

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2002**

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

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 6:45pm.  
The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

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

Kerri Going made a motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2002. Gil Smith seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

**3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins**

Larry received quite a bit of correspondence between USA-Swimming and Metro.

- 2002 Elections & Nominations Information Form
- 2001-02 Scholastic All American Application Form (3.5 GPA)
- President's appointments at large
- Info about meeting on altitude training for 2003-04
- Newspaper clippings from Chuck Wielgus at USA-Swimming
- Convention in Dallas, Texas, September 10-15, 2002
- 2002 Nominations for Metro Swimming Hall of Fame

**Proposals:**

- Camp Committee: age group chair, vice chair, senior chair, senior athlete rep., technical planning chair, and adapted chair. 3 dates for camps (north & south distance camp for 11 & up, IM & Stroke camp for 11-over, skills camp for 8-12.) Proposals for those camps are due to board of directors within 60 days.
- Coaches Forum: Coaches' representative is asked to develop forum to have more dialog with the coaches and improve coaching.
- Outreach Project: more minorities in the sport and also reach other areas of Metropolitan Swimming: junior & senior athletes reps, registration chair, adapted chair. Try to have more information sent out to the public.

**Eastern Zone Meeting:** took place Saturday, May 11, 2002 in Baltimore, Maryland. Larry Collins, Barry Roffer, Bea Hartigan, Todd Trotman, Gil Smith, John McIlhargy attended the meeting.

- Barry: USA-Swimming proposes to increase members' dues by \$15 beginning in 2004, and then an increase of \$1 each year over the next 10 years. This would make dues of \$55 in 2004 for Metro registration (athletes and non-athletes). Increase would give money back to "grass roots" programs and club development programs. Next winter Zones will take place again at GCIT in New Jersey. Hotel is already reserved. We also have reservations for next summer as well.
- Gil: Increase in dues will help pay for lots of things. Governance Study has been endorsed and recommended unanimously by the Task Force. Major shake up in USA-Swimming will be brought up at Convention in September. They want to redistrict LSC's. They are talking about a Super Sectional meet in the summer of 2003 (combining sections 1 & 2). Top 16 relays would be at night. New sponsor for USA-Swimming: Mutual of Omaha and V8-Splash. Splash TV will be on Nickelodeon on June 2nd. Gil believes that is a need for the coaches' forum and also for the camps for swimmers. Please coaches: send Gil your email addresses!  
Gil's address: [Papabear122346@aol.com](mailto:Papabear122346@aol.com)
- Mac: events have been added for Zones: 200's strokes for 11-12, and 500/400 free for 10-under (400 IM, 1000 & 1650 free for 11-12 were voted down). Zones & Sectionals sites will be on bid starting 2003-2004. So we'll know dates and sites for next three years.
- Bea: Discussion on how to improve Saturday night's finals at Eastern Zones. There seem to be many problems. Please read Governance Study Report. Get familiar with it since it will be studied for at least a year (55 pages report).

**New Club:** Larry welcomed a new club: Minisink Valley.

**Review Committee Chair:** Ray D'Annolfo.

- Thanks to Kaitlyn Krausse for her work on the committee (She will attend Siena College in the fall). We will need one or 2 more athlete's reps. on the Review Committee.

- Review Committee has not been overly active. They do get some cases though.

#### **New Summer Meets:**

- Kip Fierro (Badgers) wants to add a long course meet June 8-9 at Lehman College (4pm warm-up, 5pm start). Info will be available on the Metro website.
- Rick Ferriola said that Hofstra might be available also for some long course meets (Saturday night and Sunday morning) but timing system might not be available. One weekend in June and one in July.

#### **Metropolitan Hall Of Fame:** Lenny Galluzzi

- The dinner will take place at the Nassau County Aquatic Center, Eisenhower Park, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. Please call Mary Ann Senecal if you would like to attend.
- This year we will be inducting eight new members: Charlotte Boyle (swimmer), Jess Brown (Coach/Administrator), Charlotte Epstein (Manager/Administrator), Peter Fick (Swimmer), Drury Gallagher (Masters Swimmer), George Kojac (Swimmer), Walter Spence (Swimmer), John Witchel (Swimmer).

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

Finance Chair: Robie Ortof, presented the proposed budget for 2002-03. Reports were available. Robie made a few corrections and answered questions about the budget.

- Proposal: change in meet surcharge: \$0 for 8-under championships; \$1 for JO's, Silvers, and Age group invitational; \$2 for Zone Qualifier and Senior Mets.
- Bea: we do have bells! We should have an LSC Equipment manager that would be in charge of bells, headsets, etc.
- Chris Robledo (junior athlete's rep) said that athletes were happy with the uniform at Zones.
- Rick Ferriola questioned the stipend amount given to athletes for Sectionals (\$150). He would like to see a stipend for relay only swimmers. Robie said that we are giving much more money for sectionals than we ever did for Juniors and to pay relay swimmers we would have to divide the pot. No one seconded Rick's motion.

Rob Ortof made a motion to accept the budget as corrected. Gay Silverman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Budget was accepted as corrected.

#### **5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR:** Scott Bartleson

Scott had no report.

- Officials Chair Report: Todd Trotman. We need volunteer officials for Empire State Games trials and for the Grand Prix meet. There will be a clinic for Nat. officials on June 6 at 7:30pm in Hempstead, and a clinic for Starters only on June 13 at 7:30pm at Kennedy Park. Announcements will be posted on the website. There will be clinics for administrators, starters, and referees in each area in September or October.

#### **6: SENIOR CHAIR:**

Barry said that the meet information for Senior Mets would be mailed in a few days.

The 200 breaststroke was moved from Sunday to Saturday, and breaks have been added and included in the schedule.

#### **7: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** John McIlhargy

Mac said that Zones went very well. He thanked Mary Fleckenstein for stepping up when he had to leave Zones. We are all set for Summer Zones, August 7-10 in Buffalo.

#### **8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Gil Smith

The Splash program will be kind of new: there will be a coach and an athlete. It will now be on Nickelodeon. Tapes are also available from USA-Swimming (\$15).

Short Course Zones: March 27-29, 2003.

#### **9: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE:** Christian Robledo

Paul Weir couldn't attend the meeting because he is at the Grand Prix meet in Michigan.

Christian said that his first experience at Zones went very smoothly. Barry praised both Christian and Paul for a very good job at Zones.

### **10: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- There are not enough chaperones at Zones. Too many things were stolen this year. We need 8 to 10 chaperones. Barry made a motion that all teams sending 4 or more swimmers to Zones must provide one chaperone (room/board and transportation would be given). Bob Carlucci seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Equipment: Kids must wear the Metro equipment exclusively (except jammers for breaststrokes). Metro finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Kids did well and cheered a lot.
- Barry thanked Mary for a job well done, as she had to step up as head coach. Mary will be the head coach this summer. Let Barry know if you are interested in going this summer.

### **11: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

New coaches must pass the "Foundation of Coaching" test before they can be registered for their second year. Coaches: keep your credentials current (CPR/First Aid/Coaches Safety).

A virus destroyed the office computer. Will get a new one this week.

### **12: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

Technical Planning has been looking at the Metropolitan short-course championship schedule to determine whether our present format is the best for our athletes.

- The current format allows our swimmers the opportunity to progress from one level to the next.
- The current format has led to a consistently strong zone team. The ZQ meet also minimizes the administrative load of the zone team coordinator.
- Both the JO's and ZQ meet have consistently produced a high number of NAG Top 16 reportable times.
- Both the JO's and ZQ meet have proven to be manageable under the current format.

However:

- Holding JO's in mid-February means no championship meet in March with relays.
- The current format takes some of the excitement out of JO's.
- The current format requires us to place Silvers the first weekend of February, offering less preparation time after the December holidays.
- The current format means an additional weekend at a meet for athletes, coaches, parents. However, when JO's and ZQ were combined in the past, the meet has proven to be too large and almost unmanageable.

**Options:**

- 1: Maintain our current format based on progression. The format allows us to keep the 15-18 age group in both JO's and ZQ meet. The issue of whether a swimmer aging up prior to Zones may swim finals in his/her current age group at ZQ meet must be answered.
- 2: Combine JO's and ZQ into one meet in March. Prelims/Finals for 11-12 and 13-14. Timed finals for 10&under. The 15-18 age group would be removed from this meet. Swimmers aging up between JO/ZQ and Zones would have the option of swimming in their current age group for the entire meet (including finals) or of swimming up for the entire meet. (Swimmers would be allowed to swim in their current age group for relays even if they swim up in their individual events.) The zone team for 15-18 would be selected from **proven** times submitted to the Metro office no later than the weekend of the JO/ZQ meet. The window of opportunity would be from December 1 of the current short course season through the JO/ZQ weekend.

**Vote:** All were in favor of **option #1**.

It was agreed that we would add the strokes 200 events for 11-12 and the 500 free for 10-under for both JO's and Zone Qualifier meets.

The meet schedule for the 2002-03 short course season is on a separate sheet.

### **Bids For Championship meets:**

- **Silvers:** January 31-February 2, 2003: North: YMID (13) – VAC (11) – Meet will be at YMID.  
South: TVSC
- **Junior Olympics:** February 14-17, 2003: APEX/Badgers at Lehman
- **Senior Mets:** February 20-23, 2003: Metro runs the meet. We will call Marty Zwiren at Lehman to check if site is available.
- **8-under championships:** March 1-2, 2003: Connetquot (8) – TVSC (16) – meet will be held at TVSC. A request to standardize the format was voted on and accepted.

- **Zone Qualifying Meet:** either March 7-9 or March 14-16, 2003 (depending on the official dates for the Speedo Sectionals.): APEX/Badgers at Lehman
- **Age Group:** March 21-23, 2003 – Areas will be redistributed more or less equally.
  - North: Condors (0) – VAC (all) – meet will be at VAC
  - Middle: APEX/Badgers at Lehman
  - South: Hauppauge (13) – Connetquot (6) – meet will be at Hauppauge

**13: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Mary said that everyone did a great job at Zones. She had nothing new to report at this time.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn needs to know when people are running clinics. She received the 2002 First Quarter Accident Summary Report.

**15: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein

- APEX will run a Swim-A-Thon in the near future.
- Congratulations to Chelsea Sules (YMID): highest amount raised in Metro (about \$4000). She will receive a nice package from USA-Swimming.

**16: OLD BUSINESS:**

- Everything must be sent to the Metro website (meets info and meets results). But meet info must also be sent to all clubs!
- Flushing YMCA is looking for a coach for 12-under group.
- Dave Ferris wants to add an intermission in the Wednesday night LIAC meets this summer, so more swimmers would be able to participate. There are very few long course meets available in metro and meets at LIAC are full (request of 3 events maximum per swimmer per session).
- Mary Ann questioned the fact that a Metro team does not use Hy-Tek for their meets, and their results are not compatible. The Association had voted years ago to use Hy-tek for all meets. Clubs had 5 years to comply.

**17: NEW BUSINESS:** Bea Hartigan

- The Nominating Committee puts forward the following slate of officers for election:
  - General Chair: two names: Larry Collins and Raymond D'Annolfo – secret ballot was held. **Ray D'Annolfo** was elected as the new General Chairman of Metropolitan Swimming. A motion to destroy the ballots was made, seconded and accepted.
  - Administrative Vice Chair: **Bea Hartigan**
  - Senior Chair: **David Ferris**
  - Coaches Rep: **Gil Smith** (was elected at Sr. Mets in February 2002)
  - Secretary: **Monique Grayson**
  - Finance Chair: **George Rhein**
- Bea Hartigan declared that the slate proposed for individual officers was unanimously elected. Barry Roffer thanked Larry Collins for his years as General Chairman.
- Ray D'Annolfo thanked the House of Delegates for electing him. He is stepping down as Review Committee Chairman. The General Chair, with the approval of all members, will select a new chairman for the Review Committee. Some members were nominated from the floor: Oya White (athletes' Rep), John Pisano, and Larry Collins.
- The Hall of Fame Committee needs a new athlete's Rep.
- All new clubs are on a one-year probation.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm was made, seconded and accepted.

**Dates of House of Delegates Meetings:**  
 September 21, 2002 (9:00am) – January 15, 2003 (7:00pm) – May 15, 2003 (7:00pm)  
 All 3 meetings to be held at the White Plains YWCA

## 2002-03 CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER:

21: **Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting:** 9:00am at White Plains Y  
28: Condors

### OCTOBER:

13: Flushing YMCA – Distance Meet  
13-14: BGNW Marlins – Season Starter (4 sessions) – Sunday & Monday  
13: ASCSL Relay Carnival (closed meet)  
19-20: TVSC  
19-20: AGUA  
19-20: Flushing YMCA – Junior Swim Championships  
25-27: YMID – Halloween Invitational  
26-27: LIAC – Fall Invitational at Eisenhower  
26-27: Condors  
27: NBS Red, White, Blue meet (2 sessions)

### NOVEMBER:

1-3: Marist Swim Club  
9: Sachem – Age Group Meet – 2 sessions  
9: YMID – 12 & under meet  
15-17: Flushing YMCA - Big Apple Classic  
15-17: Viking Aquatic Club  
16-17: TVSC  
17: BGNW Distance meet  
22-24: AGUA  
29-Dec.1: YMID Thanksgiving Invitational  
29-Dec.1: AGUA  
30-Dec.1: LIAC – Thanksgiving Invitational at Eisenhower

### DECEMBER:

7: Viking Aquatic Club  
6-8: Connetquot Holiday meet  
6-8: Aqua Gems  
7: Condors  
7-8: BGNW Holiday Meet (4 sessions)  
8: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
13-15: West Point Trials/Finals (7 sessions)  
20-22: Marist Swim Club

### JANUARY 2003:

4: Sachem Swim Club – Age Group – 2 sessions  
4-5: NBS Blue/Gold meet (4 sessions)  
5: Long Beach Snow ball Mini Meet 8-Unders  
10-12: Aqua Gems  
11-12: YMID Age Group Distance and 8-under mini meet  
15: **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA  
11-12: TVSC  
17-19: Nu-Finmen - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Classic  
18-20: AGUA  
25: Connetquot – Scholarship Invitational  
25-26: Flushing YMCA – Fran Schnarr Sprint meet  
25-26: Condors

**FEBRUARY:**

- 1/31-2/2: LIAC – National Qualifier cuts – at Eisenhower  
1/31-2/2: West Point – Winter Invitational – 1 session Distance – No Silver swimmers  
1/31-2/2: **SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** **North:** YMID – **South:** TVSC  
7-9: Aqua Gems  
7-9: Newburgh - Trials/Finals Team Championship (8 sessions)  
14-17: **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** at Lehman (APEX/BAD)  
20-23: **SENIOR METS:** probably at Lehman – hosted by Metro

**MARCH:**

- 2/28-3/2: YMID March Madness Invitational – no 8+Unders  
1-2: **8-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** at TVSC  
2: Long Beach – Kiwanis Meet – unclassified – 9+over meet  
6-9: **SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES (SECTIONALS)** at LIAC (tentative dates)  
14-16: **ZONE QUALIFIER:** at Lehman (APEX/BAD) (tentative dates)  
15: YMID – 9&under meet  
21-23: **AGE GROUP INVITATIONAL:** 3 sites:  
**North:** VAC – **Middle:** Lehman APEX/BAD – **South:** Hauppauge  
27-29: **EASTERN ZONE SHORT COURSE** at GCIT (New Jersey)  
29-30: Connetquot – March Madness Meet

**APRIL:**

- 12-13: ASCSC Championship (closed meet)

**MAY:**

- 15: **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA