.
- Senior Mets will be a National Certification meet for officials.

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

- FINA World Cup will take place at the Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park on January 31-31, 2004. There will be a large contingent of international swimmers. People from FINA will be there. Contact Dave or Ginny Nussbaum to get tickets.
- Conflict this summer between Olympic Trials and Senior Mets. Senior Mets will stay as scheduled (July 15-18, 2004). Speedo Champions Series will be held the weekend after.

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

- Meet notices have come in and approval was given to most. Notices have been posted for:
  - **Silvers:** Aqua Gems – North and TVSC – South
  - **JO's** – Metro
  - **Age Group** – Lehman - Central and Hauppauge - South are already posted
  - **Zone Qualifier** – Metro
  - **Still waiting for TVSC – 8 & under**
- Applications for Zone coaches were available at the meeting.

**9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Gil Smith

- Submission of names for **Metropolitan Coach of the Year** must be given to Gil no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004**.
- Forms will be available on the website in a few weeks.

**10: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE:** Ryan Emanuel

Christian Robledo was unable to attend. Ryan held a meeting with other athletes present.

- Athletes want to make Senior Mets a more interesting meet. Music at warm-up. Songs chosen by Top finalist of each event at Finals to be played before final heats.
- Other suggestions: Pizza after the meet, Team Spirit Award, 50/50 raffle, meet T-Shirts or Sweatshirts for sale.
- Ryan made a motion to hold the Jr. Athlete's Rep election at Senior Mets instead of JO's. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion which was accepted by all. **Motion carries.**
- Elective equipment for Zones: swimmers: email Mary with your requests!
- Metro athletes in Committees:
  - Technical Planning: Joey Veselovsky, Aaron D'Amato, Lauren Friedlander
  - Senior Committee: Brittany Daly, Sam Wollner, Meagan Tolan
  - Adaptive Committee: Clare McKenna
  - Age Group Committee: Alisha Sibigroth, Patrick Hicks, Helen Nasser
  - Hall of Fame Committee: Michael Brocki

**11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- Hotel, Bus Company, and Equipment are being set.
- Coaches: please enter swimmers in Zone Qualifier meet **only** if swimmers intends on going to Zones.
- Coaches applications are available.

**12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- The following clubs are NOT registered. Swimmers can have a 30-day trial Practice Period before registration but they **MUST be registered with USA-Swimming as soon as they start competing with a team.**
  - New Rochelle Waves
  - 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y
  - St. John's
  - JCC in Manhattan
  - Big Apple Marlins
  - St. Columba Dolphins (Swimmers not registered)
- *USA-Swimming Rules & Regulations # 302.4 – An LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club representative signing a document which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA-Swimming for a meet when that swimmer is not properly registered. This will be enforced by the LSC and the LSC will be entitled to the fines imposed.*
- 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. Meet Directors are asked to check cards at meets. Coaches list is available on Website!
- 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.

- **Always send a transfer for swimmers, no matter how long prior representation!**
- Coaches must correct their Team Manager database. Take all asterisks (\*) out; use the athletes' correct middle initial; do not use a "Z" instead (except if the swimmer's MI is a Z)
- All registrations must be done on disk from team manager.

**All Registration info must be correct:**

**Last name, full first name, preferred name, middle initial, correct birth date.**

Example: *Smith, Robert, C, Bobby, 01/01/97, male*

Once that is done, click "rebuild ID" to make sure team manager has the right info.

**Compare info with ID Card of each swimmer!**

- As of January 9<sup>th</sup>: 5860 athletes; 229 coaches; 104 officials; 139 others
- The following clubs received Top 16 certificates for the 2002-03 season: AGUA, BAD, BGNW, BASC, CSC, FLY, GAEL, LGAC, LIAC, MSC, NBS, OWA, TS, TVSC & YMID. Congratulations to all. List will be in Swimming World soon.
- Reminder: Swimmers 8-under can't be entered in 9-10 events unless category specifies 10&under. There is no ladder effect. Swimmers must swim in their age group (exception for **Open** events). Age at meets is as of the first day of each meet.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

- David thanked Mary Fleckenstein and Monique Grayson for their help in updating/correcting the different Metro Championships meet info. It will all be saved on disk to be made available to teams next year.
- Tentative dates for short course 2004-05 championship meets:
  - February 4-6, 2005 – Silver championships
  - February 17-20, 2005 – Junior Olympics
  - February 24-27, 2005 – Senior Mets
  - March 5-6, 2005 – 8-Under Championships
  - March 10-13, 2005 – Speedo Champions Series
  - March 18-20, 2005 – Zone Team Qualifier meet
  - March 21-25, 2005 – NCSA Junior Nationals @ Orlando
  - March 31-April 2, 2005 – Eastern Zones
  - April 1-3, 2005 – Age Group Championships
  - April 3-6, 2005 – USA-Swimming Nationals
- Summer Zones: the following motion was tabled last September: *"Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to adopt a rule of a minimum of 3 eligible events in order to swim at long course summer Zones. Gil Smith seconded the motion. After long discussion, this issue was tabled until next January."* After long discussion, this motion was tabled again until September 2004. We will see what happens at this summer's Zones. **Reminder:** teams with more than 4 swimmers entered in the Zone meets **must** provide a chaperone!
- Timers at Senior Mets, JO's and Zone Qualifier should be on deck 30 minutes before the start of each session.
- Long Course Bid Schedule is attached.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Jo Ann McCaffrey

- All accidents reports must be sent to Jo Ann McCaffrey.
- It is the coaches' responsibilities to keep their certifications current. Don't let them expire. Send copies of updated certifications to the Metro office.
- Let Jo Ann know if you are holding a recertification course.

**15: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

- The Hall of Fame nomination forms should have been returned to Len by than December 1, 2003.

**16: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

- Mary will attend an Adaptive Workshop in Colorado Springs January 23-25, 2004.
- Metro is still looking for swimmers with disabilities. USS is making a conscientious effort to include swimmers with disabilities. We have the opportunity to step up and reach out.
- Meet directors are asked to include a statement that swimmers with disabilities are invited and encouraged to attend their meets.
- Metro can send swimmers with disabilities to Zones. We have not had anyone come forward. Please check USA-Swimming website. Look at classifications to see if any of your athletes fit in any category.
- Some of the most amazing swims are made by swimmers with disabilities.

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

There is nothing new at this time. Contact USA-Swimming if you want to hold a Swim-A-Thon, or contact Rich Finkelstein.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bea Hartigan made a motion that teams bidding for a Metro Championship meet must provide information about fees for admission, programs and parking at the time of bidding. Gail Farrell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Show of hand resulted in the following: For: 18 – Against: 16 – **Motion carries**
- Note about Olympic Trials stipend: 4 years ago it was decided that the full stipend of \$1,500 would go to long time Metro Swimmers (as long as they swim in 6 Metro meets, one of which must be Senior Mets, each year). The “Nationals” stipend of \$450 would go to more recent Metro swimmers as long as they also fulfill the meets’ requirements (example: swimmer that moved to the area or one that trains with a Metro team but has not been in the LSC for long).

**19: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Gil Smith made a motion to adopt a new meet policy regarding dual entry deadline for Metro and other LSC teams. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. The Board’s recommendation is that entries would be accepted as follows:
  1. Metro LSC clubs will be given priority on a first come/first served basis if their entries are received by a specified *TIME AND DATE*.
  2. Teams from LSC’s other than Metro will be entered on a specified *TIME AND DATE*, in the order they were received, prior to and including *TIME AND DATE*, as space allows.
  3. All entries received later than specified *TIME AND DATE*, will be entered in the order they were received, regardless of LSC affiliation, as space allows.
  4. Entries will not be accepted after specified *TIME AND DATE*, or after the meet fills to capacity.

Many coaches feel that clubs from New Jersey and Connecticut have been supporting their meets for a long time and they do not feel that Metro should regulate who they can or cannot invite to their meets. After long discussion, a show of hands resulted in 18 for the motion and 17 against the motion. **Motion carries.**

- The Board recommends that Metro teams do not run meets as “Cut by Time”. It’s always the same swimmers that end up being cut a week or so before the meet starts! It would be preferable to host a meet on a first come/first served basis, or to host a meet with time standards.
- Problems with some teams that go around the bid process to run Double Dual Meets. Can we limit the number of teams participating in those invitationals? (A double dual meet must have a maximum of 3 teams). A club that plans on hosting double dual meets must tell the House of Delegates at the bid meeting, that they are planning on doing it. The Metro office can deny a sanction for these meets. No entry fee and no admission/programs fee can be charged but teams can “split the expenses”. As for every meet held in Metro, the host team **MUST** send a meet report to Metro within 2 weeks of the meet.

- The Aquatic Director of the Madison Square Boys & Girls Club in the Bronx is looking for clubs that would be willing to donate any used lanes, blocks, or any other equipment. Contact Eddie Oyola at 718-328-3900
- Gil Smith made a motion that Metro give a stipend to one coach per club, for teams that have one or more athlete, in individual events, swimming at Speedo Champions Series (\$100 per club), Junior Nationals (\$200 per club), USA-Swimming Nationals (\$300 per club), and Olympic Trials (\$500 per club). One coach per club would need to apply to receive the stipend. Ilan Noach seconded the motion which was then approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- Request was made to give stipend to coaches attending Zones. This request had already been denied in the past since those coaches can travel with the team, and receive room/board and equipment.
- Suggestion was made to think about extending the length of sessions at meet to 5 hours.
- Bill Pendergast, from Aqua Gems, is asking to split the 8-under championships into 2 meets, one North, one South. This way, more swimmers from the North Counties would be able to participate. This issue will go to Technical Planning and will be reviewed at the May meeting.
- Larry Collins reminded everyone about **May 2004 Elections**: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Coaches Rep., Finance Chair and Secretary.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm was made by Gil Smith, seconded by Rob Vialez, and accepted by all.

A Board Meeting Re: Suffolk County Officials followed the general meeting.

**Dates of House of Delegates Meetings:**  
 Wednesday, May 12, 2004 (7:00pm – Bid meeting for 2004-05)  
 Sunday, September 26, 2004 (8:00am – mandatory meeting for Club & Athlete)

Both meetings to be held at the White Plains YWCA

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
 January 19, 2004

## LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2004 CALENDAR

<b>May</b>	1-2	YMID 12-Under meet – SC
	15-16	West Point Swim Club – Long Course Meet – 2 sessions each day
	15-16	LIAC Spring Invitational – LC – 4 sessions
	21-23	Riverbank International Swimming Invitational
	23	Newburgh Sharks Distance meet – 2 sessions – SC
	23	NY City Parks Dept. – St. John’s Recreation – SCY or SCM
<b>June</b>	5-6	LIAC June Invitational – LC – 4 sessions
	11-13	NY City Empire State Games Trials at Riverbank State Park
	25-27	Long Island Open – Trials/Finals – 6 sessions
	26-27	AGUA – LC – All Age Groups
	30	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational – 1 session – LC
<b>July</b>	7	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational – 1 session – LC
	7-14	<i>Olympic Trials – Long Beach, CA</i>
	9-11	Sachem Swim Club – Holtsville Pool – 1 pm session each day
	10	Metro 5K & Age Group Open Water Championships (rain date July 11) Masters 10K Nationals
	14	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational – 1 session – LC
	15-18	Summer Senior Mets – Timed Finals - TBA
	21	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational – 1 session – LC
	22-25	<i>Summer Speedo Champions Series – Eastern – Buffalo</i>
	30-31- August 1	Summer Junior Olympics – LC – at Lehman College
	<b>August</b>	3-7
11-14		Summer Eastern Zones – Buffalo, NY
14-21		<i>Olympic Games, Athens, Greece</i>