

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
September 22, 2001

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 8:17am. Larry Collins welcomed all those in attendance. He welcomed the representatives of two new teams: St. Columba Dolphins and Twelve Town Y.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

Gil Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2001 House of Delegates meeting. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

12: TECHNICAL PLANNING:

This item was the first one to be discussed at the meeting. David Ellinghaus was unable to attend the meeting, so Barry Roffer went over the proposals (see minutes of TP meeting of August 30, 2001).

- **Proposal #1:** *moving the 200 Breaststroke to the Saturday session of SC and LC Senior Mets (on the third day of the meet). This would put the 200 breaststroke between the 50 free and the 100 back. That day's events would be as follow: 200 IM, 50 free, 200 breast, 100 back, 500 free, 400-medley relay. All in favor. Proposal accepted.*
- **Proposal #2:** *proposing to add the 200-medley relay at the start of the last day at Long Course Sr. Mets. All in favor. Proposal accepted.*
- **Proposal #3:** *proposing to look at the timeline of the mile at Sr.Mets, and adjust the start of the event so the last heat of prelims would end about 10 minutes before the start of warm-up for finals. All in favor. Proposal accepted.*
- **Proposal #4:** *proposing to incorporate breaks ahead of time, in the schedule for Long Course Sr. Mets, when no pool is available for warm-up/cool-down. The breaks would be of 5 minutes time in the water. Breaks will be scheduled as follows: First Day: no breaks. Second Day: 1: after 100 breast; 2: after 100 fly; 3: after 400 IM (before relay). Third Day: 1: after 200 free relay; 2: after 50 free; 3: after 100 back; 4: after 400 free (before relay). Fourth Day: 1: after 200 medley relay; 2: after the 50 breast; 3: after 200 fly (before relay). This proposal was amended: add: for prelims and finals. All in favor. Proposal accepted.*
- **Proposal #5:** *Technical Planning suggests that proper procedures be followed each year to nominate the Age Group Coach of the Year. It is suggested that the Metro Board create a nomination form that should be mailed to each club by May 1st. All nomination proposals should be sent back to the Metro Office by June 15th. The Board would then vote at the summer meeting. Barry Roffer would then contact ASCA regarding the winner. It is also suggested that Metropolitan Swimming pay the way for the winner to attend the ASCA Convention to receive his/her award. All in favor. Proposal accepted.*
- **Proposal #6:** *It is suggested that every member of the House of Delegates should receive the minutes of board meetings and other pertinent information. All meets should be mailed to the person in charge of meets at each club. It is also suggested that the meet booklet be part of the Metro Guide Book. There was a long discussion about this proposal: cost of mailing, meet info should be on website, minutes should be sent to one club representative and then copied for the others. Bea reminded all that meets should be sent to all except if the meet is an invitational. John McIlhargy made a motion to send this proposal back to technical planning. Ian Noach seconded the motion. All in favor.*

- **Proposal #7:** *There should be written guidelines for the selection of coaches attending the Zone meets. An application should be sent to all coaches. They should then send the forms back to Metro, requesting to coach age group swimmers, or senior swimmers. Coaches attending the meets should be there TO COACH! It is also suggested that we get more chaperons, especially for the 12-under swimmers. Technical Planning suggests that we contact each club to get the best times of all swimmers attending Zones. This way, no one should be forgotten for the relays. Barry said that he sent applications to coaches but very few answered. Mac said that he usually picks coaches if there are not enough applicants. Some coaches said that they did not get the applications! Bea Hartigan asked to divide this motion into 2 separate proposals: Proposal #7A: *Technical Planning suggests that we contact each club to get the best times of all swimmers attending Zones. This way, no one should be forgotten for the relays.* Rich Finkelstein made a motion that we use the **Metro Database for the Top Times** for each event in each age group. This way we will have the best times. MaryAnn seconded the motion (please coaches: send MaryAnn a disk with your meet results!). **All in favor. Motion passed.** Proposal #7: **All in favor. Motion passed.***
- **Proposal #8:** *There are problems at meets for the names on the relays, when the lead off name is incorrect. This can affect the Top 8 of Metro. It is suggested that Metro should order 3 ply copies of relay forms (and of DQ forms). This way the coach can keep a copy, the person at the computer would get another, and the third could go to MaryAnn. There was a long discussion about this proposal: to be mandatory at championship meets and optional for other meets, only lead off swimmer's name is necessary, call MaryAnn after the meet to give her the names, send this back to technical planning, etc. Bea Hartigan said that this was the rule (USA Swimming Rules & Regulations # 102.17.2 – *The clerk of course shall be provided with a list of the names of all swimmers in all events including relay swimmers in the order in which they will swim.* **All were in favor of ordering the relay forms.** Clubs hosting meets will need to buy the forms from Metro.*
- **Proposal # 9:** *It is suggested that there should be a separate table for the Clerk of Course at all the Championship meets. **All in favor. Motion passed.***
- **Proposal # 10:** *Technical Planning proposes that we develop a fine system, similar to the one used in Connecticut, for a host club's failure to follow all required protocol when hosting a Metro Championship Meet. **This proposal will be tabled until January.** We need more information on this. It was suggested that we get a copy of the system used by CT.*

Barry read the mandate and reminders.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

Larry has the 13 tapes from USA Swimming Flash TV. There is a segment on Christina Teuscher and John Collins on one of the tapes. The tapes are great and show what competitive swimming is all about. Anyone interested in viewing the tapes should call the Metro Office.

Clubs that are interested in getting the USA-Swimming "Tool Box" should contact the Club Development Office at USA-Swimming.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

* Copies of the report were available at the meeting. The LC Zones expense report is not completed yet, so those figures will change.

Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

* MaryAnn said that the SC & LC Metro records were updated. Coaches should check them for errors. Record breaker certificates and pins were given out to the coaches for their swimmers.

* The Metro pin was a big success at Convention.

* John McIlhargy made a motion to add the 8&under 200 medley relay as an official Metro record. Gil Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR REPORT: Scott Bartleson

All Post Meet reports are in.

5A: OFFICIALS: Todd Trotman

Todd had nothing to report at this time.

6: SENIOR CHAIR: Brad Roffer

The Metropolitan Board will be running short course Senior Mets at Lehman College. The Eastern Zone Sectional Time Standards have been published for 2002. The short course meet will be in East Meadow, LI, March 7-10, 2002 (qualifying period: January 1, 2001 through the entry deadline for Spring meet). The times for the women 400 IM were adjusted. Relays were also given time standards. At least one member of each relay MUST be entered in the meet in an individual event. The other swimmers may be "relay only" swimmers. The long course meet will be at Erie Community College in Buffalo, August 1-4, 2002 (qualifying period: January 1, 2001 through the entry deadline).

Dave Ferris reported on the Convention:

- There will no longer be alternating 90% and 50% years for passage of timely legislation proposals. It will now be 50%.
- This year's US Open will be a short course meet. Starting in 2002, and all years after that, it will be a long course meet.
- Summer Nationals will be one week earlier. This will probably affect our summer schedule.
- There is no real talk about going back to Juniors. There is talk about maybe doing something for 18 & under swimmers, but nothing definite yet. This was tabled.
- There was some talk about NCAA doing open water events, but this was tabled as well.

7: AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT: John McIlhargy

Mac thanked all the coaches who attended the long course Zones.

Mac will put together a selection form for coaching staff and for Age Group Coach Of The Year nomination. He congratulated the 2001 Metropolitan Age Group Coach of the Year: Kevin Stone, of YWCA Middies.

There was very little discussion on Age Group at Convention. Zones will talk about the new events.

Information about camps will be sent out in about two weeks.

Ilan Noach, Y Middies, asked if we were going to incorporate the new events at Silver Championship as well. He would run the meet in 3 sessions per day. It was mentioned that not all teams hosting Silvers have the ability to run 3 sessions per day. Time Standards would have to be selected. Ilan will send this to technical planning.

Larry said that, as far as he knows, the Winter JO's will still be held at West Point. The info will be ready in a few weeks. Coaches asked for hotel info as well.

Larry suggested that we add 20 to 30 minutes traveling time when going to a meet at West Point. He said to take out of your car anything that you don't absolutely need. Everyone must stop at the gate and cars are being checked.

8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

Gil introduced himself as the new coaches representative. Nothing to report at this time.

9: ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE:

The Senior and Junior reps were absent.

10: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Barry thanked Mac for his work at the summer Zones. One week prior to the meet Metro learned that there were problems with the hotel. The team was then sent to another hotel 45 minutes from downtown. It turned out that this hotel was better: all the kids were on the same floor and better deal for the meals. The kids behaved, and the trip was successful. The meet itself was decent. No problems with equipment. The summer 2002 meet will be held August 7-10 in Buffalo again.

11: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Registration packets were given out to each club at the meeting. If possible, send a disk for the registrations. Transfer forms (+ \$5 per athlete) should be submitted for all transfers. Barry reminded all coaches not to hold on to the transfer forms! They should sign them and send them back immediately to those requesting the transfers. Remember to give name and address for 3 team representatives. New coaches must pass the test in order to be re-registered for their second year.

13: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

There will be a full coaches safety training course on October 22, 2001 at Farmingdale HS in Long Island. Also: Challenge coaches safety and challenge CPR (no first aid). This information will be posted on the Metro website.

14: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

There is nothing to report at this time.

15: ADAPTED AQUATICS: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary would like to see more kids with disabilities involved with swimming at the club level. She said that the Central Zone had adopted rules for their swimmers with disability to enter the prelims at Zones: two 12&under and two 13-18 year olds. The swimmers can advance to finals only if they qualify to do so in their swims in the preliminaries.

16: OLD BUSINESS:

- Meets information must be sent to the web site (or linked on the Metro Site to your own club's site).
- Results must be posted on the Metro Site (or linked on the Metro Site to your own club's site).
- It was suggested that someone on the Metro board should be in charge of the Metro Web Site. Our web site is boring and doesn't have much to offer. We were reminded that if we want something on the web site, we should contact JoAnn McCaffrey about it.

17: NEW BUSINESS:

- Kaitlin Krauss, one of two athletes present at the meeting, made a motion that it be mandatory for one athlete per team to attend the September House of Delegates meeting. Gil Smith seconded the motion. A long discussion followed about why athletes should be there. There were many questions as well: Should we fine the club if athlete is not present? How many meeting should the athletes attend? Should it be mandatory? What about the clubs that only have young swimmers? It was also suggested that we amend the motion by adding: "clubs with no swimmers 13-over would be exempted from this rule". We should get the input from the Sr. and Jr. athletes representatives. Both were absent. Kaitlin decided to table this motion until the January meeting. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Mr. Gulbenkian, who had set up a table in the lobby during the meeting, said that he was contacted by the Red Cross to get the coaches' feelings about organizing a fundraising for the WTC Tragedy. There were many questions but the coaches are in favor of doing something.
- Bea Hartigan said that she helped at the Red Cross Office in Huntington last week. Many companies have a policy of dollar for dollar challenge for fundraising. Each club can decide what they want to do. Checks should be made out to the "Red Cross" with WTC on the memo line.
- Brad Evans made a motion that the board of Directors of Metropolitan Swimming designates \$5000 in funds to be used as a scholarship to be divided equally among Metro swimmers that have lost a parent in the WTC attack. Todd Trotman seconded the motion. After a long discussion on the subject, the proposal was revised. Brad Evans made a motion that the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Swimming allocate \$5000, to be divided evenly, for the swimmers who have lost a parent or legal guardian as a result of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. This would not be a scholarship and the families would be able to decide what to do with the money. Scott Bartleson seconded the new motion. Ilan mentioned that some clubs might want to add the amount. Dave Ferris said that we could always come back and raise the amount. Rick Ferriola suggested that we wait and see how many names will be submitted to the Metro Office. Coaches should send names and/or donations to the Metro Office.
- Rich Finkelstein said that one of his swimmers received the Metro Scholarship but that he did not get the money yet. MaryAnn told Rich that she needs to know which university the swimmer is attending since the check has to be made to both the swimmer and the college or university.
- Bea Hartigan gave her report from the Convention (it will be included with the minutes). Items of importance include **R-10**: a new rule governing water depth requirement for teaching racing starts (5 foot minimum) effective November 1, 2001. **R-16**: Spring Nationals will be Long Course. **R-18**: Spring Nationals will start the Tuesday following the fourth Thursday of March. New "**wet**" rules effective as of today, September 22, 2001 (rules on backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly).
- MaryAnn reminded all that some clubs have not send their requests for stipend for long course Sectionals and/or Nationals.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

The third Hall Of Fame induction dinner was held in June. It was very successful. Nomination forms were handed out. Athletes do not have to be Olympians to be nominated to the Metropolitan Swimming Hall Of Fame!

Gil Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Evans seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
September 22, 2001

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at Flushing Y: 7pm

