

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 7:35pm at the Lehman College APEX in the Bronx.

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

Mary Fleckenstein welcomed everyone present and reminded all coaches to hand out their meet bids applications for the 2011-12 season.

Handouts that were available on the back table included:

- a. Reports of the May 14, 2011 Eastern Zone Technical Planning and general Meetings
- b. Report of the Eastern Zone Meeting – submitted by Mary Fleckenstein
- c. Open Water Swimming Safety Conference Report – submitted by Colleen Driscoll
- d. Ad for Swim for Kids Fundraiser Open Water Swim
- e. Diversity Report – submitted by Ray Willie
- f. The SWIMS / NTV Report – submitted by Monique Grayson
- g. Treasurer's Report – submitted by Corinne Cody
- h. The Budget Overview: Budget 2010-2012 – submitted by George Rhein

2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 House of Delegates meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

3: TREASURER'S REPORT: Corinne Cody

We are half way through the budgeting process – Total Income \$227,660.58 – Total Expenses \$137,915.16
Excess of Income over Expenses \$89,745.42

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

4: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) **Eastern Zone Reports** – have been copied and are available on the back table
- b) **Athlete Protection** – Clubs must make sure that all their coaches know what the Athletes Protection Policies are – maybe make them sign a copy!
- c) **Pre-employment screening check list** – Before hiring new coaches, clubs must use the pre-employment check list that is available on the USA Swimming Web site, and keep a record of it.
- d) **Programs offered by USA Swimming** – Please take advantage of all programs available, including Webinars
- e) **Mission and Vision Statements** – All Clubs must have a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement. Both statements must be posted on their Web site.
- f) **Travel Policies** – Teams must have travel policies in place and it must be posted for everyone to see – they can adapt the USA Swimming format.
- g) **Open Water** – please review new guidelines if you plan on doing any Open Water
- h) **New Requirement for Coaches Certification** – The Education Component for coaches will be available sometime in September. All coaches will have to take this new test.

- i) **Coaches Clinic and Diversity Camp** – Metro ran a Regional Coaches Clinic at SUNY Purchase at the end of April (thanks go to Mike Morrissey for organizing it all) – 95 coaches were registered for the Coaches Clinic and 47 people were registered for the Club Leadership and Business Clinic. Metro also ran a Diversity Camp with the New York City Parks & Rec. 120 kids participated. Many Metro Coaches, officials, athletes volunteered their time to help at the clinic (thanks go to Ray Willie for this camp). Verizon was a sponsor and Hobie Swim donated bags for the kids. It was a great day for all!
- j) **Metro Mission Statement** – please review it and give us feedback on whether or not we are doing what we should be doing based on our Mission Statement.

5: VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD: Mike Morrissey

Mike Morrissey announced that **Bruce Brooks**, Metro's Officials Chairman, had won this year's ConocoPhillips Outstanding Service Award. Bruce was unable to be at the meeting but thanks the Board for nominating him for this prestigious award. Mike spoke about Bruce's accomplishments in getting more and more officials. There will be an Officials Clinic in September (probably at SUNY Purchase) – all meet referees will have to attend at least one day of the clinic.

6: JOE STETZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS: Kris Sawicz

Kris Sawicz, NYC area Officials Chair, presented the winners of the 2011 Joe Stetz Scholarship Award:

- Ginger Jacobsen, Long Island Express, will attend Pepperdine University in California
- Matthew Karle, BGC-N. Westchester Marlins, will attend Harvard University in Massachusetts

Coaches Rob Ortof (LIE) and David Ellinghaus (BGNW) introduced their swimmers and spoke briefly about their accomplishments. Congratulations to both.

7: SENIOR METS AND JO CHAMPS: Don Wagner

Senior Mets 2011:

High point winners: Annie Zhu (AGUA) and Kevin Hughes (BAD).

Women, Men and Combined Team Scores went to the Badger Swim Club.

Junior Olympics 2011:

10-Under, 11-12, 13-14 and Overall 14-Under Combined Team Scores went to the Long Island Aquatic Club.

Congratulations to all.

8: NATIONAL AGE GROUP RECORD BREAKER: Don Wagner

Michael Domagala, Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics, set a new National Age Group Record in the 13-14 boys 100 yd butterfly this past November. Michael went 48.98 at the 2010 MN Grand Prix. Congratulations to Michael and his coaches!

9-A: BUDGET: George Rhein

While waiting for George Rhein to arrive, Mary Fleckenstein spoke about a new proposal:

Instead of increasing the athletes and non-athletes registration fees, Metro is proposing to add an additional Splash Fee per event – this could be done by adding \$1 to each event a swimmer enters in a meet. Of this, \$0.75 would go to Metro and \$0.25 would go to the host team. This additional \$1 would not be included in the 20% surcharge. Of the \$0.75 going to Metro, \$0.30 would go to Senior, Age Group, Metro Club Development, Outreach, Diversity, Zone team, etc. and \$0.45 would go towards the initiation fees of a shared ownership/partnership with the National Swimming Center in Florida as a training site for us. Information was available. What that would do is give Metro the opportunity to go to Florida and use the facility as a training facility at no charge to the Metro teams. Information regarding the National Swimming Center Corporation can be found at www.nationalswimming.org – Many questions came up from coaches in attendance.

10: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- a) Review of Silvers and Age Group alignment for 2011-2012:
 - New Rochelle YMCA and Westchester Wolverines move to Central
 - Fairview Swim Team, Rye YNMCA and Silver Streaks move to North
 - Hurricane Swim Team goes to Central
- b) **Proposed 2012 Championship Meet Calendar:** Dave Ellinghaus made a motion to adopt the 2012 championship schedule as proposed based on the dates of the Eastern Zone Meet:
 - Zone “Qualifier” – Option #1 February 3-5 – **Option #2 February 18-20**
 - Senior Mets – February 23-26
 - Silver Championships – March 3-5
 - 8-Under Championship – March 10-11
 - Junior Olympics – March 16-18
 - Age Group – March 23-25
 - Eastern Zone Meet – March 29-31

Zone Team Qualifier: A motion to accept **Option #1** for Zone Qual. was made and seconded. Discussion followed. Motion was rejected. A motion to accept **Option #2** for Zone Qual. was made and seconded. Discussion followed after which the motion for **Option #2 was accepted by all.**

Age Group Championship – David Ellinghaus made a motion to turn the Age Group Championships back to a true Bronze Championship with qualifying times 1/100th of a second slower than Silvers. Swimmers who would have NT in an event could swim that event. Gay Silverman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion failed.** Age Group Championships will again have time standards 1/100th of a second slower than the JO cuts. Swimmers who have NT in an event will NOT be allowed to swim that event.

Senior Mets: Changes proposed for Senior Mets Short Course 2012 – Olympic Year:

- a. Prelims will be run as short course yards
 - b. Finals will be run as long course meters
 - c. All relays will be held SCY at the end of the morning sessions
 - d. Only 2 relays per team will be accepted (A and B relays only)
 - e. Thursday session will be held SCY - 1650 for women and 1000 for men
 - f. Sunday distance events will be held in LCM only - women 800 free and men 1500 free
- c) A motion to accept the 2011-12 Championship meets Calendar was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**
 - d) The Metro Swimming Policy stipend requirements will be as follows:

List of acceptable meets: all Metro Sanctioned meets that were bid on, and accepted at the HOD Bid Meeting, or added on the calendar at a later date with the Board Approval. Swimmers must have competed in individual events in each meet (no time trials).

List of unacceptable meets: High school meets (dual meets, championship meets, State qualifier, State meets, etc.); Approved meets; Observed meets; Out of LSC meets; Dual/tri meets between 2/3 clubs (or more); Time Trials; “Closed” meets; League or association meets (ESSL, YMCA, WFA, etc.)
 - e) **Championship Meets’ Calendar sites for 2011:**
 - **Zone Qual.** (Feb. 18-20) - Metro will run meet at Lehman.
 - **Sr. Mets** (Feb. 23-26) - Metro will run meet at Lehman.
 - **Silver Championships** (March 3-5): 3 sites: North: NYSA; Central: APEX; South: TVSC
 - **8-Under Championships** (March 10-11): Condors at Felix Festa (depending on pool availability)
 - **Junior Olympics** (March 16-18): Condors Swim Club at Felix Festa – the meet will be timed Finals unless we find another facility.

- **Age Group:** (March 23-25) - 3 sites:
North: no bids - TBA – Central: APEX – South: Sachem Swim Club at Sachem North
- f) **The bidding of meets for 2011-12 took place.** A motion to accept the calendar was made, seconded and approved by all. Calendar is included at the end of the minutes.

9-B: BUDGET: George Rhein

George reviewed the Budget proposed for 2011-2012. He said that the big increase on the budget is the new proposal (see item 9-A on page 2). Other changes: The Club Excellence Program will stop after this budget year and there will be a new item called Club Development Program. \$20,000 is budgeted for the OT stipends.

A motion to accept the Budget as presented was made and seconded. A lengthy discussion followed on the proposed additional \$1 fee per splash and the eventual partnership with the National Swimming Center. Coaches had many questions and want more information about these proposals. Vote took place by show of hands. **Motion to approve the Budget failed.** The budget will be reviewed by the Budget Committee and be presented again in September.

11: ELECTIONS: Bob Vializ

The Nominating Committee presented the **slate of officers** for election. A motion was made 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.**

- Technical Planning: David Ellinghaus
- Treasurer: Corinne Cody
- Review Committee: Jennifer Trotman, Gay Silverman, Dawn Diaz, Larry Collins and athletes Anthony Anderson and Simon Klein

Seeing that no races were contested for the above positions, 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:

- Age Group: Keith Furey (COND) and the team of Edgar Perez (PATS) and John Yearwood (NRYM). Both Keith and Edgar introduced themselves.
- Safety: Jeff Chu (TVSC) and Marc Danin (LIAC) who was nominated from the floor. Jeff introduced himself. Marc was unable to attend the meeting.

A vote by written ballot followed: Result of the vote:

Age Group: Co-Chairs **Edgar Perez** and **John Yearwood**

Safety: **Marc Danin**

A motion to destroy the ballots was made and seconded. All were in favor. All ballots were destroyed.

9-C: BUDGET: George Rhein

- Don Wagner asked John McIlhargy to speak about the National Swimming Center proposal. John gave a long explanation about the facility that will be built in Florida. The National Swimming Center Corporation (NSCC) is about professional ownership, management and sports business development. NSCC wants to offer a select pre-sale for fractional ownership of the facility to LSC and all the teams of Metro Swimming.
- Mary Fleckenstein explained what would happen with a dollar surcharge: \$0.25 would go back to the host team, \$0.45 would go towards this proposal, \$0.10 will go to Diversity, \$0.10 would go to Club Development, and \$0.10 would go to the Age Group program to help defray the cost of Zones. Mary said that the NSCC would not get any money yet, but what we ask of the HOD is to have the ability to negotiate this deal on their behalf.
- George Rhein spoke again about the budget as USA Swimming needs to know right away what we will charge for 2012 Registrations. A motion was made to increase athletes and non athletes' registrations

from \$58 to \$65. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Vote took place. The majority of the members in attendance opposed the motion. **Motion failed**. Registration will be set at \$58.

12: OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

13: NEW BUSINESS:

Marty Zwiren, Lehman College APEX, announced that the College will start charging \$5 per car, per day, for the use of their parking lot. Coaches and Officials will need to show their USAS ID card in order to park for free.

NEXT HOD: Mandatory HOD on Saturday, September 24, 2011 – An athlete (13-over) from each club must be in attendance at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted
Monique Grayson

May 22, 2011

2011-2012 Proposed Calendar as presented at Bid Meeting

September:

- 24: **Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting at Lehman College, APEX**
- 25: Hydro & Roosevelt Island – 1 day meet at Roosevelt Island Sportsplex

October:

- 1-2: AGUA Season Starter - 4 sessions at Asphalt Green
- 8-9: Hydro & Roosevelt Island - 4 sessions Invitational at Lehman College APEX
- 9: Flushing Y - 1 session - Distance Meet at Flushing YMCA
- 9: *Closed Meet – ASCSC Relay Carnival*
- 15-16: FAST Hispanic - Heritage Swim Meet - 4 sessions at Theodore D Young Pool
- 15-16: Suffern Sea Lions - Autumn Sunrise - 4 sessions at Suffern High School
- 15-16: Flushing Y - Jr. Swim Championships - 4 sessions at Flushing YMCA
- 15-16: Newburgh Sharks - Red, White & Blue - 4 sessions at Newburgh Free Academy
- 15-16: BGNW Marlins - Season Starter - 3 sessions (1 on Saturday) at BG Club in Mt. Kisco
- 16: Badger - Little Sprint Big Distance Meet - 2 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 21-23: Condors - Fall Festival Invitational - 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 21-23: Long Island Express - Octoberfest - 5 sessions at Hofstra
- 21-23: Marist Swim Club - Elizabeth R. Miller Memorial – 5 sessions at Marist College
- 22-23: Long Island Aquatic Club - Chappy's Big Race Invitational – 4 sessions at LIAC's Pool
- 22-23: Three Village Swim Club - Ann Wycoff – 4 sessions at Ward Melville HS
- 22-23: Patriot Swim Club – Halloween Meet – 4 sessions at Lehman College
- 23: MWSC Marlins – Spook-Takular – 2 sessions at Monroe Woodbury Middle School
- 28-30: Washingtonville/Devilfish – 5 sessions (Friday is Distance) at Washingtonville HS
- 29-30: Connetquot Swim Club – 3 sessions (1 is Distance) at Connetquot HS
- 30: YWCA Middies – Halloween Havoc – 2 sessions at YWCA in White Plains

November:

- 4-5: Sachem Swim Club – 3 session (1 is Distance) at Sachem North
- 4-5: GAEL Aquatic Club – 9 & Over Invite – 4 sessions at IONA College
- 4-6: New York Sharks – NYSA Fall Classic – 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 5: BGNW Marlins – November 8 & Under Meet – 1 session at BG Club in Mt. Kisco
- 5-6: FAST Swim Team – 3rd Annual Theodore D Young Meet – 4 sessions at T.D. Young Pool
- 6: BGNW Marlins – Distance Meet – am: 500 free/400 IM – pm: 1650 at BG Club in Mt. Kisco
- 11-13: Viking Aquatic Club – Viking Classic – 6 sessions at Valley Central Natatorium
- 12-13: Hydro & Roosevelt Island – 2 sessions at Roosevelt Island Sportsplex
- 13: Connetquot Swim Club – 2 sessions at Connetquot HS
- 18-20: Long Island Aquatic Club – Thanksgiving Invite – 5 sessions at LIAC's Pool
- 18-20: Condors – Age Group IMX Invitational – 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 18-20: Aqua Gems – Early Bird Meet – 5 sessions at Washingtonville HS
- 18-20: Flushing Y – Big Apple Classic – 7 sessions at Flushing YMCA
- 19-20: Three Village Swim Club – Turkey Trot – 7 sessions at Ward Melville HS
- 25: AGUA – Butterball Burnoff Invitational – 2 sessions (Distance) at Asphalt Green
- 25-27: Long Island Express – Thanksgiving Classic – 5 sessions at Hofstra

December:

- 1-3: ***AT&T National Championships – LCM – Atlanta, Georgia***
- 2-4: New York Sharks – Holiday Classic – 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 3: BGNW Marlins – 8 & Under Holiday Meet – 1 session at BG Club in Mt. Kisco
- 3-4: Northern Dutchess – Winter Festival – 4 sessions at Washingtonville HS
- 4: Manhattan Makos – Imagine Invite – 2 sessions at Flushing Meadows
- 4: YWCA Middies – Relay Madness – 2 sessions at YWCA in White Plains

- 4: Hauppauge Swim Club – One Day Meet – 2 sessions at Hauppauge HS
- 4: GAEL Aquatic Club – 8 & Under Meet – 2 sessions at IONA College
- 8-10: *Speedo Junior Nationals SCY Championships – Minneapolis, Minnesota***
- 9-11: Flushing Y & Cross Island Y – Holiday T/F Meet – 7 sessions – pool TBA
- 9-11: Newburgh Sharks – Blue & Gold Meet – 5 sessions at Newburgh Free Academy
- 11: Badger – Christmas SCM Meet – 2 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 16-18: Marist Swim Club – Short Course Holiday Open – 6 sessions at Marist College
- 17-18: Hydro & Roosevelt Island – Invitational – 4 sessions at Lehman College APEX

January 2012:

- TBA: House of Delegates – Summer Meets Bid Meeting at Lehman College, APEX**
- 6-7: Sachem Swim Club – 3 session (1 Distance) at Sachem North
- 6-8: Aqua Gems – January Blitz – 5 sessions at Washingtonville HS
- 8: Long Beach Aquatic – Snowball Mini Meet – 1 session at Long Beach Recreation
- 13-15: Nu Finmen – Dr. King 2012 – at Flushing Meadows
- 13-15: Minisink Valley – IMR/IMX Challenge – 4 sessions at Minisink Valley HS
- 13-15: Newburgh Sharks – Trials and Finals Invitational – 7 sessions at Newburgh Free Academy
- 14-15: BGNW Marlins – Mid January Meet – 3 sessions (1 on 14th) at BG Club in Mt. Kisco
- 14-15: Connetquot Swim Club – 3 sessions (Distance on 14th) at Connetquot HS
- 14-15: Patriot Swim Team – Winters Frost – 4 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 14-16: Asphalt Green – AGUA MLK Jr. – 8 sessions at Asphalt Green
- 20-22: Three Village Swim Club – January Joust – 4 sessions at Ward Melville HS
- 20-22: Long Island Express – Winterfest 2012 – 5 sessions at Hofstra
- 21: Viking Aquatic Club – Quick Freeze – 2 sessions at Valley Central Natatorium
- 21-22: FAST Swim Team – IMX Challenge – 4 sessions at Theodore D Young
- 22: YWCA Middies – MLK Distance Meet – 2 sessions at YWCA in White Plains
- 22: Badger Swim Club – New Year Meet – 2 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 27-29: Condors Swim Club – NCAA Format Invitational – LCM T/F – 7 sessions at Felix Festa MS
- 28-29: Flushing Y – Fran Schnarr Memorial Pentathlon – 2 sessions at Flushing YMCA

February:

- 3-5: New York Sharks – Last Chance Meet – 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 10-12: Hauppauge Swim Club – IMX – 5 sessions at Hauppauge High School
- 10-12: Badger Swim Club – IMX Xtreme Challenge Meet – 3 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 11-12: Washingtonville/Devilfish – Sink or Swim – 4 sessions at Washingtonville HS
- 12: YWCA Middies – Lincoln Sprint Madness – 2 sessions at YWCA in White Plains
- 18-20: Metro Zone Team Qualifier Meet – at Lehman College APEX
- 23-26: Senior Metropolitan Championships – SCY Prelims – LCM Finals at Lehman College APEX
- 24-26: Condors – Last Chance Invitational (2 levels slower than Sr.Mets) – 5 sessions at Felix Festa

March:

- 2-4: Metro Silver North – NYSA – 5 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 2-4: Metro Silver Central – APEX – 5 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 2-4: Metro Silver South – TVSC - 5 sessions at Ward Melville High School
- 10-11: Metro 8 & Under Championship – COND - 4 sessions at Felix Festa Middle School
- 10-11: Asphalt Green – Last Chance (no 8 & Unders) – 4 sessions at Asphalt Green
- 16-18: Metro Junior Olympics – COND – 10 sessions (Timed Finals) at Felix Festa Middle School
- 23-25: Metro Age Group North -
- 23-25: Metro Age Group Central – APEX – 5 sessions at Lehman College APEX
- 23-25: Metro Age Group South – Sachem – 5 sessions at Sachem North

April:

- 8: FAST Swim Team – Distance Meet – 2 sessions at Theodore D Young
- 21-22: *Closed Meet – ASCSC Championships*