

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2008

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:05pm 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:

Steve McKay made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2007 House of Delegates meeting. Erik Hertenstein seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as written.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a. **Elections in May:** The following positions are up for election: General Chair, Admin. Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Finance Chair, Coaches Rep, Secretary. Please email Ray D'Annolfo (Nominating Committee Chairperson) at swmcoach2@yahoo.com if you are interested in being on the ballot for the May election.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- a. The report was available at the meeting. September 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Total income was \$173,312.42. Expenses total was \$61,116.51 for a net income of \$112,195.91. Income/expenses have been mostly clubs and athletes registrations.

A motion to accept the report was made by Erik Hertenstein, seconded by Steve McKay and approved by all.

5: 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. 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
- c. Background screening for all new coaches must be done before they can be registered.

6: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend the meeting. Bob Vializ reviewed the technical planning LC proposed Championship schedule which was available at the meeting, and had also been posted on the Metro web site. Mary reminded all that teams bidding on meets for the long course season should have handed in their cards at this time.

- a. One addition to that schedule was the Open Water Championship on July 13, 2008.

- b. Recap of the proposed schedule:

- June 29-July 6: Olympic Trials (Omaha, Nebraska)
- July 10-13: Senior Mets
- July 13: Open Water Championship
- July 17-20: Speedo "Super Sectionals" (Penn State University)
- July 25-27: Metro Junior Olympics
- July 29-August 2: U.S. Open (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- August 4-8: Junior Nationals (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- August 6-9: Eastern Zones (North Bethesda & Rockville, Maryland)

We do not have any real flexibility with Sr. Mets and JOs. To avoid 4th of July weekend and Olympic Trials, Sr. Mets must be held July 10-13. This is only one week before Speedo Sectionals (which we have done in the past) but we have no real choices this year. To allow JO's to count as a qualifier for LC Zones we must have the meet the weekend of July 25-27.

The following week is too late for times to count towards Zones. A motion to accept the schedule as presented was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

- c. Summer meet schedule (schedule is posted at the end of the minutes). Any new JO cuts made at the LIE meet of July 19-20 will be accepted. A motion to accept the proposed calendar as bid was made, seconded and accepted by all. **Motion carries.**
- d. Summer Senior Mets (July 10-13) and Junior Olympics (July 25-27) are open for bids if teams would like to host them. It was also confirmed that Senior Mets will be run with morning Trials and evening Finals.

7: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

- a. We have been discussing budget since last May. A Budget Committee meeting was held in mid-November at Nassau County Aquatic Center. The budget modifications that were recommended to reduce the budget deficit were posted on the Metro Web Site and were available at this meeting. The proposed 2007-2008 budget, which also included the Actual vs. Budget 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, was also available. The Budget Committee is going to make recommendations to the modifications of the accepted budget that was voted on at the September House of Delegates meeting.
- b. From this day forward, a form will be available on the website concerning any additions, subtractions, and/or requests for the budget. There will be no more motions accepted from the floor. All requests for the 2008-09 Budget must be made in writing, on the form posted on the website, and submitted to Corinne Cody no later than April 1, 2008. Items requested for the budget can still be discussed at meetings.
- c. Before going on to the budget, Bob Carlucci, of the Condors Swim Club, made a motion to co-host the Long Course Junior Olympics Meet with the Long Island Express, and to host the meet at the Felix Festa Natatorium, July 25-27, 2008. If this bid is accepted by the board, Condors would not run the Age Group Invitational that they bid on earlier today. The motion was seconded, and accepted by all. **Motion carries.**
- d. Corinne Cody:
 - The budget approved on September 15, 2007 was updated to include the Zone Qualifying Meet expenses and the Olympic Trials Stipend expenses, as well as line items that needed to be adjusted to reflect actual results from a full year of 2006-2007. After these adjustments were made, the resulting budget deficit was \$62,690.
 - Corinne said that the committee went through the budget item by item and that they tried to make it the least painful as possible while taking into account all the suggestions that were made during the September meeting. Corinne went over all the modifications that were recommended to reduce the budget deficit. Now that the long course JO's will not be run by Metro, this will add \$8,500 to the deficit. The ending budget deficit for 2007-2008 would then be \$19,199.
 - One of the important aspects is that anyone submitting a stipend request for the Speedo Champions Series "Sectionals" will be required to also submit proof of travel/hotel expenses. This is especially important because this year's meet, in March, will be held at NCAC and some swimmers will not need travel/hotel expenses since the meet is held within our LSC. This could also come into play with NCAA rules and we don't want to take chances or risk that an athlete is seen as being compensated for swimming! Stipend is strictly to help in the traveling expenses for the meet.
 - Olympic Trials Stipends: recommendation was made again to set money aside every year in order to have enough for OT stipends every four years. This will be decided at the next budget meeting.
 - Please review the Budget modifications recommendations for more information.George Rhein made a motion to accept the budget modifications as presented. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. Vote resulted in 4 opposed. The rest of the House of Delegates voted in favor of the budget. **Motion carries** and budget will go into effect immediately (modifications are attached at the end of the minutes). Reminder: all budget requests must be done in writing no later than April 1st of each year. Form is available on the Metro Website.

8: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Bartleson

Scott was unable to attend but he wanted to remind all coaches to submit nominees for the **Metro Senior and Age Group "Coach of the Year"**. Vote will take place at JO's. Each registered coach will have 1 vote. Email nominees to Scottbartleson@yahoo.com between March 1 & March 21, 2008

In addition to the name, please include:

- 1: Senior or Age Group Coach
- 2: Club affiliation
- 3: number of years coaching
- 4: Top five (5) achievements from April 2007 to March 2008 *

* if more than 5 achievements are listed, only the first 5 will be included in the nomination.

9: OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

10: NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request from Old Westbury to discuss JO's. Davor Dokonal introduced himself as the meet director for the 2008 Junior Olympics which will be hosted by OWA in March. Davor explained that OWA has problems getting enough volunteers to help at JO's. He feels that volunteer timers should be required from all teams participating in JO's based on the number of swimmers. The Old Westburry Aquatic Club bid on the meet with the understanding that they were the Host. A long discussion followed. Davor made a motion requesting Metro to change the rules set in the Metro Policy and Manual and to allow the Host Clubs to follow rule 307.7 instead of 307.6 for Championship meets:

307.6 The Host Club is responsible for supplying backup timers for each lane as required by USA Rule 102.12.3 or 102.12.4. Timers should be available 15 minutes prior to the start of the meet to receive instructions by a designated meet official and the lane timing sheets.

307.7 In Metro run Championship meets, clubs will be assigned to supply timers based on their entries in the meet.

Rich Finkelstein seconded the motion. Long discussion followed on this subject. Vote was called: Motion on the floor is to allow host team to request timers from other teams based on the number of entries. Vote resulted in all opposed and 1 abstention. Motion failed.

- b. Mary Fleckenstein reminded all that at our last Board of Directors meeting in December, Gil Smith, representing OWA, approached the Board and made the same request regarding volunteer timers. The Board did give OWA permission to put a request for volunteer timers in the JO's meet notice. Request was granted to OWA (this was never granted before for a Championship meet.) They can request volunteers but can't force teams to provide timers.
- c. George Rhein made an announcement that we recently lost a member of Metro, Paul Fortoul, to renal cancer. Paul was an official, and a volunteer that worked with the Hall of Fame and on the Metro By-Laws and the Policy Manual.
- d. Officials Committee: Paul McClintock is the new Rules Interpreter and he will be answering the "Ask an Official" questions on the Metro Website.
- e. All teams hosting the meets that were bid on at this meeting should supply Paul Simco, Officials Chair, and also their local Officials Chairs, the names of the meet referee for their meets. This should be done within 2 weeks. If teams don't have a meet referee, they should ask Paul Simco or the local Officials Chair to provide one for them.
- f. The stipends for the Distance Meets will be given at a later date, once all the meets have been held. The sum of \$2,500 will be divided between all teams that made a timely request.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm was made, seconded and accepted by all.

<p>House of Delegates – Winter Meets Bid Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 (7:00pm) at the White Plains YWCA</p>

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
January 17, 2008

Metropolitan Swimming Budget Modifications

The budget approved on September 15, 2007 was updated to include the Zone Qualification Meet expense and Olympic Stipend expense as well as line items that needed to be adjusted to reflect actual results from a full year of 2006 – 2007. After these adjustments the resulting budget deficit is \$62,690. The following modifications are recommended to reduce the budget deficit:

Starting Budget Deficit:	(\$62,690)
Long Course JO Meet: Adjust meet income to more accurately Reflect what will be expected	8,500
Eliminate Coaches Stipends	15,000
Jr. National Stipends: Reduce NSCA –SC stipend to \$350 per Swimmer, keep USA Jr. National -LC stipend at \$450 per swimmer And eliminate relay only stipends	6,750
Sectional Stipends: Swimmer must meet Eastern Zone North time Standard and provide proof of travel expense of at least \$200 and Eliminate relay only stipends	9,000
Sr. National Meets: Total stipends per year \$17,000 (\$8,500 for SC and \$8,500 LC) Maximum swimmer stipend of \$600 up to \$8,500 Eliminate relay only stipends	(8,000)
Olympic Trials Stipends: Total amount = \$15,000 with max per athlete of \$1,500 (total expense in 2004 = \$21,000)	7,500
Distance Meet Stipends: Total amount = \$2,500 divided by # of Qualifying meets (reduce from \$5,000)	2,500
Club Excellence Program: reduce total expenditure to original Amount approved when the program was established	5,000
Long Course Zone Meet: Reduce net expense to \$30,000 (bring per Swimmer expense in line with that of SC Zone Meet)	4,850
Coaches clinic: Reduce to equal prior year's expense	1,000
Club Mentoring Program: eliminate program never used	2,000
Convention & national clinic Expense: increase to reflect what is Realistically expected	(3,000)
Correct Payroll tax expense line item	<u>891</u>
Total Recommended Budget Modifications:	<u>\$51,991</u>
Ending Budget Deficit	(\$10,699)

LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2008 CALENDAR

May	2-4	Condors May Season Starter – LC at Felix Festa – 5 sessions
	10-11	Long Island Express – 2 sessions LC (one each day)
	14	Metropolitan House of Delegates/Bid Meeting at White Plains
	16-17	NBS Spring Starter – SC – 3 sessions – Friday pm 1650 free
	17-18	LIAC Spring Kickoff LC Invitational - 5 sessions at NCAC
31-June 1	LIAC Summertime Classic LC Invitational – 5 sessions at NCAC	
June	6-8	OWA Cup Invitational – LC – 5 sessions at NCAC
	7-8	AGUA Invitational – LC – 4 sessions
	25	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #1 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	28-29	LIAC Summer Fun Invite – LC – 4 sessions at NCAC
	28-29	Long Island Express – LC – one session each day
July	2	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #2 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	5-6	New York Sharks – 5 sessions LC at Felix Festa
	9	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #3 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	10-13	Senior Mets – Trials and Finals - TBA
	11-13	Sachem at Holtsville – LC – 3 sessions – <i>Slower than 15-18 JO's cuts</i>
	11-13	Condors July Jubilee – LC at Felix Festa – 5 sessions - <i>Slower than 15-18 JO's cuts</i>
	13	Metropolitan 5K Open Water Championships
	16	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #4 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	17-20	<i>Summer Super Sectionals at Penn State University</i>
	19	New York Sharks – 3 sessions – LC at Felix Festa
	19-20	Long Island Express – LC one session each day
	25-27	Summer Junior Olympics – LC – at TBD – Co-hosted by Condors Swim Club and Long Island Express at Felix Festa Natatorium.
	25-27	Condors Age Group Invitational at Felix Festa – slower than JO's – 5 sessions
29-Aug.2	<i>U.S. Open – Minneapolis, Minnesota</i>	
August	4-8	<i>LC Junior Championships – Minneapolis, Minnesota</i>
	6-9	LC Eastern Zones – North Bethesda & Rockville, Maryland