

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

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

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:05pm at the Lehman College APEX in the Bronx. The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

Bob Vializ welcomed everyone present and wished them all a very Happy New Year.

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

Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2009 House of Delegates meeting. George Rhein seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as posted.

**3: GENERAL CHAIR:** Bob Vializ

- a. **Metro Championship Meets:** Teams hosting Junior Olympics, Silvers, Age Group and 8&Under Championship meets are reminded that they must order the Metropolitan Swimming Championship medals from Hasty Awards.
- b. **Announcement:** Dave Ferris (LIAC) has been named Assistant Chair for the National Senior Committee. Dave is also serving on the Steering Committee. Congratulations Dave!
- c. **Elections in May:** The following positions are up for election: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Finance Chair, Coaches Representative, and Secretary. Please email Mary Fleckenstein (Nominating Committee Chairperson) at [mjfleck333@hotmail.com](mailto:mjfleck333@hotmail.com) if you are interested in being on the ballot for the May election.
- d. **Coaches Clinic in April:** A clinic for Metro coaches will be held tentatively on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Pace University in Pleasantville. The date may change as it conflicts with the ASCSC Championships. Coaches from teams receiving money from the Excellence Grant Program will also speak at the clinic. More information will be available soon.
- e. **Selection of Diversity Liaison:** Welcome to Ray Willie of TVSC who has been selected as the new Metropolitan Swimming Diversity Liaison. Ray is working on a Diversity Camp that will be held at Pace University in Pleasantville on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Information will be available soon.
- f. **College Recruitment Seminar at SC Senior Mets:** Larry Van Wagner from Marist will host the second annual seminar on "College Recruiting" for swimmers and their parents. This Seminar was very well attended last year. Larry will talk about rules of recruiting, and all the steps that athletes must take before applying for college. The seminar will be held at approximately 1pm on Saturday February 20, 2010 at Lehman College after the prelims session of Senior Mets.

**4: FINANCE CHAIR:** Corinne Cody

Corinne was unable to attend the meeting.

- a. **The Budget Requests Form:** has been posted on the Finance Page on the Metro Web Site. Any budget requests for the 2010-2011 budget must be made on this form and submitted by June 1, 2010.
- b. **Reminder:** Any individual that has been paid more than \$600 to perform a service for their team (or Metro) during the calendar year ending December 31, 2009 must be sent a form 1099
- c. **NYS MTA Tax:** Most teams in the Metropolitan area will be subject to the NYS MTA Tax. There is information related to the MTA tax on the Finance page – under Governance.

**5: SENIOR CHAIR:** Brian Brown

- a) **Senior Mets:** No Bonus events due to size of meet last year. Rather than change the time standards (which seemed unwise due to the suits factor) it was decided to limit the session length by not having bonus events. This is a return to the format from a few years ago.

- b) **Senior Circuit Meets:** The meets in the fall were small but effective. Teams in attendance participated in short sessions with good competition. The dates for the next Senior Circuit meets (which will be held long course) are January 23<sup>rd</sup> (at Lehman College) – April (to be bid after HOD meeting).

**6: TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Fleckenstein

- a. **The Profit and Loss report:** was available at the meeting.
- b. **Metro expense/reimbursement form:** The old expense/reimbursement form had been back on the website! This has now been corrected and the new/updated Expense Voucher is available at "Forms". If you are submitting expenses for a meet or a reimbursement, you must use the new form which includes approval from the Committee Chairs. If you are going to Nationals, Juniors, or Sectionals, please make sure that you are filling the forms completely (including travel expenses etc...). Receipts must include the swimmers' names.
- c. **Checks:** All bills are current – a few checks are waiting to be processed. Nationals' Juniors and Seniors checks have been written and will be disbursed soon. We paid out 8 Juniors Stipends and 13 Nationals Stipends.

**7: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- a. **Registrations for 2010 were due December 1, 2009.** All swimmers MUST be registered to swim in a meet. A roster of all swimmers that are currently registered for each club was given out to the coaches at the meeting. Please go through the roster and check it very carefully. Make sure that your database from Team manager matches exactly the list from Metro. If you find errors (birth dates, spelling, names, missing names) please let Barry know as soon as possible. Some coaches registered their swimmers' names backwards so those swimmers come up as non registered in SWIMS. Just email Barry a new file and a copy of the check so that it will be updated right away. Correct your Team Manager's database and rebuilt the ID's if you make any correction!
- b. **Meet Directors:** If your meet is closed, even one month in advance, make sure that you send Barry a registration recon right away. Don't wait for the last minute (must be done at least one week in advance). As of now, any mistake on registration (and un-registered swimmers swimming in a meet) will result in a fine of \$100 – no excuses.
- c. **Please make sure you keep updating your coaches' credentials.** Send copies of the updated certifications to the office or fax them. Check the website for the list of expirations.
- d. **Transfers:** If a child changes team (and/or LSC) we need a signed transfer form and \$5. Do not enter unattached swimmers in relays!!! If a relay team makes Nationals with unattached swimmers, it will not count and will be deleted from the database.
- e. **Club Registration:** Must use the new 2010 form. Must have the full address as well as all information filled out on the form.

**8: DISABILITY:** Mary Fleckenstein

Two announcements:

- a. Philip Scholz from TVSC who was honored At the September HOD meeting continues his winning ways. Philip traveled to Rio in December to the IPC World Championships, representing TVSC and Loyola College. He took home 1 gold, 2 silvers and a bronze. He broke 3 PanAmerican Records as well as 3 American records for his class. Philip competes in the S11 category for blind swimmers. He holds 6 American records. We all wish Philip continued great swimming.
- b. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual GTAC Meet for swimmers with disabilities will be held May 15-16 at the University of Cincinnati. Meet information is posted on the Metro Web site. They would love new swimmers – so please if you have a swimmer with a disability, try to get them to attend. Let Mary Fleckenstein know so we can keep track of their accomplishments.

**9: OPEN WATER:** Bea Hartigan

- a. This year's Open Water has a 10K added to the 5K race. Please try to attend this challenge if your swimmers are interested in Open Water.

**10: NEW BUSINESS:**

Don Wagner (Condors) – Proposals for Metro Swimming

- a. Senior Circuit Meets this summer in the Metro LSC – this would create a more competitive climate and give our senior swimmers three opportunities to race in a "senior" setting where they are not there for multiple hours between events and sessions.
- b. Training Camp – proposal for an annual training trip to the Olympic Training Center for the top 20-30 boys and girls age 13 and up in the Metro LSC. This would be open to the top Hy-Tek/Power point scorers in the LSC. Time standards for consideration were included.

Both proposals were distributed to all at the meeting and are on file at the Metro Office. It was suggested that Don send the proposals to the Finance Chair for approval in May.

**11: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

a. **Proposed Long Course Calendar:**

- o Open Water Championships: July 11
- o Senior Mets: July 22-25
- o Junior Olympics: July 30-August 1
- o Sectionals, Zones and Juniors are in August

- b. **Metro Championship Meets Eligibility Period:** David Ellinghaus made a motion to change the meet eligibility date for all short course Metro Championship meets (Senior Mets, JO's, Silvers, Age Group), from the day after the previous year's meet to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, was made and seconded. For the long course season, the eligibility date would be as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Don Wagner seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**Motion carried.**

- c. **Long Course Schedule:** We have one bid for LC Junior Olympics: Condors at Felix Festa. The schedule is attached to the minutes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm was made, seconded and accepted by all.

**House of Delegates – Winter Meets Bid Meeting:  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 (7:00pm) – tentative date  
At Lehman College APEX**

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
January 16, 2010

## LONG COURSE SEASON – SUMMER 2010 CALENDAR

<b>April</b>	24	LIAC Invitational at NCAC – 1+ session LC
<b>May</b>	1-2	Patriots – 4+ sessions LC at Lehman
	7-9	Condors “May Meters Matter Meet” at Felix Festa – 5+ LC sessions
	12	Metropolitan House of Delegates/Bid Meeting at Lehman - Tentative
	14	NBS “Distance/Spring Starter” Meet – SC – 1 session
	14-16	LIE at Hofstra – 5+ LC sessions
	15-16	LIAC “Spring Kickoff Invite” – 4+ LC sessions
	29-30	AGUA “Gotham City Challenge” Invitational – 4+ LC sessions
<b>June</b>	5-6	LIAC “Summer Classic Invite” – 4+ LC sessions
	12-13	NYSA “Summer Sizzler” at Felix Festa – 4+ LC sessions
	18-20	LIE at Hofstra – 5+ LC sessions
	19-20	Riverbank at Lehman – 4+ LC sessions
	26-27	LIAC “Summer Fun Invitational” – 4+ LC sessions
<b>July</b>	7	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #1 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	9-11	Sachem at Holtsville – LC – 3+ sessions
	9-11	Condors “July Jubilee” at Felix Festa – 5+ LC sessions
	11	Metropolitan 5K/10K Open Water Championships
	14	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #2 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	17-18	LIE at Hofstra – 4+ LC sessions
	21	LI AC – Jr. Met Invitational #3 – 1 session – LC at NCAC
	22-25	Senior Mets – Trials and Finals – site and host TBA
	30-Aug.1	Summer Junior Olympics – LC – hosted by Condors at Felix Festa
<b>August</b>	3-7	<i>ConocoPhillips National Championships – Irvine, California</i>
	9-13	<i>Speedo Junior Championships – Irvine, California</i>
	TBA-	<i>SuperSectionals at Buffalo, New York</i>
	11-14	<i>Eastern Zone LC Championships at Rockville, Maryland</i>