

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

September 9, 2000

## ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was held at the YWCA in White Plains. Barry Roffer has the attendance sheets.

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

The meeting came to order at 8:32am. Larry Collins welcomed all those in attendance.

## 2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

\* In correction of minutes: ...that the test itself was a disgrace **due to the amount of information not pertinent to first year coaches.**

\* In technical planning: ... to have the YMCA **State** (not Nationals) count as one...

Bob Vialez (Patriot) made a motion to accept the minutes of May 17, 2000 as corrected. Gil Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were accepted.

## 3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

Very little correspondence from USA Swimming, except some info about convention. Nothing about rule changes. Sectionals will be discussed at the convention. Many coaches are unhappy about the way things are developing for the Sectionals.

## 4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

\* MaryAnn gave a copy of the full year report. Rich Finkelstein asked if everything was paid (surcharges for example). MaryAnn said that some were still coming now. The report is only for the money in the checking account.

\* Larry Collins explained the proposal that was voted on at the Board of Directors meeting in July about the stipend for Olympic Trials: "*Brad gave a request from senior coaches of Metropolitan that all of the long term metropolitan swimmers qualifying and swimming at the 2000 Olympic Trials be given a full \$1000.00 stipend. For the purposes of this funding "long term" shall be defined as:*

1) *Those swimmers who have spent a minimum of three years (6 meets per year), competing in the Metropolitan LSC and will represent a metropolitan club at the trials.*

2) *Unattached swimmers who have spent three years (6 meets per year), competing in the Metropolitan LSC.*

*Brad made a motion that all Metropolitan swimmers meeting the above criteria that participate in the 2000 Olympic trials would get a \$1000 stipend. All other would get the \$400 stipend.*

*David seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed."*

MaryAnn Senecal made a motion to accept this proposal, regardless of the "A" and "B" cuts for Olympic Trials qualification. John Pizzano seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Scott Bartleson

Scott is still receiving money from meets held this summer.

Scott said that there were sign-up sheets for those needing clinics, so we can schedule them.

Meet reports that are overdue 2 weeks and 2 days must go to review committee.
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## 6: SENIOR CHAIR REPORT: Brad Roffer

Brad thanked Dave Ferris and Ginny Nussbaum for the use of their facility for the LC Senior Mets. The meet went very well. Brad mentioned that Cristina Teuscher was in Australia now, and wished her good luck.

Brad would like to see the possibility of a training clinic for seniors and coaches at Colorado Springs.

## **7: AGE GROUP CHAIR:**

Larry read a note from John McIlhargy:

*"Sorry I can't be at the House of Delegates meeting. I want to say that the additional money spent on summer zones was well worth every penny. We had a great meet. Good Swimming and Good Times were had by all. The athletes were great and well behaved. Our accommodations were excellent and the bus schedules worked out well. Great job Barry. I want to personally thank each and every member of the coaching staff. You all did an outstanding job... We look forward to the winter zones in Landover... We will be staying at the Greenbelt Marriot again. They promised us better menus and a much quicker check-in."*

## **8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE:** Kerry Going

Kerry encourages all coaches to contact her at: [AKBALGOING@aol.com](mailto:AKBALGOING@aol.com)

She would like to start coaching clinics for coaches to talk about senior and age group swimming, to exchange ideas about training, tapering, etc. A date will be set later.

## **9: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVE:**

The representatives were not present at this meeting.

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

\* There is still some equipment available for those that are missing some apparel. The team finished well, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was a much better format this year.

\* Barry brought up the subject of having other times of 13-over from the new Sectional meet to be used for Zone qualification. Technical Planning Committee is opposed to the idea of any meet other than JO'S to count towards the Short Course Zone Team selection. After long discussion on this subject, no motion was made. Things will stay the way they are.

\* Dave Ferris said that most probably the cuts for Sectionals will be faster than Senior Mets but slower than the Junior cuts.

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

Registration Packets were given to each team. **Please follow the instructions.** Renew non athletes through the master form. If you use a disk, follow instructions and fill out all info, including birthdays. If you need more forms, ask Barry.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2000**

**Club checks or money orders ONLY - and no transfers with personal checks!**

Highlight people that you want to delete. And Coaches, please stay on top of your certifications' expiration dates!

## **12: TECHNICAL PLANNING:**

David Ellinghaus was unable to attend. The Metro cuts were available at the meeting.

**Corrected Sheet Of Metro Cuts Will Be  
Included With The Minutes**

The championship handbook will be mailed before December. Guidelines for teams hosting championships will be included.

### **Here is the Proposed long course schedule for 2001**

1: J.O.'s: \* first choice of the committee: August 3-5, 2001

\* second choice of committee: July 26-29, 2001

\* we need more L.C. meets for younger swimmers - we would like to keep JO's later for the

majority - even if past zone entry cut-off date.

\* we feel that we should subsidize a few age group long course meets - is money available? We feel it should be made available. This would allow opportunities for zone qualifying times.

2: Sr. Mets: July 19-22, 2001, provided it does not conflict with Sectionals.

### **Proposals:**

1: L.C. Sr. Mets: allow a 7<sup>th</sup> individual event provided it is a 50 back, 50 breast, 50 fly.

2: Subsidize 2 or 3 L.C. age group meets in the month of July! (See JO's above)

3: Create a committee to re-evaluate Olympic Trials stipend for 2004. Criteria should be established now.

\* Nick Cavataro suggested that the committee revise the L.C. schedule after the convention. We still have to see when the Sectional meet and Zones will take place.

\* There was a long discussion about the schedule.

\* Rick Ferriola made a motion that Technical Planning review the championship schedule to leave enough time to qualify for Zones. This motion was seconded by John, from Team Rockland.

\* JoAnn McCaffrey made a motion that the previous motion be tabled until after convention, when Technical Planning can meet again. This motion was also seconded by John (TRS).

### **13: OFFICIALS' REPORT:** Bruce Boyd

Bruce gave dates for clinics:

<b>Officials Re-Certification:</b>	September 21, 2000	Flushing Y
	September 23, 2000	Newburgh Sharks
	September 27, 2000	YWCA Middies
	October 7, 2000	Marist
<b>New Officials:</b>	October 5, 2000	Flushing Y
	October 10, 2000	Newburgh Sharks
	October 19, 2000	YWCA Middies
<b>Administrative Clinic:</b>	October 18, 2000	YWCA Middies

Bruce suggested that all the timers at Senior Mets be provided by the officials.

### **14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** JoAnn McCaffrey

The list of courses will be out soon. There is no schedule yet.

Please let JoAnn know if your club is hosting a class.

\* Farmingdale HS: Saturday, October 7: challenge and full course

\* Islip Aquatic: Thursday, September 22 at 7pm: coaches safety, CPR, etc.  
631-567-4050

### **15: SWIM-A-THON:**

Brad Roffer had no report. Brad is officially stepping down today.

We need a new SAT board member.

### **16: OLD BUSINESS:**

\* MaryAnn has put together certificates and pins for all age group record breakers, and certificate from Zones.

\* Top 8 Metro: clubs that run meets must send a Commlink of meets SC and LC to MaryAnn. Remember to include the 4 relay names, in order please.

Msenecal@optonline.net

It was suggested that all Metro records, and Top 8 times be published and sent to each club.

\* Top 16: send disk of meets to Barry as well.

\* Applications for webmaster must be sent out to the Metro Office.

\* Team that have the new Hy-Tek Meet Manager can get a free CD rom of the newest update.

Ask Hy-Tek before the end of October.

### **17: NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Meet of February 17-18 at Hauppauge: delete

\* West Point: change January meet from Jan. 13-15 to January 6-7, 2001

\* Big Apple Meet at Flushing: do not use last year's events. They are different this year.

\* Question about the 11-12: do we add the 200 strokes at JO's and Zones. Not as of now!

John Skeets made a motion that clubs hosting distance meets have the option to add the 11-12 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly, and 400 IM. Motion was seconded by Omar Cruz. All in favor.

\* Ginny Nussbaum mentioned that the Women Division I NCAA takes place at the LIAC pool the same weekend as JO'S. Anyone interested can attend. Tickets are already available. NCAA is on Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

\* Ray D'Annolfo: rule in 2000 yearbook: **policy on recruiting**: page 93, article 304.3.13

This is a follow-up of a rule that Metro established in the 1980's. Please read it, inform your board members, parents, etc. The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

"Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to compete for or become a member of the swim club with which the acting party is affiliated, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete from the coach of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative"

<b>Soliciting swimmers from another club to your club is illegal</b>
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Gill Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Chris Townsend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13am

Submitted by Monique Grayson

September 14, 2000