

# **METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Sunday, February 23, 2003

**PRESENT:** Bea Hartigan, Christian Robledo, Paul Weir, Barry Roffer, MaryAnn Senecal, Mary Fleckenstein, Dave Ferris, David Ellinghaus, Rich Finkelstein, Gil Smith, Monique Grayson, Georges Rhein, and Ryan Emanuel.

**EXCUSED:** Ray D'Annolfo, Holger Fietkau, Chris Sawicz, JoAnn McCaffrey, and John McIlhargy

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am at Lehman College APEX, between prelims and finals of Short Course Senior Mets. Ray D'Annolfo was attending the General Chairs' meeting in Tampa, FL. Bea welcomed everyone present and introduced the new Junior Athlete Rep.: Ryan Emanuel of the Badger Swim Club. Bea gave a brief overview of the importance of athlete representatives in an LSC.

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

Minutes of January 7, 2003: correction of the date for qualifying times for Zone Qual. meet was already made in Technical Planning of the General meeting of January 15, 2003: from **March 7, 2002** to meet entry deadline (not May 7). All were in favor. Minutes approved as corrected.

### **3: GENERAL CHAIR:**

- Ray was at the General Chairs' Meeting in Tampa, Florida, February 21-23, 2003.
- Bea complimented those that worked at the Junior Olympics. Barry read a complimentary letter he received from a parent.
- Barry spoke to Ray: here is a brief recap of what some LSCs are doing:
  - Taking 10-under out of the Zone meet: discipline and too much pressure on kids.
  - JO's limited to 14-under age groups
  - Stipends to coaches to go to nationals
  - Athletes Reps in all committees meetings
  - Two scholarships: one for swimmers going to College, one for club's swimmers.

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

MaryAnn gave her report. It will be included with the minutes. September to February: inflow is \$274,000; outflow is \$127,000 (which include a new copy machine for the office, 3 distance meets, booklets for officials, etc.). Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the report as presented. David Ellinghaus seconded the motion, which was accepted by all.

MaryAnn said that 2 more Metro records were broken at JO's.

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

- One club is going to review at the end of February.
- Too many clubs are still using the old forms for the meet reports. Please download new ones from metro website.
- Too many clubs are still not reporting cuts or no cuts at meets. If no cuts were made, please indicate so on form!
- Coaches: please make sure that your relay names are correct and in the right order.

<p><b>Connetquot: Meet of March 29-30, 2003 is cancelled</b> <b>West Point: Meet of July 11-13, 2003 is cancelled</b></p>
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### **6: OFFICIALS CHAIR:**

Holger Fietkau and Chris Sawicz were holding a meeting of area chairs at the time.

Bea mentioned that Holger did a great job getting officials for Senior Mets (except Friday night: not enough officials).

**7: SENIOR CHAIR:** Dave Ferris

- Neglected to have read all the meet info for Senior Mets. It should have read: *"The preliminary heats of the 1650 freestyle shall be conducted slowest to fastest, alternating women/men, with the fastest heat swum in the final session (as done at nationals)"*.
- Some coaches and swimmers mentioned that they would prefer holding the heats of 1650 right after the prelim session.
- Question: is a coaches meeting necessary before each session?
- Coaches would like to be aware of a pre-scratch time line for each session. It should be available on Thursday night and could also be posted on the website.
- Importance of meet announcer. Should Metro hire a professional announcer for play-by-play of finals?
- Problems with relays: Should we just have the top 8 teams at night and give an option for the other relays to swim at the end of Prelims? Some teams don't want to come back at night just for a relay.
- Discussion on reasons why the meet is getting smaller.
- Medals for Senior Mets and Awards are beautiful!
- Discussion on fee for hosting meet at Lehman. Gate and programs sales are very small!
- Discussion on timing of the scratch deadline for the next day's events.
- Importance of running the exception report for over-entered swims and non-qualifying entries before the start of the meet.

**8: AGE GROUP CHAIR:** John McIlhargy  
Mac was unable to attend.

**9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE:** Gil Smith

There will be a clinic for older swimmers the mornings of June 21-22, 2003 at Asphalt Green. An Olympic swimmer and nationally known coach will attend.

Coaches: please encourage your athletes to apply for the scholarships.

- The sentence about Family Income on page 2 of the application should be deleted.
- Eligibility: page one: ...be in attendance at a state accredited High School ~~within the boundaries of Metropolitan Swimming, Inc.~~ (some swimmers on metropolitan teams live in New Jersey or Connecticut. Those active metro swimmers are eligible for the scholarship)

**10: ATHLETES REP:** Paul Weir & Christian Robledo

- Paul & Christian introduced Ryan Emanuel from the Badger Swim Club. Ryan is the new Jr. Athlete's rep. He was elected at JO's and won by 2 votes!
- Jo's went well and Senior Mets is also going well.
- They all agree that JO's should be limited to swimmers 14 and under. There is not much interest from the older swimmers.
- Paul also agrees that 10-under swimmers should not be eligible for Zones. David Ellinghaus mentioned that maybe 10-unders should be accompanied by their parents.

**11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

Bus, hotel, meals are OK for Zones. Team and coaches still need to be picked!

**Swimmers that will make the Zone Team MUST hand in completed forms and check by the last night of Zone Qualifying meet.**

**Check for \$250 (room, meals, transportation) is non-refundable.  
Swimmers that don't attend the Zone Meet in New Jersey  
will not receive their uniform.**

The Eastern Zone meeting will take place on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend in Philadelphia. Barry and others will attend.

**12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR:** Barry Roffer

- All registrations are in. USA Swimming is sending more cards and Barry will print them as soon as he gets them.
- Coaches, please update your credentials. Barry will update the list on the website.
- Coaches and Officials credentials expiration dates should be checked.

**13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:** David Ellinghaus

David held a technical planning meeting in between sessions on Saturday, February 22, 2003. Here is the proposed calendar for the short course season 2003-2004:

- February 11-15, 2004: Nationals at Orlando
- February 19-22, 2004: Senior Mets
- February 27-29, 2004: Silver Championships
- March 6-7, 2004: 8 & Under Championships
- March 11-14, 2004: Speedo Champions Series at LIAC
- March 19-21, 2004: JO's/Zone Qual combined meet (with 500's on March 18, 2004)
- March 26-28, 2004: Age Group Championships (cuts below JO's standards)
- April 1-3, 2004: Eastern Zones at George Mason University

**Some suggestions:**

- Small teams want JO's for 15-18 swimmers, especially for the boys
- 15-18 should also qualify to make the Zone Team
- Run JO/ZQ in two pools for prelims, one pool at night, or use Eisenhower Park
- JO/ZQ: Top 16 at night instead of Top 8
- Problem when JO/ZQ coincides with Y State meet or Boys HS State meet.
- Hire an announcer and/or DJ and make meet more interesting
- Limit all championship meets to 3 events per day.

Reminder: swimmers that age up before Zones CAN swim up in order to qualify.

**14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:** JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend. Barry received 5 orange vests for meet marshals. Marshals must be included in timer assignment schedule. Must be USS registered (could be coaches and/or officials).

**15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR:** Mary Fleckenstein

Nothing new at this time.

**16: SWIM-A-THON:** Rich Finkelstein

No report at this time.

**17: OLD BUSINESS:**

JoAnn is still typing the Metro Championship meets' manual.

Hall of Fame Dinner is May 20, 2003 at Eisenhower.

**18: NEW BUSINESS:**

- Budget will be talked about at board of Directors meeting. Requests should be made as soon as possible.
- Check into what teams ask for admission and programs; also what teams give for awards at regular meets and how much they charge for entries.

**Next Board Of Directors meeting:  
Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00pm at Flushing YMCA**

**Next House of Delegates meeting: (Bid Meeting)  
May 15, 2003 at 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson  
February 28, 2003