

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2003

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 7:17pm.
The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections: #11: third line: Coaches, Chaperones **and Officials** should contact the Metro Office ...
Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2003 House of Delegates meeting. John Pisano seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- New Coaches/Veteran Coaches: It is your responsibility to know the USA Swimming and Metropolitan Swimming rules and to teach them to your assistant coaches and your swimmers.
- Eastern Zone Meeting was held in Philadelphia (PA) May 10, 2003. New program in USA Swimming – General Motors Van, painted up to tour around the US to promote swimming. It will be in the Eastern Zone beginning June 30 to July 20.
- This past month was hard on the Metro board: Ray's Dad, Gil's Mom, and John "Mac"s Brother, all passed away. Our sincere condolences to Ray, Gil, John, and their families.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- Financial report was available at the meeting. September to March: inflow is \$369,764.75; outflow is \$244,161.38. Overall balance is \$125,603.37.
- Finance Chair: George Rhein, presented the proposed budget for 2003-04. Reports were available. George said that \$4000 was in the budget for expenses for the LC Junior Olympics (including awards) and answered questions about the budget. Ray Willie made a motion to accept the budget as presented. John Pisano seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- Bea announced that Barry Roffer had been selected as Head Coach for the Pan Am Maccabi Games that will be held December 24, 2003 to January 5, 2004 in Santiago, Chile. Congratulations, Barry!
- Zone Meeting in Philadelphia:
 - Voted "no" to scoring Open Water as part of Championship, but may score and give awards as separate event.
 - Question from Maryland: How about eliminating 15-18 from Zone meet? After much discussion, this is tabled until the Convention meeting in San Diego.
 - Question: should there be cuts for the SC meet? **Vote = no, keep 2 per LSC.**
 - Question: should the Sectional cuts be the ceiling for Zones or just continue to bar swimmer from events made.
 - Sectional meetings: Section I – combine sections for LC? **Vote = yes.** Section II has no bid for 2004 yet so wouldn't mind combining then.
 - Virginia proposed a two-year pilot program of including swimmers with disabilities in the Zone Championships. We would follow the Central Zone model (2 swimmers 12&under and 2 swimmers 13&over per LSC). **All in favor.**
 - Proposal to bar LSC's from holding senior level meets against the Sectional meet dates. **Vote = can't require but strongly request.**

- Post Meet Reports: All info must be filled out on the post-meet reports. Financial report of entries must include scratches, DQ's, No Shows, and the exact number of teams and/or swimmers that were cut. Teams cut from a meet should contact Bea right away.
- Be sure that meet info is complete and correct before posting on website!

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

- Officials for meets - proposal
 - In order to make the officiating at Metro meets more professional and more consistent, the Supervisory group of Officials Chair persons and the Area Chairs presented their report.
 - Clubs wishing to secure their own officials would be required to furnish the Area Chair with a list of officials working the meet before the start of the meet so that the Area Chair could be assured that all officials working the meet are credentialed and certified.
 - The list of all certified officials will be posted on the website and updated as needed.
 - Scratch procedure must be detailed on all championship meets information.
- Joseph Stetz Scholarship Awards for 2003: There were 17 applicants: 13 girls & 4 boys.
 - Sherry Siyuan Wang, Three Village Swim Club (was accepted at Yale University)
 - John Wilde, Team Suffolk (was accepted at Columbia University)

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- Meet information for Senior Mets Long Course is on website. The meet is Timed Finals.
- Timers' requirements: assignments are given before the meet. Teams must be responsible. They can change their assignment with one another in order to fulfill their obligations. Question: should we have a fine system for the no shows or DQ swimmers of those teams? The Metro rule is to disqualify the swimmers of the clubs that fail to report for their timing assignment, until the timers show up.
- Trials/Finals Scratch Rule Clarification for Championship Meets: we must follow the rule as it is stated for National Meets. **Coaches, Assistant coaches, and swimmers must familiarize themselves with the rule.** After the event is announced, swimmers will have 30 minutes to declare their intention to scratch finals. A long discussion on this rule followed. If a swimmer (or a team) knows he/she will not come back for finals, he/she must go to the desk and scratch. We must make sure to have an administrative referee to handle the scratches at meets.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

John McIlhargy was unable to attend the meeting. Mac wants to thank the Board and the House of Delegates for their support while he was Age Group Chairman.

Recommendation: Ray Willie made a motion that sessions' start time at Championship meets should be adjusted based on the size of the meet for Age Group, Silvers, and JO's (AM and/or PM sessions). Information about change of warm-up/start time must be posted on the website and teams must be notified by email at least seven (7) days before the start of the meet. Ian seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

Each club must include an email address when sending their meet entries, either on diskette or on meet report or hard copy of entries.

9: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES: Gil Smith

Gil Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

- Brian Brown (AGUA) announced that there would be a swimming-specific nutritional clinic for swimmers and coaches on Saturday, June 21st at Asphalt Green, from 10am to 1pm. The speaker will be Heidi Skolnik M.S., C.D.N., FACSM. Registration is on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Contact Brian at 212-369-8890 ext. 234 or email bbrown@asphaltgreen.org
- Larry Van Wagner announced that the Mutual of Omaha and the Marist Swim Club would hold a clinic with Misty Hyman (the 2000 Olympic 200 Fly Gold Medalist) on Saturday, June 7th at

Marist College's James J. McCann Center from 11am to 2pm (in between sessions of ESG Hudson Valley Tryouts).

10: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE: Christian Robledo

Ray D'Annolfo announced that Ryan Emanuel (Badgers) was elected Junior Athlete rep. at JO's, and that Christian Robledo (Long Island) was now the Senior Athlete Rep. Neither athlete could attend the meeting.

11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Barry thanked the coaching staff that attended the 2003 Short Course Eastern Zone meet. Short Course Zones will be held at George Mason University in Virginia, April 1-3, 2004.
- Top 25 Psych songs: send to Barry.
- Mary Fleckenstein, who was Head Coach at Zones, said that Metropolitan finished in 4th place. There were lots of great swims, and Metro swimmers broke 7 Zone Records! The coaches were great. Thank you all! No problems with hotel and food! There were problems with some parents coming on deck and some swimmers leaving before the end of the meet. We need more chaperones for older kids. Metro rule is that clubs with 4 or more swimmers entered in the meet must provide a chaperone! Mary suggested that Metro get a "publicity person" to send pictures and anecdotes every day to the Metro website.

12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

The registration program will be changing this fall. The "SWIMS" program will start training members in June. Barry reminded all coaches to update their certifications. Reminder: all first-year coaches must pass the ASCA test before registering for the second year.

USA Swimming/Metropolitan Registration fee for athletes and non-athletes will increase to \$50 per person for the 2003-04 season
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Ginny Nussbaum explained that the dues increase would help the task force for programs & services (11 programs) and the task force for facilities.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- New events were added in the long course JO's: 400 free for 10-under; 200 back, 200 breast, and 200 fly for 11-12. Information is now available on the website.
- Age Group Meet: we need to re-distribute the 3 areas to make it more even (too many teams attending the "south" and not enough in the "middle"). Question of whether or not to accept swimmers with JO cuts at the Age Group meet.
- Proposed calendar for 2003-2004 short course season. Long discussion followed the proposal. Some coaches feel that we need to do something different to bring excitement back to the championship meets. Maybe host JO/ZQ as a combined meet and hold prelims on the same weekend at 2 sites, then have the finals at one site. Other coaches feel that the progression of Silvers to JO's to Zone Qualifier is great for the kids and give them something to focus on. They also feel that 2 sites for JO/ZQ would be very hard on small clubs. They feel that the progression works for small and big teams. The excitement is based upon the competition, and on how coaches prepare their swimmers for a certain meet.

Dave Ferris made a motion to accept the 2003-04 championships meet format as proposed by the Board of Directors in March. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion.

Vote: 35 voted for the proposed format; 8 voted against it. **Motion carries.**

The approved Metropolitan short course championship format for 2003-2004 is:

- Silver Championships: February 6, 7, 8, 2004
- USA-Swimming Nationals: February 11-15, 2004
- Junior Olympics: February 19-22, 2004
- Senior Mets: February 26-29, 2004
- 8-Under Championships: March 6-7, 2004

- Speedo Championships (Sectionals): March 11-14, 2004 – Long Course at Eisenhower
- Zone Qualifier Meet: March 19-21, 2004
- Age group Championships: March 26-28, 2004
- Zones: April 1-3, 2004 at George Mason University (VA)

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

- Safety weekend: June 14 & 15, 2003 at Huntington Yacht Club. Challenge/Review Courses in coaches' safety, CPR, First Aid. Call Bea Hartigan by June 1st. (631-271-3349).
- USA Swimming has recently signed an agreement with the ARC to become the National Authorized Provider for Safety Training for Swim Coaches and Sport Safety Training. This means that USA Swimming will approve the instructors for these courses, and all course certifications will be issued through the Pikes Peak Chapter of the ARC in Colorado Springs. Contact JoAnn if you are an IT or instructor.

15: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

Paul Fortoul read the names of the 2003 inductees. He said that the athlete' scholarships and the awards from Senior Mets short course would be given out at the Hall Of Fame Dinner.

The 2003 Hall of Fame Inductees are:

- Agnes Gerahty (Swimmer – Women's Swimming Association)
- Bill & Leona Davis (Coach/Administrator – Long Island Swim Club)
- Ed Kennedy (Coach/Official/Administrator – Columbia University)
- Dr. Jane Katz (Masters Swimmer/Contributor)
- Jack Ryan (Coach/Administrator – U.S. Military Academy)

16: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

Metro should encourage swimmers with disabilities to swim in our championship meets like Senior Mets and JO's. Mary suggests that each meet notice include the following: "swimmers with disabilities should be encouraged to attend". This notice should be posted on the website as well. USA Swimming has guidebooks about swimmers with disabilities (guidebooks for meet directors, coaches, parents, officials).

17: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Anyone interested in hosting a Swim-A-Thon must contact USA Swimming in Colorado or contact Rich Finkelstein. Russell Mark, former swimmer from the Flushing YMCA, is Bio-Mechanics Coordinator in Colorado Springs.

18: OLD BUSINESS:

"Think Tank" Response – what can Metro do for Clubs, Coaches, etc. Any suggestion at this time? Some suggestions were to have enough people to do the scratches at meets and to play music at finals.

19: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bidding for Championship Meets & meet schedule: **the 2003-04 schedule is attached.**

- September House of Delegates: Saturday, September 20, 2003 – 8:30am @ White Plains
One athlete representative (13-over) from each club must attend this meeting.
- January House of Delegates: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 – 7:00pm @ White Plains
- Silver Championships: February 6, 7, 8, 2004
 - South: **Three Village Swim Club**
 - North: ~~YMCA~~ (9 votes) - **Aqua Gems** at Orange County CC (10 votes)
- Junior Olympics: February 19-22, 2004 (**Metro** at Lehman College)
- Senior Mets: February 26-29, 2004 (**Metro** at Lehman College)
- 8-Under Championships: March 6-7, 2004
 - **Three Village Swim Club** (24 votes) - ~~Connetquot Swim Club~~ (2 votes)
- Zone Qualifier Meet: March 19-21, 2004 (**Metro** at Lehman College)
- Age group Championships: March 26-28, 2004 [3 sites will be re-organized]

- North: **Viking Aquatic Club**
- Middle: **APEX** at Lehman
- South: **Hauppauge Swim Club**
- May House of Delegates: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 – 7:00pm @ White Plains

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

- Treasurer: **Mary Ann Senecal**
- Technical Planning: **David Ellinghaus**
- Junior Athlete Rep: **Ryan Emanuel** (was elected at JO's in February).

A motion to accept the officers was made by Christine D'Errico and seconded by John Pisano. Everyone present was in favor. Motion carries.

- Review Board: **Entire Committee** is running again (6 regulars, 3 alternates). We need 1 or 2 more athletes.

A motion to accept the members was made by David Ellinghaus and seconded by John Pisano. Everyone present was in favor. Motion carries.

- Safety: **JoAnn McCaffrey** and ~~John McIlhargy~~
- Age Group: **Mary Fleckenstein** and ~~Corinne Cody~~

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Barry Roffer and accepted by all.

C. The Flushing YMCA donated \$500 to Metro, from the Fran Schnarr Memorial Meet, for advancement of Age Group Swimming.

D. Larry Van Wagner (Marist Swim Club) made a motion to adopt a policy of Priority of entries for Metro Teams at all long course meets, effective September 1, 2003. Rich Finkelstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm was made by David Ellinghaus, seconded by Christine D'Errico, and accepted by all.

Dates of House of Delegates Meetings:

September 20, 2003 (8:30am) – January 14, 2004 (7:00pm) – May 12, 2004 (7:00pm)

All 3 meetings to be held at the White Plains YWCA

One athlete per club **MUST** be present at the September House of Delegates Meeting.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
May 22, 2003

2003-04 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

- 20: **Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting:** 8:30am at White Plains Y
- 28: Aqua Gems
- 28: Condors (age group)

OCTOBER:

- 11-12: BGNW Marlins – Season Starter (4 sessions)
- 12: Flushing YMCA – Distance Meet
- 18 or 19: ASCSL Relay Carnival (closed meet)
- 18-19: Flushing YMCA – Junior Swim Championships
- 18-19: Asphalt Green (age group)
- 24-26: YWCA Middies - Halloween Invitational
- 25: Marist Swim Club – Distance Invitational (1 session)
- 25-26: Three Village Swim Club
- 25-26: Long Island – Fall Invitational
- 25-26: Condors (age group)
- 26: Newburgh Sharks: Annual Red, White & Blue
- 31-Nov.2: West Point Swim Club – Trials/Finals
- 31-Nov.2: Marist Swim Club – Fall Invitational (6 sessions)

NOVEMBER:

- 1-2: Connetquot Swim Club: 12 & under Fall Classic
- 8: Sachem Swim Club– Age Group Meet – 2 sessions
- 8: YWCA Middies - 12 & under mini meet
- 7-9 or 14-16: Flushing YMCA - Big Apple Classic (depending on pool availability)
- 14-16: Viking Aquatic Club
- 15-16: Asphalt Green: Prelims: LC meters – Finals: SC yards
- 16: BGNW Marlins: Distance meet
- 23: BGNW Marlins: Age Group meet
- 28-30: Asphalt Green – All age groups – timed finals
- 28-30: YWCA Middies - Thanksgiving Invitational
- 29-30: Long Island – Thanksgiving Invitational

DECEMBER:

- 4-6: US Open (Long Course) at Federal Way, WA
- 5-7: Connetquot: Holiday meet
- 5-7: Aqua Gems
- 6: Condors: Mini meet - Age group
- 6: Viking Aquatic Club: Short & Sweet
- 6-7: BGNW Marlins - Holiday Meet (4 sessions)
- 12-14: West Point Swim Club - Trials/Finals
- 12-14: Marist Swim Club – Christmas Invitational

JANUARY 2004:

- 3-4: Newburgh Sharks - Blue/Gold meet
- 4 or 11: Long Beach - Annual Snow ball Mini Meet 8-Unders
- 10: Sachem Swim Club (2 sessions)
- 10: YWCA Middies: 12 & under mini-meet
- 14: **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA
- 16-18: Nu-Finmen – 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Classic
- 17-19: Asphalt Green – all age groups – timed finals
- 23-25: Aqua Gems

23-25: Three Village Swim Club
24-25: Flushing YMCA – Fran Schnarr Pentathlon Sprint meet
24-25: Condors
30-Feb.1: Newburgh Sharks – Trials/Finals Team Championships
30-Feb.1: West Point – Trials/Finals
31-Feb.1: YWCA Middies

FEBRUARY:

6-8: **SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** North: Aqua Gems – South: TVSC
11-15: USA-Swimming Nationals – Orlando, Florida
19-22: **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** at Lehman - hosted by Metro
26-29: **SENIOR METS:** at Lehman – hosted by Metro

MARCH:

5-7: YWCA Middies - March Madness Invitational – no 8+Unders
6-7: **8-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** at Three Village Swim Club
7: Long Beach – Kiwanis Meet – unclassified – no 8 & Unders
11-14: **SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES (SECTIONALS)**
19-21: **ZONE QUALIFIER:** Lehman - hosted by Metro
24-25: ASCSL (closed meet)
26-28: **AGE GROUP INVITATIONAL:** 3 sites:
North: VAC – Middle: Lehman APEX – South: Hauppauge

APRIL:

1-3: **EASTERN ZONE SHORT COURSE** at George Mason University, VA

MAY:

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