

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Saturday, May 19, 2001

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 8:15am.
The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

- In House of Delegates Meeting of January 9, 2001: # 6 - Senior Chair. Scott Bartleson made a motion that we allocate a maximum of \$150 to each swimmer qualifying in an individual event for the Speedo Champions Series (Sectional), providing that the money is available. **The swimmers MUST actually SWIM at the meet in order to get the money!** (This last sentence was omitted).
- In Attendance: "The list of Clubs in attendance is at the metro office" ("Barry Roffer has the attendance sheets" is not the proper wording)

Ray D'Annolfo made a motion to accept the minutes of January 9, 2001, as corrected. JoAnn McCaffrey seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

- USA-Swimming Convention will take place in Dearborn, Michigan, September 10-16, 2001. Registration Chair must attend this year.
- There is an Officials Chair Conference in Chicago, August 24-26, 2001. Todd Trotman, our new Officials Chairman, will attend.
- Best Practices – Best LSC Transfer Forms
- Larry gave Barry Roffer the USA-Swimming Outstanding Service Award and pin. This award is given in appreciation of the time & energy that Barry has given to Metropolitan Swimming.
- The Eastern Zone meeting in Maine was not a long meeting. They talked about the 11-12 additional events. This will be finalized at Convention. The Sectional meet dates are set to 2003. The Long Island Aquatic Club would like to host Sectionals again.
 - Sectionals: Short Course:
 - March 7-8-9-10, 2002 at LIAC
 - March 6-7-8-9, 2003
 - Sectionals: Long Course:
 - August 1-2-3-4, 2002
 - July 31-August 1-2-3, 2003
 - Phillips 66 Nationals: Short Course:
 - March 19-23, 2002
 - March 18-22, 2003
 - Phillips 66 Nationals: Long Course:
 - August 13-17, 2002
 - August 12-16, 2003
 - Eastern Zones: Short Course:
 - April 4-5-6, 2002 at GCIT in Southern New Jersey

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

A copy of the treasurer's report was handed out. MaryAnn mentioned that some clubs have not asked to receive the stipend from Sectionals. The Metro pin is ready and will be given out to each 14-under swimmer when they register for 2002. We will order about 5000 more pins.

Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report (9/1/00 through 5/9/01). Paul Fortoul seconded the motion. All in favor. Report was accepted as presented.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR REPORT: Scott Bartleson

All post meet reports are in. Nothing else to report at this time.

5A: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Todd Trotman

Todd introduced himself. He will have a newsletter in September. It will include procedures and requirements about moving up in the ranks. It will talk about the evaluation forms. Todd wants to investigate how to improve the meets.

6: SENIOR CHAIR:

Brad Roffer was unable to attend. Barry Roffer thanked Mary Fleckenstein and JoAnn McCaffrey for doing a lot of the work involved in preparing the Metropolitan Swimming Championship Meet Handbook (which was handed out at the meeting).

If you have any suggestions and/or corrections, please contact Brad Roffer:

BeRoff@aol.com Rich Finkelstein suggested that we have 2 sets of information for Senior Mets: one for short course, one for long course.

We will try to have all the meets available on the Metropolitan Website.

7: AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT: John "Mac" McIlhargy

- Winter Zone Meet was great. Mac thanked all the coaches attending the Zone meet, and thanked Barry for all the work before the meet. The meet was fast and the kids had fun.
- Mac would like to have two distance camps at West Point: one during Christmas break, one during Spring break. Anyone interested in being in the camp committee should email Mac at: jrm@thomasamerica.com
- The budget for Zones is much healthier now. The 200 back, breast and fly and the 400 IM will be added at JO's for the 11-12, as well as the 10-under 500 free.
- Coaches that need ideas for sponsors for their meets or for promotions should email Mac, especially for Championship Meets.

8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE: Kerry Going

Kerri thanked everyone but announced that she must resign from her position after this summer. Larry Collins said that the election for a new Coaches' Rep will take place at Senior Mets in July.

9: ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE:

The athletes' representatives were not present at the meeting.

10: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

The summer Zones will be in Buffalo. JO's will be the last meet to qualify for Zones. Barry is arranging for the busses. Hotel is more expensive this year.

11: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Coaches: please update your certifications.

**Coaches: you must sign to "Signature Waiver"
when you send Express Mail to the office**

- If your team is big, please use disk for registration. Check the cards and contact Barry right away if there are any mistakes.
- Some clubs still owe surcharge payment to Metro from Age Group Championship meets and also entry fees to clubs for Silvers, 8-Under, and Age Group.
 - Surcharge: Big Apple and Riverbank (they were sent a note on 4/18).
 - Silvers: Big Apple: to Viking \$312, to Metro \$40
Age Group: Big Apple owes money to West Point
 - 8-under Championships: Big Apple: to BGNW \$405, to Metro \$34Barry said that they are given 2 weeks and then they will go to Review. Bea Hartigan mentioned that those teams are not in good standings and should not be accepted at meets until payment is made.
- Proof of Times (2 notes were sent to everybody, but some teams have not paid yet):
 - Big Apple Marlins: \$500 + \$100 for Sr. Mets
 - Brooklyn Seahawks: \$150
 - Fairview: \$100
 - Harbor Seals: \$50
 - Monroe-Woodbury: \$200
 - West Islip: \$150
- We are looking into initiating an Open Water age group program for Distance Swimmers, at the same time as the Open water 5K, July 15, 2001: 10-under (1000), 11-12 (2000), and 13-14 (3000). Those events will be held between 2 piers along the shoreline. A pewter pin of a fish flying out of the water will be given to the winners.

12: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David reviewed the proposals made at the Technical Planning meeting on May 2nd:

- David made a motion that we go back to a progression of Silvers, JO's, Zone Qualifier meets. The progression provides a quality meet in February (JO's) and in March (Zone Qual.) for the top end swimmers and allows for more manageable meet conditions. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.
- David made a motion to go to a 3 ½ day format and to add the 10-under 500 free, 11-12 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly, and 400 IM at the 2002 short course JO's. All 500's would be held on Thursday (but count as one of the 3 events allowed on the day of the originally scheduled 500). For the 11-12 age group: the 200 back would be on Friday, 200 fly on Saturday, and 200 breast & 400 IM on Sunday. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.
- David made a motion that the awards at JO's be as followed: Age Group Combined Team Award for 10-under, 11-12, and 13-14 (no team award for the 15-18). Individual High Point Awards for boys and for girls 10-under,

11-12, 13-14, and 15-18. Scott Bartleson seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.

- David made a motion that the meet info should state that swimmers that will not go to Zones, but are participating in the ZQ meet, should have an asterisk after their name as a courtesy to the other swimmers. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.
- David made a motion that teams bidding on one of the five "distance meets" must add the 10-under 500 free (or change the 11-12 500 free to 12-under 500 free), and also add the 11-12 400 IM. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.
- David made a motion that the Age Group Invitational go to 3 sites: North, South, and in between (part of LI & NYC). JoAnn McCaffrey seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed. Discussion: Scott Bartleson wants to continue to investigate how we do things in Metro. He would like to see a team championship meet at the end of the season and would like to see more trials/finals meets for age group swimmers. He wants everyone to focus more on TEAM. Examples of this would be Silvers at 3 sites with trials/finals and a true JO championship meet without 15-18 swimmers. Dave said that Technical Planning would look into this, but that we also have to look at the size of some of our teams! MaryAnn mentioned that, years ago, Metro had a team championship at the end of the season, where a team could take all their swimmers. This could be done in three sites.
- David made a motion to change the requirements to compete in Senior Mets to 3 Metro Meets during the qualifying period from the current requirement of 2 meets. We will continue to grandfather the college swimmers while they are in college. Rob Ortof believes it's wrong to increase the requirements. Paul Fortoul reminded all that the qualifying period was 12 month long! Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. 2 opposed the motion. Passed.
- David made a motion to have the warm-up times of prelims at Senior Mets at 7:30am with a start time of 9:00am; finals warm-up time would be at 4:30pm with the start at 5:30pm. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.
- Rich Finkelstein is proposing to move the 200 breaststroke at Senior Mets from the Sunday to the Saturday. The main reason is that many swimmers qualify for the 50 free and 100 back, and we need an event in between. Sunday is very long now! Dave said that we would definitely look at it for the winter 2002.
- 2001-02 Short Course Schedule: Dates/Sites of Championships' Meets:
 - Silvers: February 1-3, 2002
 - JO'S: February 14-17, 2002 (or 15-18, 2002)
 - Sr. Mets: February 21-24, 2002
 - 8-Under: March 2-3, 2002
 - Speedo Series (Sectionals): March 7-10, 2002
 - Age Group: March 15-17, 2002 (proposal based on Eastern Zones)
 - Zone Qualifier Meet: March 22-24, 2002

David made a motion to accept the proposed schedule. Paul Fortoul seconded the motion. All in favor. Schedule accepted as presented.

- The Championships' dates for the Long Course season 2002 will be reviewed again based on the dates set for the Sectional Meet.

- The 2001 long course JO's will take place the last weekend of July (July 27-29, 2001), not the first weekend of August as originally scheduled. This will allow times from JO's to be used for LC Zones.
- Reminder that at long Course Senior Mets, swimmers can swim 7 events, one of which must be 50 back, 50 breaststroke, or 50 fly.
- Championship meets' schedule:
 - Silvers: February 1-3, 2002: North: 2 bids: VAC (6 votes) & YMID (9 votes). North will be at White Plains Middies. South: TVSC
 - JO's: February 14-17 (or 15-18): 2 bids: APEX/BSC (11 votes) & West Point/TRS (22 votes). JO's will be held at West Point.
 - Senior Mets: February 21-24: no bids. Lehman is available. Metro will run meet.
 - 8-Under Championships: March 2-3: West Point/TRS at West Point.
 - Age Group Invitational: North: no bid; South: Team Suffolk Hauppauge; Middle: no bid.
 - Zone Qualifier: March 22-24: APEX/BSC at Lehman
- YMID Might find another weekend to run a distance meet before Sr. Mets.
- Question: Some clubs were not represented at the meeting. Can they ask the Board to add their meets in the schedule? First, they must ask the permission of all teams hosting meets on same weekends. Then they must come to the Board with their requests.
- 2001-02 Short Course Schedule: see separate page.

13: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey (also Web-Site liaison)

- JoAnn needs to know when someone is offering courses, and who is certified to offer courses. Lots of cards will expire this summer. There will be a Re-certification course offered at September meeting.
- Starting with the Fall 2001 meets, the following must be done:
 - All meet info must be e-mailed in Word Format to Results@computeraide.com at time of requesting sanction. (in message box of email list meet info, date, location)
 - Results in a MM Backup Format only are to be e-mailed to Results@computeraide.com. Make sure to include in the mail, the meet name, date, and location
 - If you would like your team's site linked to the website, you must provide the link info to computeraide. However, the above must also be done.

14: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

The top money earner in Metro this year was Chelsea Sules from the YWCA Middies: \$4000. Congratulations, Chelsea. She will receive a price packet from Speedo. Ilan wants to know if USA-Swimming will do something to recognize the top money earners. Rich will investigate.

Marist is delinquent for a payment from a Swim-A-Thon.

15: BUDGET: Robie Ortof

Robie handed out a copy of the proposed budget for 2001-02. He reviewed each item on the proposed budget and gave an explanation when needed. Since Metro doesn't get any money from Swim-A-Thon, that line should be deleted from the budget. There was a very long discussion on how to balance the budget for Zones.

- Scott Bartleson made a motion to raise the swimmers' fee for Zones from \$200 to \$225 per swimmer, and to increase the registration fee by \$5. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. Show of hands: 10 for, 18 against. Motion failed to pass.
- Paul Fortoul made a motion that the expense budget should show \$50,000 for each of the Zone meets. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Barry Roffer made a motion to raise the fee charged to each swimmer for winter and summer Zones to \$250, starting with the Winter 2002 meet. Scott Bartleson seconded the motion. All in favor.
- A motion was made by Len Galluzzi to buy cabinets for the Hall of Fame. This motion was seconded. All in favor. (\$2000 a year for 5 years will be given from the capital expense budget).
- Everyone was in favor of running clinics and distance camps.
- Robie made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Ray D'Annolfo seconded the motion. All in favor. Budget accepted.

16: OLD BUSINESS:

- Kerri Going revisited the issue of awards at the B/C designated meets (see #1, New Business, Minutes of January 9, 2001). David Ellinghaus said that this was a dead issue. Those meets should be run as first come, first served, and clubs can decide what awards they give to the swimmers.
- Rich Finkelstein announced that the Flushing Y has donated \$432 of the Fran Schnarr Scholarship to Metropolitan Swimming, for the betterment of Age Group Swimming.

17: ELECTION:

The Nominating Committee puts forward the following slate of officers for election:

- Age Group Chair: John "Mac" McIlhargy – seconded by John Santos
- Treasurer: MaryAnn Senecal – seconded by Ray D'Annolfo
- Technical Planning Chair: David Ellinghaus – seconded by Barry Roffer
- Safety Coordinator: JoAnn McCaffrey – seconded by Gail Farrell

Bea Hartigan declared that the slate proposed for individual officers was unanimously elected.

In the "Board of Review members: Regular": add Ray D'Annolfo, Kaitlin Krauss (athlete), Michael Lariccio (Sachem).

In the "Board of Review members: Alternates": delete Paul Fortoul. Two more athletes are needed. Anyone interested should call Bea Hartigan within the next 2 weeks.

The slate of candidates for Regular & Alternate members of the Board of Review was accepted unanimously.

18: NEW BUSINESS:

- Officials at Championship Meets 2002: tabled until September.
- New Clubs: Bea Hartigan wants to know if the new clubs have come in front of the Board of Directors to present themselves. They must do this in order to be members in good standing with Metropolitan Swimming. If a club changes its name, it should be included in the minutes.

- JoAnn McCaffrey said that the entry forms for Hudson Valley trials for Empire State Games were posted on the Newburgh and West Point sites. The forms can be downloaded.
- Ray D'Annolfo wants to thank the members of the Review Committee for their work during the year.
- Paul Fortoul gave a report on the Metropolitan Swimming Hall of Fame. The committee received 16 nominations for this year's induction. The committee determined that 80% affirmative vote would be required for election. Seven new members will be inducted this year:
 - Ethelda Bleibtry (Swimmer)
 - Len Galluzzi (Swimmer/Coach/Administrator)
 - Eleanor Holm (Swimmer)
 - Lea (Maurer) Loveless (Swimmer)
 - Martha Norelius (Swimmer)
 - Charles Schlegel (Coach)
 - Helen Wainwright (Swimmer/Diver)

A dinner to honor these individuals and the top athletes and scholar/athletes in Metropolitan Swimming will be held Thursday, June 7, 2001 at 6:30pm at the Nassau County Aquatic Center.

Ray D'Annolfo nominated Kaitlin Krauss as a new athlete representative for the Hall of Fame Committee.

Coaches: please use the updated mailing list!
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Scott Bartleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. All in favor. General meeting adjourned at 11:02am

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
May 21, 2001

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: General meetings:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September: Saturday, September 22, 2001 at White Plains, 8:00am
Mandatory meeting! • January: Thursday, January 10, 2002 at White Plains, 7:00pm
(Summer meets bid meeting) • May: Thursday, May 16, 2002 at White Plains, 6:00pm
(Budget & winter meets bid meeting) |
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2001-02 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

22: **Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting:** 8:00am at White Plains Y

OCTOBER:

13-14: Flushing Y – Jr. Swim Championships – unclassified –
all age groups – one session for 1000 free
13-14: BGNW Marlins – Season opener (3 or 4 sessions)
13: Association Relay Carnival (closed meet)
21: West Point Harvest Relay #1 (2 sessions)
20-21: AGUA
26-28: YMID – age group and 8-under mini meet
27-28: TVSC
27-28: Condors
28: NBS Red, White, Blue meet (2 sessions)
28: West Point Harvest Relay #2 (2 sessions)

NOVEMBER:

2-4: Viking Age Group Meet
2-4: Marist – 6 sessions – one session 1650 free
3: Sachem
9-11: FLY Big Apple Classic – modified A cuts for 13&Over –
2 ½ day format – All events – All age groups.
10: YMID – 12&under meet
18: BGNW Distance meet (2 sessions)
18: Farmingdale (2 sessions)
23-25: YMID Thanksgiving meet – Trials/Finals
23-25: AGUA

DECEMBER:

Nov.30-Dec.2: Connetquot Holiday meet – (Dec. 2 is distance meet)
8: Condors
8-9: BGNW Holiday Meet (4 sessions)
9: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
14-16: West Point Trials/Finals (7 sessions)
21-23: Marist – six sessions - one session 1000 free

JANUARY 2002:

5: Sachem
6: Long Beach Snow ball Mini Meet
5-6: NBS Blue/Gold meet (4 sessions)
5-6: YMID Age Group Distance and 8-under mini meet
10: **House Of Delegates Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA
12-13: TVSC
18-20: Nu-Finmen Martin Luther King Jr. meet
19-21: AGUA
19-20: Connetquot Polar Bear Meet
26-27: FLY – Fran Schnarr Sprint meet
26-27: West Point Winter Invitational (5 sessions)
26-27: Farmingdale (4 sessions)
26-27: Condors

FEBRUARY:

- 1-3: **SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** North: YMID – South: TVSC
- 8-10: NBS Trials/Finals (7 sessions)
- 9: West Point Distance meet
- 15-18: **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** at West Point (with TRS)
- 21-24: **SENIOR METS:** probably at Lehman – hosted by Metro
- 23: Connetquot Scholarship Invitational – cuts slower than Sr. Mets

MARCH:

- 1-3: YMID – Age Group Meet - no 8-under
- 2-3: **8-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** at West Point (with TRS)
- 3: Long Beach – Kiwanis Meet – unclassified - no 8-under
- 7-10: **SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES (SECTIONALS)** at LIAC
- 15-17: **AGE GROUP INVITATIONAL:** 3 sites:
North: ??? – Middle: ??? – South: TS-Hauppauge
- 19-23: **PHILLIPS 66 NATIONALS**
- 22-24: **ZONE QUALIFIER:** at Lehman – APEX/BSC
- 23: YMID – 9&under meet

APRIL:

- 4-6: **EASTERN ZONE SHORT COURSE** at GCIT (New Jersey)
- 13-14: Association Championship (closed meet)

