

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2006

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:21pm at the White Plains, YWCA. The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

Mary Fleckenstein welcomed everyone present and reminded all in attendance that if they are bidding on summer long course meets, they must fill out cards to make sure that their meets are included (cards were available at the back of the room).

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections: #19b: Disabilities Coordinator: "Swimmers with Disabilities are encouraged to ~~attend~~ **enter**". #20b: Open Water Coordinator: This is the third time that Metro will be hosting ~~this event a~~ **National 10K**. #5d: Finance Chair: Dave Ferris then made a motion to accept ~~to the~~ proposed budget ... #11f: Technical Planning: ... move 2006 LC Senior Mets to the morning instead of the evening was later ~~withdrawed~~ **withdrawn**. #11k: Technical Planning: All teams hosting Invitationals must update their ~~meets~~ **meet** info within

Lenny Galluzzi made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2005 House of Delegates meeting. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

The House of Delegates stopped for a Moment of Silence in Memory of Eric Namesnik, a premier Eastern Zone swimmer (Middle Atlantic) who suffered mortal injuries in a car accident last week and succumbed of his injuries on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. A former Olympian (1992 & 1996), Eric Namesnik was a swimmer and assistant coach at the University of Michigan for many years. He had been coaching the Wolverine Aquatics Swim Club for the last two years. He leaves behind his wife Kirsten and two small children.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a. **Zone Update:** Metropolitan Swimming will be hosting the Short Course Zones at Eisenhower Park. We will need many volunteers. If your team has any interest in running hospitality, doing admission, providing meet marshals, preparing awards, timing, checking deck credentials, and much more, please email Mary as soon as possible and let her know in which capacity your team would be able to help. We would like volunteers from every team in Metro.
- b. **Elections:** reminder for the May Meeting. The chairs up for election are General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Finance Chair, Secretary, and Coaches Representative. Ray D'Annolfo (swmcoach2@yahoo.com) will be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Let him know if you have a nomination. Info will be on the website at a later date. The following positions are ineligible for another term: Administrative Vice Chair and Senior Chair. There is a question about eligibility of Coaches Representative.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- a. The report was available at the meeting. September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005: Overall balance in checking account is \$193,388.88 at this time. Most of the income is in at this time.
- b. Information on the CD's (Bea Hartigan) and money market (George Rhein) was available at the meeting on a separate sheet.

A motion to accept the report was made by Holger Fietkau, seconded by Joe Barnett and accepted by all.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a. George was unable to attend. He gave the year end change in value for the investments as of December 31, 2005 - \$19,577.66
- b. The Club Excellence Grant applications have all been received and reviewed. Based on the criteria set by the committee the following clubs have qualified for the grant.
AGUA \$3700, BAD \$3300, BGNW \$2200, LGAC \$600, LIAC \$2600, TVSC \$2300, YMID \$3000.
The total grant expenditure is \$17,700 which is less than the budget for the grants.
Congratulations to the qualifying teams, and a special acknowledgement to BGNW and LGAC for the outstanding preparation of their applications.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Meet Reports: Five clubs were very late reporting on their meets but have finally given their reports. Bea is proposing to the board that when any of these clubs bid on hosting a meet in the future they will receive a form to be signed, indicating that they are fully aware of the requirements. Six clubs may still be sent to review. One club will be notified that it will only be issued a sanction for meets on a probationary status until the person that is acting as meet director is somebody that has actually taken the Meet Director's Clinic.

7: SENIOR VICE CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a. Senior Mets Short Course – Looking at the swimmers attendance of previous meets, Dave took it upon himself to add Bonus Events for this year's meet. The new cuts for Bonus events are included in the meet information.
- b. Dave made a proposal that:
 1. The Senior Chair would have the ability, based upon the size of previous meets and on when the meet falls in a particular year, to make the decision to add Bonus Events in a Senior Mets meet or not.
 2. The Senior Chair would be allowed to determine the formula for which those Bonus Events would occur (example: if you have one qualifying time, you may swim 2 Bonus events, etc.).

Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the proposal. Erik Hertenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Proposal was amended to include Technical Planning in the decision making process.** Motion carries.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

- a) Paul & Bob gave a copy of a letter sent to all LSC's from the National Age Group Development Committee. The Committee will be holding nationwide conference calls for all Age Group Chairs on a bi-monthly basis. Email Paul or Bob if you have any new ideas or suggestions about Age Group.
- b) The Age Group co-chairs are currently investigating the possibility of inviting successful national age group coaches to speak at our September House of Delegates meeting. Please email Paul or Bob to submit names of potential speakers.
- c) **The Board of Directors has adopted a new policy requiring all Metro Swimmers 11 and over attending the Eastern Zone meets (winter and summer) to travel and room with the team for the duration of the meet.**

9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES: Gil Smith

- a. **Coaches must have current certifications with them at all meets.** Meet directors should appoint somebody to go around and ask all coaches to see their cards. If a non certified coach is on deck and an accident happens, then your insurance is null and void! List of coaches and their certifications expiration dates is available on the website. This list is updated almost daily.
- b. Coaches may not be on the pool deck if their certifications are expired. **Be prepared to show your card at all times.** Ask Barry if you need a lanyard!

10: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE: Anthony Mironov

- a. Sophie Staskiewicz was not at the meeting.
- b. Anthony received the "Athletes Quarterly" about the Breaststroke and Backstroke rules. The 10K was added to the Olympics in 2008 which is great for USA Swimming.

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- a. There have been loads of problems and abuse with teams requesting a stipend from distance meets in which events were added or meet was held in conjunction with other meets. David Ellinghaus made a motion that starting with the 2006-07 short course season, in order for a team to bid and receive money from Metro for a distance meet, the distance meet must be run as a completely separate meet from other meets (with a separate sanction). Richie Finkelstein seconded the motion. Teams would still be allowed to contact the board if they wanted to add events to the mandatory events for Distance meets. Vote resulted in one opposed, the rest in favor. **Motion carries.**
- b. The bid for summer meets will take place at the end of the meeting.
- c. Question: could the 400 IM be open to 15 & over. This will be discussed at a Technical Planning meeting and will be presented at the May meeting.

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau

- a. Kris Sawicz was not at the meeting.
- b. Joseph Stetz Memorial Scholarship applications are due January 30, 2006. Please remind your seniors to apply.
- c. Bea Hartigan said that we are in communications with Nationals about the interpretation of the Breaststroke Rule, in order for it to be clarified once and for all. Paul McClintock talked about the confusion that exists at the moment among the officials. Long discussion followed on the dolphin kick. Bea Hartigan made a motion that, with the advice and experience of our Senior Chair, the Officials Chair gets the word out asking all Metro officials to be lenient on the breaststroke rule until we get stricter clarification from Nationals. Paul Fortoul seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a. Eastern Zones Short Course will be at Eisenhower Park in Nassau County. The team will stay at the Marriott (all 11 & over).
- b. Equipment will be ordered through Hobie Swim again.
- c. We will have busses to take the swimmers to the pool and back.
- d. All swimmers will be asked to meet at the Marriott at a certain time on Wednesday.

14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a. Meet directors are reminded that they must email an export file to the Metro Office to verify swimmers' registrations at least one week before each meet.
- b. When you get a meet recon report from the office, please correct the mistakes in your team manager or inform the office of a change.
- c. Please make sure you keep updating your coaches. Send copies of their certifications to the office or fax them.
- d. All athletes' registrations must be on disk or emailed. All fees must be paid for the registrations to be valid and official.
- e. Please send separate checks for athletes, non-athletes and club registration.
- f. It was suggested that we start imposing a fine system for repeat registration offenders. Barry will send another Master list to all the teams to verify that all their swimmers are actually registered correctly. Coaches will have to get back to Barry with corrections by a certain date. After that date there will be a fine for all unregistered swimmers.

15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16: Monique Grayson/Mary Ann Senecal

- a. The SWIMS Holding Tank was emptied in Mid-December, which is a real improvement from last year at this time. We are hoping to have few problems in 2006.
- b. All coaches must make sure that all their athletes are correctly registered for 2006. Please check with Barry if you found a discrepancy in names, middle initials or birthdates.
- c. Boys High School Sectionals are coming up. In order to have the times approved and entered in SWIMS, the person in charge of each Section must fill out the **Local Swimming Committee Request for Observation Form B**. Form must be filled out and received by either Mary Ann (Metro South) or myself (Metro North) **at least 10 days prior to the championship meet** as we need to forward a copy of the approved form to the National Coordinator (NO EXCEPTION). Even though the meet may receive blanket observation, we still need to receive a list of all the swimmers' full name and USS ID numbers. This should be given as soon as possible to the person in charge of running the computer at each meet. Don't assume that the ID number is in the computer. HS coaches are asked to cooperate and try to gather the ID numbers from all their swimmers. Only swimmers whose ID number is entered in the meet manager will have their times uploaded in SWIMS. And please, make sure that swimmers attending the State Meet give that information to the person in charge up in Buffalo.

16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a. Suggestions of what members want to see on the website should be emailed to Monique.
- b. Please let Monique know when things are out of date!

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

- a. Carolyn has received 3 or 4 incidents reports.
- b. She has not received any quarterly report from USA Swimming as far as how many incident reports she actually should have received. Please remember to send a copy of all incident reports to Carolyn, to USA Swimming, and to Risk Management
- c. Incident report form is on the website. An updated copy containing Carolyn's address will be posted as soon as possible.
- d. Carolyn received a phone call concerning the acceptable first aid courses for coaches certification. If ever in doubt coaches should check the USA Swimming website: click on "coaches" and then on "Coaches Education Requirements". A listing of acceptable courses can be found. It is not Metropolitan Swimming that sets the guidelines for certifications - it is USA Swimming. Carolyn encourages coaches to contact USA Swimming to discuss the possibility of accepting additional courses. She is sure they would give consideration to the syllabus and then make a determination.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

- a. The Hall of Fame banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at Riccardo's in Queens.
- b. Jessica Foschi has been elected to the Hall of Fame for 2006 and will be inducted in May with 2 or 3 other members TBA.
- c. NAG Record Holder Lia Neal (AGUA), her parents and her coach will be invited to the 2006 Dinner.
- d. Please check the website for more information on the Hall of Fame Dinner as the dinner may be moved one week ahead if there is a conflict.

19: DISABILITIES COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

- a. Application for swimmers with Disabilities to attend the Eastern Zone meet will be posted on the website.
- b. Criteria for participation will be posted as well

20: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

- a. The 10K has been added to the events for the 2008 Olympic Games.
- b. In 2007 we will be hosting the Masters 10K right here in Metro. This is the second time that we will be hosting their National Championship.
- c. We also, for several years, have hosted the 5K in Huntington Bay which is our Fran Schnaar Metropolitan Championship. Please try to get your swimmers involved with Open Water swimming.

21: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Nothing new at this time

22: OUTREACH COORDINATORS: Brian Brown and Larry Collins

Nothing new at this time

23: OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Metro Guidelines Book is still in the works. It should be ready by the May meeting. The Board spent three hours in November going through it line by line. We are now checking it all again for typographical and grammatical errors, etc. We are also separating the Guidelines from the Policy.
- b. From September meeting, in Technical Planning #11c – a motion was made, seconded and approved that if a swimmer is bumped from the 1000 free (13-14) or the 1650 free (15-18) due to more than 20 swimmers entered in those events, that those swimmers could be entered in another event on the same day. Those swimmers need to have the extra event added at the time the meet entries are sent out. It will be posted in the JO's meet info and on the website. Only swimmers that have an additional event sent with the team entries and written in the text of the email will be added in those events in case of cut.
- c. A question about when to host Summer Sr. Mets (morning or evening) was asked at the last meeting but was never resolved.

23: NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Last chance to hand in cards for the summer meets of 2006.
- b. Bids for the summer meets will be included with the minutes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Ellinghaus at 8:25pm. Motion was seconded by Paul Fortoul, and accepted by all.

<p>House of Delegates – Winter Meets Bid Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 (7:00pm) at the White Plains YWCA</p>
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Next Board of Directors meeting: Sunday, February 19, 2006 @ Lehman College, after prelims session of Senior Mets (between prelims and start of 1650)

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
January 20, 2006

LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2006 CALENDAR

- May**
- 6-7 YMID Age Group + 8&Under Invitational – SC
 - 6-7 LIAC Spring Kickoff Invitational – LC – 4 sessions
 - Please note: request was made to the Board on January 17 to change the dates to May 13-14 as LIAC is unable to rent the pool on May 6-7. The corrected dates will be posted on the website as soon as a decision is made.
 - 13-14 Long Island Express – LC at Hoffstra – 2 sessions
 - 17 Metropolitan House of Delegates/Bid Meeting at White Plains
 - 20 Newburgh Sharks Distance meet – SC - 2 sessions
 - 21 Newburgh Sharks Spring Starter Meet – SC – 2 sessions
- June**
- 3-4 LIAC Summer Classic Invitational – LC – 4 sessions
 - 11 APEX Age Group and Open – LC – 1 session
 - 10-11 AGUA Invitational – LC – all age groups
 - 17-18 Long Island Express – LC at Hoffstra – 2 sessions
 - 24-25 New York Sharks Aquatics– LC Felix Festa MS – 4 sessions
 - 28 Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational #1 – 1 session – LC
- July**
- 5 Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational #2 – 1 session – LC
 - 6-9 Summer Senior Mets LC – Timed Finals - TBA
 - 7-9 or 8-10 Sachem Summer Meet – LC – **Slower times than 15-18 JO's cuts**
 - 8-9 Long Island Express – LC at Hoffstra – **Slower times than 15-18 JO's cuts** – (alternate date is July 15)
 - 9 Metropolitan 5K Open Water Championships
 - 12 Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational #3 – 1 session – LC
 - 20-23 *Summer Speedo Champions Series – Eastern – Buffalo*
 - 28-30 Summer Junior Olympics – LC – at Lehman College
- August**
- 1-5 *Conoco Phillips National Championships- Irvine, CA*
 - 7-11 *LC Junior Championships - Irvine, CA*
 - 9-12 Summer Eastern Zones – Buffalo, NY