

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 21, 2002**

**1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 9:09am.  
The list of Clubs and Athletes in attendance is at the Metro office.

**2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

John Pisano made a motion to accept the minutes of May 16, 2002. Ellis Peter seconded the motion.  
Minutes were accepted as mailed.

**3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo**

- a. USAS Convention: all reports will be mailed out with the minutes.
  - Individual athlete membership dues will be increased from \$25 to \$40 a year, effective with the 2004 membership year. Dues will increase a dollar a year for the next 10 years after that.
  - All new Clubs must take and pass the New Club Management Course before registering for their second year. This would affect new clubs only. Others would be grandfathered.
  - Effective immediately, USA Swimming will accept Ellis & Associates "National Pool & Water Park Life Guarding Course and ARC Life Guard Training". These can be used to satisfy Coaches Safety Training Course Requirements.
  - Sport Medicine meeting: info on shoulder injury, vitamin doping, nutrition, etc.
  - Dartswim: USA-Swimming project to encourage and enhance the use of digital video technology by member swimmers and coaches.
  - Metropolitan Swimming will host the 2004 USA-Swimming 10K National Championships
- b. All Metro/USA meets (including Metro run meets) **must** have Meet Marshals (LSC to receive 5 free vests). Meet marshals must check the locker rooms as well as being responsible for safety on deck.
- c. The Chairperson of the Review Section is Jennifer Trotman.
- d. 8&Under Champs entry fees still outstanding for 15 teams...will go to review in 30 days if not paid. Checks must be mailed to Connetquot Swim Club. Check your clubs to see if checks were cashed!
- e. John McIlhargy made a presentation about a donation (time and money) from the Thomas Aquatics Group.

**4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal**

Gil Smith made a motion to accept the report from September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002. John Pisano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The report presented by MaryAnn was accepted. MaryAnn mentioned that Metro hasn't run any camps lately so there is extra money there. Dragos Coca said that there were too many fines imposed on clubs, to which Ray answered that this was the only way clubs responded. Rich Finkelstein asked what we were planning on doing with the surplus. Finance committee will decide what is best for Metro.

**5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan**

- Convention: Bea's report on Adapted swimming will be included with the minutes.
- Eastern Zone has it's own website: <http://pvswim.org/eastzone/index.html>
- Bea gave an overview of the new legislation items passed at Convention. For example:
  - Athletes with disability if both legs don't work: for breaststroke and butterfly after the start and after each turn, a swimmer who is unable to push off with the leg/s, may perform one asymmetrical stroke to attain the breast position.
  - Headquarters will provide documents for Speedo Champions Series (Sectionals) to make it uniform for all sections.
  - USA-Swimming Junior Championships Long Course will be held in 2005 after National Championships. Dates and Sites to be approved.
  - National Board of Review: There is a \$250 filing fee for appeals.
  - Item R22 has been retired and will never be considered again.
- List of ideas for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USA-Swimming next year.
- Open Water 25K awarded to Metro. Congratulations, Bea!

**6: OFFICIALS CHAIR:** Holger Fietkau and Chris Sawicz

- a. Holger presented the new requirements for official's re-certification: All sessions for re-certification are required to be voluntary sessions (6 sessions each year for Strokes & Turns Judges, and 8 sessions for Starters and Referees). In addition: 2 sessions would be worked at Metro run meets; 1 session would be worked at National meet for Strokes & Turns judges, 2 for starters and referees.
- b. Each club must be encouraged to have a certified Head Timer responsible for running a clinic for all timers before meets.
- c. Holger announced that the Committee had approved the purchase of 3 sets of training tapes for officials.

After this presentation, many coaches objected to the mandatory session at National meets. Many of the clubs' officials are parents of young swimmers. It would be hard for them to go to Long Island for a National Meet where their children wouldn't swim. We need to encourage more parents to become officials and not discourage them with those requirements to be re-certified. National certification is valid for two years, so we could adopt this to Metro as well:

Conclusion: To be re-certified, Strokes & Turn Judges would need to work one session at a National meet every 2 years.

- d. Clubs that need training for their meet marshals should contact Holger ([HOLGERFUSA@AOL.COM](mailto:HOLGERFUSA@AOL.COM)) or 516-338-5575

Brian Berg	At Marist College	New Officials Recertification	October 5, 2002 October 19, 2002	8:30am 9:00am
Paul McClintock	At YWCA Middies	Recertification New Officials Administration	October 7, 2002 October 9, 2002 October 16, 2002	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Rich Finkelstein	At Flushing YMCA	Recertification New Officials Administration	October 10, 2002	7:30pm

More clinics will be available at Asphalt Green and Nassau County at Eisenhower Park.

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

Convention:

- o Junior Championships, Long Course only, starting in 2005. One meet for all of USA.
- o Spring Championship Meet (Nationals) will be in January or February 2004 because of Olympic Trials. Times will get easier so more swimmers will be able to participate.

Metropolitan Swimming:

- o Dave Ferris made a motion to remove all the 50's strokes and the 200 free and medley relays from the summer long course Senior Mets. John Pisano seconded the motion. Majority in favor. **Motion carried.**
- o Dave Ferris made a motion to change the summer long course Senior Mets format from trials/finals to Timed Finals. Gil Smith seconded the motion. Too many swimmers scratched finals. Kids have jobs. Athletes don't want to come back at night. Long discussion followed. Show of hands: 46 in favor of motion, 23 against. **Motion carried.**
- o Senior Circuit: 3 or more senior meets long course in May and June. Possibility at Lehman, West Point, LIAC, Asphalt Green. Dave will work with those facilities.
- o Dates of Speedo Champions Series (Sectionals): March 14-17, 2003 at LIAC; July 24-27, 2002 at Buffalo; March 11-14, 2004 at LIAC (long course); July 22-25, 2004 at Buffalo.
- o World Cup: one stop in North America: November 22-23, 2002 at Nassau County (Eisenhower park), same weekend as Girls State meet. Order forms will go out to each club. Admission will be \$5.00 for Metro Swimmers and Coaches.

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** John McIlhargy

John gave his report from Convention.

USA-Swimming has new sponsors: Nickelodeon, Nickelodeon GaS, Sponge Bob, V8 Splash, Splash TV,

Mutual of Omaha, etc. Summer Zones went very well. The new events for 10-under and 11-12 have been added in the meet starting March 2003.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

- The USA-Swimming "Club Tool Kit" is free to the clubs. Call headquarters to receive this very useful tool (one free per club).
- There is a new video on the butterfly (with Michael Phelps).
- Camps programs will be set up soon. One for the spring, one for the summer, one for the fall. Coaches would swap area to run camp (coach from north might run camp in south, etc.).
- The inaugural Mutual of Omaha "Duel in the Pool" between the American team and the Australian team will take place April 6, 2003 at Indianapolis.
- Clubs interested in receiving "outreach" financial support must apply by September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- USA Swimming will now accept Ellis & Associates "National Pool & Water park Life Guarding Course and ARC Life Guard Training" to satisfy Coaches Safety Training Course Requirements.
- Problems with swimmers competing out of age group. Birth certificates might be required from each swimmer at registration.
- Swimposium: program organized by USA-Swimming. Call Sue Anderson (Eastern Zone Coordinator of Swimposium) at 719-866-4578

**10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES:** Paul Weir & Christian Robledo

Paul was on a recruiting trip at Duke University. Christian was in charge of the athletes meeting:

- He said that the athletes don't like having to swim the 200 fly and the 400 IM on the same day.
- Athletes liked the uniform at Zones. They would also like a collar shirt with logo.
- Not all athletes are at JO's at the time of Junior Athlete's election. They would like to have election at more than one meet.
- Athletes would enjoy more trips to get to know more athletes.
- Athletes suggest that they could go and help some summer teams.

Len Galluzzi suggested that we bring extra caps when we go to Zones (kids like to exchange with other teams). MaryAnn suggested bringing Metro Pins as well.

**11: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- The banner won by the girls' team at long course Zones was displayed at the meeting. The boys' team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Metro was fifth overall.
- Mary thanked the coaches that attended and gave her report from Zones: 21 first places, 2 meet records, 2 Metro records.
- Winter Zones are at CGIT March 27-29, 2003 – Summer Zones at Pittsburgh August 6-10, 2003 – In 2004: short course at George Mason University (Virginia) April 1-3, 2004; long course at Buffalo August 11-15, 2004.
- Rick Ferriola made a motion to give coaches a stipend when they work at Zones. Gil Smith seconded the motion. Long discussion about coaches already getting room and board and coaches being paid by their clubs. Vote was 28 for this motion, 29 against. Ray suggested that we bring this back at the budget meeting.

**12: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- Registrations are due by December 1, 2002. Must be done on team manager. Fill out all information. Clubs checks, money orders, or cash: no personal checks are allowed.
- Application must be filled out for all new athletes and all non-athletes (and coaches). Athletes transferring from one club to another must have transfer form signed by former club. All coaches must include their current certifications. First year coaches must complete the ASCA test before registering for their second year. Send copy of passing letter.
- Club list is on the website in .pdf format.
- Clubs may request Metro pins for their new athletes.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David Ellinghaus, Lenny Galluzzi, Paul Fortoul, Holger Fietkau, Krzysztof Sawicz and Monique Grayson attended the Technical Planning meeting at the Boys/Girls Clubs of N. Westchester, August 29, 2002.

- Reminder: Age Group Invitational: the awards must be given to swimmers with times slower than Silvers only. It's OK if the host gives also certificates for Silvers and JO's qualifiers.
- **Proposal # 1:** David Ellinghaus made a motion to change the meet information on Individual High Point Awards at JO's: A plaque or trophy must be available at the meet for each individual high point award in each age-group girls and boys. If the host wants to add a bag or towel as a gift, it must be in addition to the trophy/plaque. John Pisano seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- **Proposal # 2:** David Ellinghaus made a motion that the Metropolitan Association run JO's and Senior Mets starting with the summer of 2003. Holger Fietkau seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- **Proposal # 3:** David Ellinghaus made a motion to have only one relay per day for the 10-under at JO's instead of 2 on the last day: for example: 400 free relay on first day, 200 free relay on second day, 200 medley relay on last day. Ilan Noach seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- **Proposal # 4:** David Ellinghaus made a motion that we follow the same format for the new events (10-under 500 free and 200 strokes for 11-12), at the Zone Qualifying meet, as the format that will be applied at Zones. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- **Proposal # 4:** David Ellinghaus made a motion that swimmers aging up between Zone qualifying meet and Zones will be allowed to swim prelims at the ZQ meet, but will not be allowed to swim finals. In order to be eligible for Zones, they must swim in the next Age Group. Barry Roffer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- The **time standards** for the Short Course Senior Mets, and Short Course Age Group meets have been revised (Age Group, Silvers, JO's, Zone Qualifier). They were available at the meeting and are posted on the website in .pdf format as well as STD format (to import into team manager: point mouse at STD, right click, save target as [diskette drive]; the go to team manager, time standards, import).
- The **Metro Championship Booklet** will be given out to the board for review in October. It will be given to all clubs at the January General Meeting, and voted on at the May General meeting. Its application would start in the Summer 2003.
- **Proposed 2003 Long Course Schedule:**
  - Senior Mets: July 17-20, 2003 (if Grand Prix is July 10-13, and vice-versa)
  - Junior Olympics: July 25-27, 2003
  - USA-Swimming:
    - Grand Prix (July 10-13, 2003)
    - Nationals (August 5-9, 2003)
    - Zones (August 6-9, 2003)

David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the schedule as proposed. MaryAnn seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- There will be sanctions for teams that are behind with their entry fees. Those teams will have to go in front of the Review Board. If they are really delinquent, they will not be allowed to participate in the Championship meets. Those teams should give a payment voucher when they send their meets in.
- Meet information and results must be sent to the Metro website. Meet info must be mailed to all clubs and results must be sent to the clubs that attended the meets.
- Short Course schedule: **Change of dates:** Zone Qualifier: March 7-9, 2003; Speedo Sectionals: March 13-16, 2003
- **Other proposals from Technical Planning:**
  - That Metro gives a stipend to officials volunteering at Metro meets (example: basic travel money). Gail Farrell seconded the motion. It will be tabled for the moment.
  - That Metro gives \$500 to computer operator running a Metro-run Championship meet from start to finish (for all work done before, during and after the meet). Gil Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was amended to give \$100 per session to computer operator running a Metro-run Championship meet from start to finish. Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
  - Officials working at Metro-run championships must take the run down and give those sheets to the computer operator at the end of each session.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Joanne McCaffrey

Reminder to all: the safety representative from each team must write a report of every injury and must send the report to Joanne.

- Coaches Safety (new and renewal certification and Challenge renewals for CPR Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Farmingdale High School in Nassau County  
Call Diana Price at 516-747-3500 #227 by Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- Coaches Safety Full Course and Challenge: December 4-5 in Sayville
- CPR: December 11-12 in Sayville

**15: HALL OF FAME:** Len Galluzzi

Ballots for the Hall of Fame will go out in the next few weeks. The Hall of Fame dinner will probably be held on the Tuesday before Memorial Day weekend.

MaryAnn mentioned that the first Trophy Case had arrived at the pool at Eisenhower Park.

**16: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Each club should have received the USA-Swimming guides for Coaches, Meet Directors, Safety Directors, Officials, Swimmers and Parents, for coaching swimmers with disabilities. Each club should try to attract more swimmers with disabilities.

**17: SWIM-A-THON:** Richie Finkelstein

There is nothing new at this time.

**18: OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Policy was established more than five (5) years ago requiring all teams to use Hy-tek Meet Manager and Team Manager programs. At this time, we expect every team to have it.
- b. Question on \$2.00 surcharge for Zone Qual. Meet? This was included with acceptance of budget at the May meeting. Richie Finkelstein wants Metro to do a research on when the surcharge was established.
- c. Summer meets reports: post competition & expense reports were supposed to be send in 14 days after the end of the meet. Payment to Metro or a voucher was due at the same time. (Send all to Bea).

**19: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Larry Collins will present the slate of candidates for election in January. Elections will take place in May. The following positions are up for election (odd year): Age Group Chair, Treasurer (no limit), Technical Planning (no limit), Safety (no limit), Board of Review (6 regular and 3 alternates), Athlete (election done at meet by 13&over athletes).
- The long course and short course records are posted on the Metro website. Please check them and contact MaryAnn if errors.
- How to celebrate USA-Swimming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Example: medal specific for championships in 2003, 25K race or relay race, 25k weekend, etc. Contact Bea with suggestions.

Ray D'Annolfo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Pisano seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

<p><b>Next Meeting: House of Delegates: Bid Meeting</b> <b>January 15, 2003</b> <b>7:00pm at White Plains YWCA</b></p>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Monique G. Grayson  
September 25, 2002