

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2007**

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

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:15pm at the White Plains, YWCA.

The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

Mary Fleckenstein welcomed everyone present and wished them all a very Happy New Year.

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

Erik Hertenstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 30, 2006 House of Delegates meeting. Gay Silverman seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as written.

**3: GENERAL CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

- a. **Metropolitan Swimming:** Metro is in good shape going into 2007
- b. **Workshop Meetings:** There will be meetings this year for Registration/NTV and General Chairs.
- a. **Background Check:** Many coaches and non-coaches have already submitted their background checks. Metropolitan coaches must have their background check completed by January 19, 2007 – and receive their new card by February 1, 2007. **Referees and meet Directors are not to allow coaches on deck without the background clearance after February 1, 2007.** Coaches must have their credentials on their person while on deck at any meet.
- b. **Elections in May:** The following positions are up for election: Age Group, Treasurer, Safety and Technical Planning. Please email Ray D'Annolfo if you are interested in being on the ballot for the May election.
- c. **Get Involved:** If you would like to get more involved with Metropolitan Swimming – please check the web page for committee chairs and let them know you would like to help. It is a great way to see the inside of Metro!
- d. **Reimbursements:** Reminder that all reimbursements of any money – travel, meet stipends, athlete stipends – are due within 30 days with all appropriate documentation.
- e. **2007:** Have a great 2007 and let's have some FAST SWIMMING!

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

- a. The report was available at the meeting. September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Total income was \$383,736.70. We spent \$428,910.61. Overall Total is -\$35,173.91. Income/expenses have been mostly clubs and athletes registrations.

A motion to accept the report was made by Gil Smith, seconded by Barry Roffer and accepted by all.

**5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** George Rhein

- a. Meet reports are coming in on time. If clubs don't have the check right away, please include a note or a voucher so George is aware of this.
- b. Coaches must make sure that they update their ID Cards.
- c. Joe Stetz Scholarship – applications (available on the website) are due January 31, 2007 – There are 2 scholarships of \$1000 each.
- d. Any official that has not taken the online test that was due by December 31<sup>st</sup> must take it no later than January 31, 2007. Officials have 2 shots at passing the test. After failing the test twice, then they must take the test of a lower level to stay certified.
- e. Metropolitan Investments that were started about 2 and a half years ago - \$256,474 as of December 31, 2006 – It continues to rise.

- f. 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 for the 2006-07 season: AGUA, BAD, BGNW, LGAC, LIAC, TVSC, YMID. Congratulations to all.

**6: SENIOR VICE CHAIR:** Brian Brown

a. Senior Mets Short Course:

1. **Bonus events:** Brian made a motion to change the formula as follows: make 1 event get 1 Bonus event; make 2 events get 2 Bonus events; make 3 events get 3 Bonus events; make 4 events get 2 Bonus events; make 5 events get 1 Bonus event; make 6 events or more get no Bonus events. Bonus events are the 15-18 JO standards. Ilan Noach seconded this motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
2. **Format:** Brian made a motion to change the format of finals from 3 heats to 4 heats as follows: Bonus Final of 8 swimmers; B Final of 6 swimmers; A Final of 6 swimmers; Championship Final of 4 swimmers. This will keep the number of swimmers coming back at 24 swimmers. It will make it more exciting for all. Swimmers need to learn to swim fast in the morning in order to qualify and get the best spot they can at finals. Based on last year's meet it would add about 20-30 minutes to finals. To compensate, Brian suggests limiting the morning warm-up to one hour and starting the meet at 8:30am instead of 9am. Evening finals would have a 4:00pm warm-up and 5pm start. The point system will also be adjusted. Robbie Ortof seconded the motion. Show of hands: majority of those present approved. **Motion carries.**

b. Senior Mets Long Course:

1. We will open the bid process if a team wants to host Summer Senior Mets or Co-Host it with Metro. Brian made a motion to hold Senior Mets Long Course on the weekend of July 5-8, 2007. Robbie Ortof seconded it. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
2. Brian made a motion to go back to having Prelims and Finals instead of timed finals for the Summer Senior Mets Championships. Lenny seconded it. Discussion followed. Vote was called. One opposed. Rest in favor. **Motion carries.**
3. Brian made a motion to have the prelims in the afternoons and finals in the morning, the same way that it will be held at Beijing for the Olympics. The 800 free could be held before or after the first day's prelims, or back into the meet depending on the venue. Richie seconded this motion. Vote: Majority in favor. **Motion carries.**
4. Brian made a motion to cut the number of finalists to the Top 16 (2 heats of 8). David Ellinghaus seconded this motion. Discussion followed. Vote was called. **Motion fails.** (Number of finalists will remain at 24 – 3 heats).
5. Are we offering Bonus events in the summer? Ilan Noach made a motion to have Technical Planning and Senior Chair get together and present the Long Course Senior Mets format at the May House of Delegates meeting. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

**7: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** Paul Furbeck and Bob Vializ

a) **Equipment:** The Board of Directors will be voting on a new Zone Team Equipment Vendor after this meeting. Five companies submitted bids for the 2007 and 2008 Eastern Zone Championships Team (SC and LC): Kast-A-Way, Swim Team Store, Metro Swim Shop, Ultimate Swim Shop and Hobie Swim. The winner of the bid will be announced on the website.

b) **Zone Team Selection Process:**

1. Two swimmers per event will be selected. If we need to fill two spots in an event, and only one swimmer applied to swim that particular event, we will then look to the other swimmers selected for Zones to fill the second spot. Only **submitted times** will be looked at first to fill the spots.
2. Minimum of a zone qual. time must be achieved, during the qualifying period, in order to apply.

3. Swimmers may not enter the 2007 Zone meet if they have a time in any event equal to or faster than the Eastern Zone Maximum Qualifying times – as published on the EZ website: [http://www.pvswim.org/eastzone/07ez\\_max\\_qt.pdf](http://www.pvswim.org/eastzone/07ez_max_qt.pdf)
  4. **Qualifying period:** December 1, 2006 to March 18, 2007
  5. Applications with **full payment and Code of Conduct** must be received at the Metro office by **March 12, 2007**
  6. Once a swimmer has submitted an application, they will be **expected to attend Zones if selected**. Once selected, no refunds will be given. If a swimmer is not selected, all monies will be returned.
  7. Swimmers may **update** their times through **March 18, 2007**
  8. Only swimmers who achieve a **first time zone qualifying time**, after the deadline, may submit applications between March 13 and March 18.
  9. Selected swimmers will be **notified** by Tuesday, **March 20**.
- c) Long discussion on the subject of swimmers that **qualify in more than 6 events**. In this case the Age Group Committee will select the swimmers' events in the best interest of Metro. The swimmer and his/her coach will be allowed to give their input in this selection process. Until JO is over there will be no closure to the application process. Swimmers should not apply for events that they know for sure that they will not want to swim at Zones (even though they may have the ZQ time). The process is clear: any time that you want to submit for consideration and achieved between December 1, 2006 and March 12, 2007 must be handed in. Coaches are better off to submit all events that swimmers qualify in and then update at JO's.
- d) Times selected for application must have been achieved at **Sanctioned meets** (including **sanctioned time trials** held in conjunction with a sanctioned meet). Times from teams' own closed "sanctioned time trials meets" will not be accepted (minutes May 17, 2006).
- e) Carle Fierro brought up the subject of the Selection Process especially for the 10-under and 11-12 swimmers. Some coaches have been bombarded with questions and requests from parents to enter more and more meets at this time just in order for their children to swim the events and try to make the qualifying times. Parents are putting a lot of pressure on their kids to perform at every meet. Carle would like to open up the selection process for 10-under to qualify at the JO meet instead of submitting applications for that age group. David Ellinghaus said that he was getting plenty of emails as well from parents of 11-12 swimmers. There are very few meets in January and February that offer the 200s events and swimmers don't have a chance to qualify. The problem doesn't apply as much for the 13-over. There has been a very negative atmosphere about the selection process for this year's Zone Meet. Mary replied that, even though the Zone Qual meet was always her favorite meet, the House of Delegates voted to change the selection process for this year. This is a one year process and coaches voted on this after an extremely long discussion last May! To change what we have published now would be a nightmare. Carle made a motion that JO be the Zone Qualifying Meet for all 12-unders. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. Discussion followed. One point was that this would again cut the swimmers attending New York State YMCA meet, out of the selection process. Vote was called. Two voted for the motion. Majority opposed.  
**Motion fails.**
- f) There was a question on how much time this association is spending on the age group program compare to the senior program. Mary answered that the Board believes in a well balanced LSC age group and senior swimming and that if we looked back at minutes from the past few years, the amount of time and/or money spent on age group swimming has increased dramatically to equal senior swimming. We have upgraded our age group program to produce some amazing swimmers and amazing meets, and now is the time to revamp our senior program to equal our age group program. We are trying to make it an even basis.

#### **8: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

- a. Corrections on the Metro Silvers times: the 13-14 boys 200 IM for Silvers – lower end cut has been slowed up further from 2:29.19 to 2:38.99. It has been corrected on the website.
- b. The bid for summer meets will take place at the end of the meeting.

**9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Scott Bartleson

- a. **Coaches must have current certifications with them at all meets.** Coaches must do their background check and wear their updated green coaches' card at all meets.
- b. Selection for **Age Group Coach of the Year** and **Senior Coach of the Year** must be emailed to Scott between February 6 and April 7, 2007 (see minutes of September 2006). Vote will take place at the May meeting and awards will be given out at the HOF Dinner.

**10: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- a. Please make sure you keep updating your coaches' credentials. Send copies of the updated certifications to the office or fax them.
- b. 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**. 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. If you make a mistake on your registrations you will be charged \$100.
- c. Barry will send a roster again to all clubs this week. Please check and verify that your team manager matches the roster that Barry sent.
- d. Coaches Card: The old card for 2007 was blue. The new 2007 coaches' card that includes the background check screening is green. All Metro coaches must have received and carry their new card as of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.
- e. Second year coaches **MUST** pass the USA-Swimming Level One test before being able to registered for their second year of coaching. Test must be done online at [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org)

**11: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

- a. The Hall of Fame banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 2007.
- b. Two new inductees: Hazel Barr and Tobie Smith.

**12: OLD BUSINESS:**

None at this time

**13: NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Bids for the summer meets will be included with the minutes.
- b. All bids for Senior Mets and Summer JO's must be sent in writing by the end of January. Info will be up on the website as soon as possible. Decision on those bids will be made at Senior Mets SC by the board. We have one bid for Sr. Mets at this time: New York Sharks.
- c. Mary apologized to Mac (John McIlhargy) because she did not introduce him at the beginning of the meeting!
- d. Becky Trenz of the Newburgh Sharks would like to have the availability to get a stipend for Distance meets held May-August, including those offered in SC Yards during the LC season. This would have to be brought up to Technical Planning. She is also asking to review the amount of the surcharge that a team has to give to Metro because it costs so much to run meets.

**The following Chairs/Committees had written reports available:**

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

- a) Mary Ann Senecal and Monique Grayson uploaded 54 meets since September and the Holding Tank was empty (as of December 31, 2006), which was such an improvement over the past few years! Coaches are registering and transferring their swimmers better than ever before. Reminder: we need to receive a full meet back-up, not meet results!!! California (60), Illinois (100), and Niagara (57) are the only LSC's that have uploaded more meets than Metro from September 1 to December 31, 2006. We have also uploaded 4 Observed meets that were pre-authorized:
  - Section I, Section 9 and Section XI girls' championship meets.
  - Army vs. Navy Dual Meet

- b) **Reminder to all High School Sections:** In order for your High School championship meets to be observed and uploaded into the USA-Swimming database, the meet director MUST contact either Mary Ann Senecal (Metro South) or Monique Grayson (Metro North & NYC) **AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL START DATE OF THE BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS** (preferably 2 weeks before). **Form B** MUST be filled out with all info, signatures and dates. (It is available on the Metro website). Unless we receive the form within the time limit, the meets will not be approved for observation and there is nothing that we can do about that later. Make sure that the person in charge in your section contacts either Mary Ann or Monique.

**15: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR:** Monique Grayson

Please submit meet information, events files, and/or any other information to me as soon as possible. Make sure that you tell Monique of errors, corrections, and anything that should (or should not) be posted on the website. Thanks for your help!

**16: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR:** Bea Hartigan

- a) The 2007 Metro Championship will be comprised of the Age Group events, the Open and Masters 5K. In addition, we will be hosting the USMS National 10K Championships.
- b) Another feather in our cap is that the Open 5K has been designated as a "Qualifier Event" for the USA Grand Prix. The top two Male and Female finishers qualify to participate in the Grand Prix in August. The Grand Prix is part of the selection process for our Open Water Olympic Team members.
- c) The date(s): Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with a fall back of the 15<sup>th</sup>. We need kayakers to help guide the swimmers. Contact Bea Hartigan with any questions.

**17: FINANCE REPORT:** Corinne Cody

The finance report of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual from September 1, 2006 to January 9, 2007 was available at the meeting.

**The following Chairs/Committees had nothing new to report:**

**ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE  
DISABILITIES COORDINATOR  
OFFICIALS CHAIR  
ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR  
SAFETY COORDINATOR  
SWIM-A-THON  
OUTREACH COORDINATORS**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gil Smith at 8:52pm. Motion was seconded and accepted by all.

<p><b>House of Delegates – Winter Meets Bid Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 (7:00pm) at the White Plains YWCA</b></p>
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**Next Board of Directors meeting: Sunday, February 25, 2007 @ Lehman College, after prelims session of Senior Mets (between prelims and start of 1650)**

The Board met after the meeting to discuss the Bids for Zone Team Equipment. We reviewed and compare each proposal. Hobie Swim had the best bid for Metro, therefore received the bid.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
January 16, 2007

## LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2007 CALENDAR

<b>May</b>	5-6	Condors Season Starter – LC at Felix Festa
	6	Badger Swim Club – LC at Lehman – all age groups – 1 session
	12-13	LIAC – 5 sessions at Nassau County AC
	16	Metropolitan House of Delegates/Bid Meeting at White Plains
	18-19	NBS Spring Starter – SC – 3 sessions – Friday pm 1650 free
	19-20	Long Island Express - one session each day
	28	AGUA Distance Meet Invitational - LC
<b>June</b>	2-3	Long Island Aquatic Club – LC – 5 sessions
	9-10	AGUA Invitational – LC – all age groups
	22-24	New York Sharks Aquatics– LC at Felix Festa MS – 5 sessions
	23-24	Long Island Aquatic Club – LC – 4 sessions
	23-24	Long Island Express – LC – one session each day
	27	Long Island AC – Jr. Met Invitational #1 – 1 session – LC
<b>July</b>	** 5-8	Summer Senior Mets LC – Trials and Finals (NY Sharks Bid)
	** 6-8	NY Sharks Red – LC White & Blue Meet at Felix Festa – <b><i>Slower times than 15-18 JO's cuts</i></b>
	**	<b>Note:</b> <i>The New York Sharks will either host the LC Senior Mets on July 5-8 or their meet on July 6-8 – depending on bid selection.</i>
	6-8	Sachem at Holtsville – LC – <b><i>Slower times than 15-18 JO's cuts</i></b>
	11	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational #2 – 1 session – LC
	14	Metropolitan 5K Open Water Championships
	14-15	Condors July Jubilee – LC at Felix Festa
	14-15	Long Island Express – LC one session each day
	18	Long Island Swimming – Jr. Met Invitational #3 – 1 session – LC
	19-22	<i>Summer Speedo Champions Series – Eastern – St. Mary's College, MD</i>
	27-29	Summer Junior Olympics – LC – at TBD – Open bid
	31-Aug.4	<i>Conoco Phillips National Championships – Indianapolis, IN</i>
<b>August</b>	6-10	<i>LC Junior Championships – Indianapolis, IN</i>
	8-11	Summer Eastern Zones – Buffalo, NY