

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:00pm at Lehman College APEX in The Bronx, NY.

The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

- a) Bob Vializ welcomed everyone present at the meeting and introduced the new Junior Athletes' Rep. who was elected at JO's: Frances Warren (Long Island Express).
- b) Coaches were reminded to fill out cards for meet bids, and that if needed, each team may have up to 3 votes. Voters must be present at the meeting!
- c) Handouts available on the back table included:
 - a. The report from the Eastern Zone Meeting of May 8, 2010 at Fort Lauderdale was available to all on the back table. There are significant changes for this year's sectionals.
 - b. The SWIMS / NTV Report
 - c. The Budget vs. Actual Report (September 2009 through May 9, 2010)
- d) House of Delegates meetings for 2010-11 – all meetings to be held at Lehman College.
 - a. Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 9am
 - b. Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 7pm
 - c. Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7pm

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2010 House of Delegates meeting. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted published.

3: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: George Rhein

The winners of this year's Joe Stetz Scholarship were honored at the meeting. This Metro scholarship represents excellence in balancing academics and athletics. Kris Sawicz believes that the parents at home, the teachers at school and the coaches at the pool share a part in tonight's recipients' success.

Kris thanked George Rhein and the Committee and introduced the Female and Male athletes:

- a) **Julia Festa** (Long Island Aquatic Club) - Dave Ferris spoke about Julia and presented her award. Julia will attend Princeton University in the fall.
- b) **Zachary Coleman** (Islip Aquatics) – Ed Kropp spoke about Zach and presented his award. Zach will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall.

4: GENERAL CHAIR: Boob Vializ

- a) Bob has appointed Steve Newman to chair an enhancement committee for the Metropolitan Swimming Hall of Fame, to evaluate the nomination process, criteria, location and anything else that goes along with HOF. Please contact Steve at sn100@optonline.net if you want to be on the committee.
- b) New Suit Rule reminder: All swimwear worn in competition must be on the FINA list of approved swimsuits and must have the appropriate FINA labeling on the outside of the swimwear. See Metro and USA Swimming Web sites for additional information.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: Corinne Cody

- a) Corinne presented the Budget vs. Actual's Report (September 1, 2009 through May 9, 2010). The report was available at the meeting. No major surprises and we are pretty much on target.
- b) A motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made and seconded. All members in attendance were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- c) All budget requests must be made in writing by June 1st. The Budget Request Form is available on the Metro Web Site at "Governance"

6: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES: Larry Collins

- a) Larry handed out the Selection and Voting Criteria for this year Age Group and Senior Coach of the Year. This will be posted on the Metro Web Site.
- b) Nominations are due June 11, 2010 - Voting will take place from June 15th to June 21st - Registered Coaches ONLY can vote.

- c) A motion to accept the criteria as amended was made by Tom Bruder, seconded by Rob Ortoff and accepted by all.

7: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- a) Reminder: all coaches must send in their new certifications before their coaches' card expires so they can receive a new card on time – NO coach should be allowed on deck without a current card!
- b) Registrations must be done electronically with hard copies and fees to follow. NO hand written registration will be allowed. If you make a change on a swimmer, make sure to also renew the registration. "Changes" only will not officially register a swimmer!
- c) Coaches – please match your team manager database with the database report from Metro. Make sure that first-middle-last names, birth dates and USS numbers are identical on both reports. If there is a problem, please talk to Barry as soon as possible.

8: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- a) **Proposed 2010 Championship Meet Calendar:** Dave Ellinghaus made a motion to adopt the 2010 championship schedule as proposed:
- Zone "Qualifier" – Option #1 February 11-13 – **Option #2 February 18-20 or 19-21**
 - Senior Mets – Option #1 February 18-21 – **Option #2 February 24-27**
 - Silver Championships – March 4-6
 - 8-Under Championship – March 12-13
 - Junior Olympics – March 18-20
 - Age Group – March 25-27
 - Eastern Zone Meet – March 31-April 2
- b) A motion to accept the calendar with **Option #1** for Zone Qual. and Senior Mets was made by Kevin Storrs and seconded by Fred Fritsch. Discussion followed. Motion was rejected.
- c) A motion to accept the calendar with **Option #2** for Zone Qual. and Senior Mets was made by Fred Fritsch, and seconded by Don Wagner. Discussion followed after which the motion for **Option #2 was accepted by all.** Dates of February 19-21 were chosen upon pool availability on Monday, February 21st.
- d) **The qualifying times for Metro championship meets** for the summer of 2010 and the short course season of 2011 have been revised. They are available on the Metro Website. All changes are in red and bold.

9: DIVERSITY LIAISON: Ray Willie

- a) The first Metropolitan Swimming Diversity Camp was held April 2nd at Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. Former Olympian Anthony Ervin was a guest at the camp and worked with the swimmers. Anthony Ervin became the first swimmer of African-American descent to make the US Olympic Team. He went on to win Gold in Sydney.
- b) Verizon and USA Swimming sponsored the event allowing about 33 swimmers to attend for free (about half of them registered with USA Swimming). The camp received recognition in three newspapers and on Swimnetwork.com. Many coaches and older athletes helped coach this very successful clinic: Mike Kane, James Kutrone, Renee Rosenkranz, Elliot Ptasnik, Vladimir Sreckovic, Tom Cohil, Jeff Chu
- c) Metro has a new Diversity Page on the Web site. It will be updated as often as possible.

10: SAFETY CHAIR: Jeff Chu

- a) Coaches – please make sure that your registrations are up-to-date.
- b) On June 19th at the Huntington Yacht Club: Challenge / Review Course in CPR and Coaches Safety or First Aid. Please check the Metro Web Site for more information and registration form.

11: 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.
- b) 7-time professional Australian Marathon Swimmer Shelley Taylor-Smith should be in attendance at this year's Open Water event!

12: SWIM-A-THON: Richie Finkelstein

- a) Rich has had a few requests for information on how to go about setting up and running a Swim-a-Thon. However, he has not been notified of actual Swim-a-Thons and their results. If you run a

Swim-a-Thon you should let Rich know what worked and what didn't, along with any suggestions so that he can forward info to USS to try to make them more attractive.

13: ELECTIONS: Bob Vializ

The Nominating Committee presented the **slate of officers** for election. David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the following members for a two-year term. The above motion was seconded. All voting members were in favor – **Slate of officers was accepted as voted on by acclamation.**

- a) General Chair: Mary Fleckenstein
- b) Administrative Vice Chair: Michael Morrissey
- c) Senior Chair: Don Wagner
- d) Finance Chair: George Rhein
- e) Secretary: Monique Grayson
- f) Athlete's Rep for Review Board: Andrew Schunk

Seeing that no races were contested, a motion was made that the secretary cast one ballot for each office. All were in favor. **Congratulations to all.**

The Nomination Committee also presented the following **slate of officers** for election:

- g) Coaches Rep: Two candidates: Larry Collins (BLUE) and Jim Wargo (COND). They both introduced themselves. A vote by written ballot followed: Result of the vote: **Larry Collins**. A motion to destroy the ballots was made and seconded. All in favor. All ballots were destroyed.

14: OLD BUSINESS:

None

15: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Don Wagner – Don presented his two proposals again. They were first presented at the HOD in January. Information was again available as handout at this HOD meeting.
 - a. First proposal was about Senior Circuit Meets. There is money available in the budget for Senior Swimming. Placement of those meets is up to the Senior Committee of which Don is now chairman!
 - b. Second proposal was about Training Camp for top 20-30 Metro swimmers in Colorado Springs. Qualifying times required for funding of this training camp would be based on LCM times. Since this is not in the budget, Don needs to send a Budget Request to the Finance Committee before June 1st. The Budget Committee will work on it and vote will then take place at the September HOD.
- b) Dave Ferris – Dave questioned the reason why the Eastern Zone Spring Meeting has been and will again be held in Fort Lauderdale, FL instead of within the Eastern Zone. Bob mentioned that the subject of the location was discussed at the EZ Meeting and that 9 out of 12 LSC's wanted the meeting to be held in Fort Lauderdale. Access to Fort Lauderdale is easier, faster and cheaper for many of the LSCs in the Eastern Zone! In addition, when held in Fort Lauderdale at the Hall of Fame, the LSC hosting the meeting gets a very good deal.
Dave mentioned that, two years ago, the EZ meeting was held in Virginia. A coaches meeting was also held at the time. Dave would like to re-open the subject of the EZ Meeting location at the Aquatic Convention in September, so that coaches could attend. Bob answered that, typically, coaches do not attend the EZ Spring meeting and that the special meeting that was held in 2008 in Reston, VA, with the presence of Mark Schubert, was for a selected group of invited coaches from the Eastern Zone.
- c) Ron Olsen – Question about the North and South Speedo Champions Series for 2011. Both meets will now be held on the same weekend (March 24-27, 2011) and will be a closed meet by region. North must go north, and South must go south. Each region will be able to make it's own rules about bonus times and decide on their qualifying times.

16: MEET BIDS FOR 2010-2011: David Ellinghaus

- a) At the TP meeting of May 1st, the committee reviewed the alignment for championship meets. We did make some adjustments. Four teams that were in the North for Silvers but Central for Age Group will now go to Central for both meets: **FAST – GAEL – Y Middies – Silver Streaks**. No changes for Age Group as all 4 meets in 2010 had about the same number of athletes and entries. All four meets were small and this was probably due to the fact that it was held during the school vacation week. We will review this again after the 2011 season.

- b) Times Standards for the 2010 Long Course meets (Senior Mets and JO's) and for the 2011 Short Course meets (Senior Mets, ZQ, JO's, Silvers and Age Group) have been updated and are available on the Metro Web site.
- c) **Championship Meets' Calendar sites for 2011:**
- **Zone Qual.** (Feb. 19-21) - Metro will run meet at Lehman.
 - **Sr. Mets** (Feb. 24-27) - Metro will run meet at Lehman.
 - **Silver Championships** (March 4-6): North: NYSA; Central: APEX; South: TVSC
 - **8-Under Championships** (March 12-13): Condors at Felix Festa
 - **Junior Olympics** (March 18-20) Nu-Finmen at Eisenhower Park (***NFS will check on that as Rich Finkelstein believes that Y States are that same weekend at Eisenhower Park***)
 - **Age Group:** (March 25-27) - 4 sites:
North: no bids - TBA - Central: APEX - South/Nassau: TBA - East/Suffolk: TBA
Dave Ferris (LIAC) made a motion to run a combined Metro Age Group Championship for South/Nassau and East/Suffolk regions (Long Island) at Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park. Motion was seconded. Only teams from Long Island voted on this motion. Show of hands resulted in favor of the motion. **Motion carries.**
 - **South/Nassau** and **East/Suffolk**: Combined meet hosted by LIAC at NCAC
- d) **The bidding for meets for 2010-11 took place.** A motion to accept the calendar was made, seconded and approved by all. Calendar is included at the end of the minutes.

Mary Fleckenstein took over the meeting at this time and asked for a round of applause for Bob Vializ, our outgoing General Chair. Mary thanked Bob for all he did for Metro during the past two years. Mary also thanked Brian Brown for his 4 years as Senior Chair, and Corinne Cody for her years as Finance Chair.

A motion to adjourn the HOD meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

A brief meeting of the Executive Board followed. The Board recommended that the term of the Treasurer, held by Mary Fleckenstein, be fulfill by Corinne Cody until the May 2011 Elections. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Welcome to Corinne Cody as the new Treasurer.

House of Delegates Meetings 2010-2011:

- **September 25, 2010 – Mandatory meeting for all clubs at the Lehman College APEX – one athletes' rep (13 & over) per team must be present.**
- **January 12, 2011 – 7:00pm at the Lehman College APEX – Bid meeting**
- **May 11, 2011 - 7:00pm at the Lehman College APEX – Bid meeting & Elections**

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
May 19, 2010

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2010-2011 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

**Teams have 30 days to make changes to their bids.
The final Calendar will be posted no later than July 1st, 2010**

SEPTEMBER:

25: Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting: at Lehman College APEX

OCTOBER:

2-3: Asphalt Green Season Starter – 4 sessions
2-3: Suffern Sea Lions "Autumn Sunrise" at Suffern High School
9-10: BGNW Marlins Fall Starter – no 8 & under – 3 sessions
10: Suffolk County ASCSC Relay Carnival (closed)
10: Flushing YMCA - **Distance** Meet
15-17: Condors Swim Club Fall Festival Invitational
16: Newburgh Sharks – Annual Red, White & Blue – 2 sessions
16-17: Flushing Y – Junior Swim Championships
17: Badger Swim Club – Age Group and Open at Lehman - 2 sessions
22-24: Long Island Express - 5 sessions
22-24: GAEL 9 & Over Invitational at IONA College – 5 sessions
22-24: Marist Swim Club Fall Invitational – Open
23-24: Three Village Swim Club – Ann Wycoff Meet – 4 sessions (date may change)
23-24: Patriot Swim Club at Lehman – 4 sessions
23-24: LIAC – Chappy's Big Race Invitational – 5 Sessions at NCAC (date may change)
24: Monroe-Woodbury Marlins Swim Club
29-31: YWCA Middies "Shriek or Swim" Meet– 4 sessions
30: Condors Distance Invitational at Westchester Community College
30: Big Blue Swimming "Harvest Relays & Sprints" – 12 & Under – 2 sessions

NOVEMBER:

5-6: Sachem Swim Club at North Shore HS – 3 sessions
5-7: New York Sharks Fall Classic Invitational – 5 sessions at Felix Festa
13: BGNW Marlins - 8 and Under Mini Meet – 1 afternoon session
12-14: Viking Aquatic Club – Viking Classic - 5 sessions
13-14: Asphalt Green "NYC Open" Invitational – 4 sessions – LCM Prelims; SCY Finals
14: FAST Swim Team – 2nd Annual Theodore D Young Age Group Meet – 2 sessions
14: BGNW Marlins **Distance** Meet – 2 sessions
19-21: Condors Age Group IMX Invitational
19-21: Aqua Gems – Early Bird Meet – 5 sessions
19-21: Flushing YMCA - Big Apple Classic
21: Hauppauge Aquatic Association – 2 sessions
26: Asphalt Green – Butterball Burn-off – **Distance** Meet – 2 sessions
26-28: Long Island Express – 5 sessions
27-28: Long Island Aquatic Club – Thanksgiving Invitational at NCAC – 4 sessions

DECEMBER:

2-4: **ConocoPhillips National SCY Championships** (Columbus, Ohio)
9-11: **Speedo Junior Nationals SCY Championships** (Atlanta, GA)
3-5: New York Sharks Holiday Classic – Friday is **Distance**
4-5: Northern Dutchess AC - Winter Festival at Washingtonville
4-5: BGNW Marlins - Holiday Invitational – 3 OR 4 Sessions
5: Gael Aquatic Club at IONA – 8-Unders only – 2 sessions (girls AM; boys PM)
11: Manhattan Makos "Imagine Invite" – 1 session limited to 10-U; 11-12; 13-14)
11-12: Newburgh Sharks – Blue & Gold Meet – 4 sessions
12: Badger Swim Club - 2 sessions Age Group & Open at Lehman
17-19: Marist SC - Xmas Invitational

JANUARY 2011:

- 12:** **House of Delegates** – summer meets bid meeting - 7:00pm at Lehman
7-8: Sachem Swim Club –3 sessions at North Shore HS
7-9: Aqua Gems January Blitz – 5 sessions
8: Condors 9 & Under Swashbuckler Invitational at WCC
8-9: Silver Streaks 2nd Annual Alan J Silverman Memorial Meet – 2 or 4 sessions
8-10: New York Sharks New Year Invitational – 5 sessions
9: Long Beach Aquatics Snowball Mini Meet – 8&Unders Only
14-16: Newburgh Sharks – Trials & Finals – 7 sessions
14-16: Nu-Finmen – 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Classic at NCAC – 5 sessions
15-16: Patriot Swim Club – 4 sessions at Lehman
15-16: BGNW January Qualifier – 3 sessions (Sat. 8-Under only – Sun. Age Group)
15-17: Long Island Express
15-17: Asphalt Green MLK Invitational – 3 sessions each day
17: YWCA Middies – MLK Going to **Distance** – 3 sessions
21-23: TVSC January Joust Swim Meet – 7 sessions
22: Viking Aquatic Club “VAC – Quick Freeze” – 2 sessions
22-23: Big Blue Swimming “Winter Sunshine” – 4 sessions
22-23: Flushing YMCA – Fran Schnarr Pentathlon – 2 sessions
23: FAST – Distance Meet – Age Group Meet – 2 sessions
23: Badger Swim Club – 2 sessions Age Group & Open at Lehman
28-30: Condors NCAA Format Invitational

FEBRUARY:

- 4-5: Hudson Valley Barracudas (MRST) “Cuda Cupid Invitational – Friday is **Distance**
5-6: New York Sharks Last Chance Meet – 4 sessions @ Felix Festa
11-13: Minisink Valley Aquatics – Friday is **Distance**
11-13: Washingtonville Seahawks and Devilfish Aquatics – 5 sessions
12-13: Badger Swim Club IMX Meet – 4 sessions
18-20: Hauppauge Aquatic Association IMX – 3 days – 5 sessions
19-21: **ZONE TEAM QUALIFIER:** Trials/Finals at Lehman College – hosted by Metro
24-27: **SENIOR METS:** at Lehman – hosted by Metro
25-27: Condors Last Chance Invitational (*must be 2 levels below Sr. Mets Qual. times*)
27: FAST “Pre-Championship” meet - (*must be 2 levels below Sr. Mets Qual. times*)

MARCH:

- 4-6: **SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** **North:** NYSA – **Central:** APEX – **South:** TVSC
12-13: AGUA Last Chance Meet – 4 sessions – no 8 & Unders
12-13: **8-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Condors Swim Club at Felix Festa
18-20: **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** Trials/Finals at Eisenhower Park – NuFinmen host
Note: 8-Under and JO’s may need to flip flop dates due to NCAC pool availability
TBA: **NCSA JUNIOR NATIONALS**
24-27: **SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES NORTH** at ECC in Buffalo
25-27: **AGE GROUP INVITATIONAL:** 3 sites:
North: TBA – **Central:** APEX – **South/Nassau/East/Suffolk:** LIAC

3/31-4/2: **EASTERN ZONE SHORT COURSE** @ Rochester Webster Facility

APRIL:

- 9-10: Suffolk County ASCSL (closed)
24: FAST Swim Team Distance Invitational

MAY:

- 11:** **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at Lehman College