METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, February 29, 2004

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Barry Roffer, Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Chris Sawicz, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Gil Smith, David Ellinghaus, Holger Fietkau, George Rhein, Dave Ferris, Ryan Emanuel and Christian Robledo.
EXCUSED: Rich Finkelstein, Len Galluzzi and JoAnn McCaffrey

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:
The meeting was called to order at 11:12am at Lehman College, between prelims and finals of Senior Mets. Ray welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:
Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to accept the minutes of January 6, 2004, as mailed. George Rhein seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- Safety Chairs Meeting in Atlanta, GA on May 14-16, 2004. USA-Swimming provides housing, LSC provides transportation. Mary Fleckenstein made a motion to pay for transportation; Monique Grayson seconded the motion which was accepted unanimously. JoAnn McCaffrey will attend the meeting.
- Ray D'Annolfo commended the meet rules committee. Rules were followed to the letter. It is the coaches' responsibility to read the meet's info sheets and familiarize themselves with all rules. Meet information for Senior Mets will stay as is.
- LSC Outstanding Service Award. One nomination was made at the meeting. Members of the board must send other nominations to Ray as soon as possible. It will close at the May meeting.
- Meets Requirements for Stipend: Speedo Champions Series counts as one of the six meets when held in Metro. High School State Meet doesn't count. Requirements stand at 6 Metro meets, one of which must be Senior Mets. Forms will be available on the website soon.
- Club must remember to mention the new meet entry requirements on their meet information:

1. **Metro LSC clubs will be given priority on a first come/first served basis if their entries are received by a specified *TIME AND DATE.***
2. **Teams from LSC's other than Metro will be entered on a specified *TIME AND DATE*, in the order they were received, prior to and including *TIME AND DATE*, as space allows.**
3. **All entries received later than specified *TIME AND DATE*, will be entered in the order they were received, regardless of LSC affiliation, as space allows.**
4. **Entries will not be accepted after specified *TIME AND DATE*, or after the meet fills to capacity.**

- High School Championship Meets must be approved for Observation at least 10 days before the Championship meet. "Form B" must be filled out and sent to either Mary Ann Senecal (Metro South) or Monique Grayson (Metro North).
- USA-Swimming Summer Splash Tour will be on the road again this summer. They are looking for both swimming and community events with at least 600 people in attendance.
- Request from Old Westbury Aquatics to run a meet May 29-30 was denied. The team doesn't have a certified administrative official.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- Ray offered Mary Ann our deepest condolences for her recent loss.
- Mary Ann gave each member a copy of her report (September 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004). All were in favor. Report was accepted as presented.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- Notices were sent on February 16, 2004 to the following teams for delinquent meet reports:
  - West Point Swim Club (partial report from December meet)
  - Condors (January 24-25, 2004)
  - West Point Swim Club (January 30-February 1, 2004)
  - White Plains Y Middies (January 31-February 1, 2004)
- Meet directors must use the new forms available on the website.
- Bea sent a letter to Christine Klepeis (Suffolk County). Christine sent some reports to Bea but it is still incomplete. Nassau/Suffolk Officials chairs are now combined under Holger Fietkau.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

- Food/Drinks for lunch were insufficient for officials & coaches at JO's.
- Holger reviewed an email sent by a coach to Frank Ching (USA-Swimming Officials Committee Chair) after JO's. After reviewing the case, it was decided that Gil Smith would send a letter to the coach. It was noted that instructional sessions were held with all officials before and after each session at JO's.
- Coaches are reminded to have their cards with them when they attend meets. They must keep their credentials up-to-date. Several coaches were denied access to the deck at JO's. Meet directors must check credentials at every meet. No coach is allowed on deck if not properly registered.
- Meet Marshals at Championship meets: it was decided that 2 officials would be meet marshals at every championship meet.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- In December 2003, Dave asked Nassau County to get Eisenhower Park for the Summer Senior Mets. He hasn't heard from the County yet.
- Senior Mets' scratch rule for Friday's prelims: Same as before (phone call or email by 1:30pm) but additional possibility of delivering scratches for Friday, by 5:00pm, during warm-up of the Thursday evening session.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- JO's went very well. Most teams were satisfied with the running of the meet. There were 2 protests that were settled at the meet by the meet committee – both times upholding the rule as stated in the meet notice. Coaches were asked to show credentials and cards were verified against the printout from Metro. Several coaches were not certified and asked not to be on deck.
- Thanks to board members Ray, Gil, Barry and David for helping out at the scoring desk, and thanks also to the officials. Your help was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Liz & Jack Luchsinger from TVSC who helped out as meet marshal, and desk help throughout all the sessions.
- Zone coach applications have been coming in (8 as of today). As announced at JO's coaches meeting: **Zone team members must sign up at the Zone Qualifier meet – No exceptions – Money and equipment orders are due at that time. Hobie Swim will be on hand to collect the equipment orders.** We have also agreed to a 3-year contract with Hobie Swim for our Zone equipment.

Reminder to all clubs:
Zone Chaperons are required from all teams with 4 or more swimmers 11&over.
Chaperon applications will be available at Zone Qual. Meet.
Parents of 10-under qualifiers must contact Barry at the meet to reserve a room.
Swimmers 10&under will not travel or eat with the team.
Parents/guardians are entirely responsible for their 10&under swimmers.

- The 8-under Championships are set at TVSC.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- An "ASCA Coach of the Year" nomination form was mailed to all clubs. Nominations are due back to Gil by May 1st, 2004.

10: ATHLETES REP: Christian Robledo and Ryan Emanuel

- Christian will attend the University of South Carolina in the fall. Congratulations!
- Election for Junior Rep. was held at Senior Mets. Anthony Mironov from Badgers was elected. It was suggested to have a bio and picture of candidates on the website, next year, prior to the election.
- Ryan wants to write to Sports Illustrated to try to promote swimming.
- There might be a conflict for the athletes' reps to attend Zones because of a Grand Prix meet.

11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Distance applications for Zones were mailed and are posted on the website.
- Busses, hotel, equipment are all set for Zones. Negotiations are still underway for food.

Zone Team:
Non-refundable $250 for swimmers 11-Over
Non-refundable $100 for swimmers 10-under

12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Registrations are basically done at this point. Still problems with 92nd Street Y.
- Barry sent each club a list of their registered swimmers and ID numbers. Coaches must check for un-registered swimmers.
- Registrations were up this year. Metro has over 6000 athletes.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING:

- There has been some talk going around about moving JO's to March.
- **We are keeping the current calendar for at least 2 years.**
- It is not so simple to change the schedule and accommodate everyone!

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR:

- JoAnn was unable to attend. She will be attending the Safety Chairs Meeting in Atlanta in May.
- Bea mentioned the Safety weekend June 19th (Huntington) – Coaches safety/CPR Challenge and recertification only.

15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

- Mary attended the workshop at Olympic Training Center. It was very informative.
- We would like to have more teams involved and would like to know if any coaches are interested in having swimmers with disabilities on their teams. We would then be able to direct swimmers to that team.
- It was suggested that all LSC's send an official (new one each year), adapted chair, and a coach member (who has an interest in swimmers with disabilities) to the national Championships each year. This would give them a chance to see first hand what swimming with disabilities is all about.
- It is also recommended that swimmers with a disability that make it to Nationals or Paralympics be given a stipend parallel to those for able-bodied swimmers.
- Reminder to meet directors – all meet notice must contain statement **"swimmers with disabilities are encouraged to attend. They should contact the meet director for any special accommodations or needs."**
- Swimmers with disabilities can be seeded in meets as follows: with own age/same distance; with different age/same distance; with same age/different distance; with comparable times (may be younger age).
- Swimmers with disabilities entry form for Zones will be available at Zone Qual.
- Reminder that to be consider an athlete with disability that disability must be permanent.
- Mary recommends that we redo the qualifying times for Senior Mets/JO's to encourage more athletes with disabilities to attend these meets. These times should be included with meet info.
- Mary would like Holger to give all officials the brochure "officiating swimmers with disabilities".

- Lesson program "Water Works" is available from Greater Toledo Aquatic Club – High school swimmers work 2 to 1 with disabled swimmers giving lessons (Community service hours.)

16: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

- Rich was unable to attend the meeting. There is a new Contract and Format available from USA-Swimming website.
- Rich would like to see better "Hospitality" conditions for Coaches and Officials throughout all Metro Championship meets, not just a quick lunch and no replenishing of water.

17: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

George invested the excess funds in "Oppenheimer Rochester National Muni C Fund".

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

Len was not present at the meeting. Questions:

- When is the Hall of Fame dinner, where and at what time?
- Did the athletes receive their ballots?
- Where is the Guest book?

19: OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time

20: NEW BUSINESS:

- Elections in May: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Coaches Rep., Secretary, Finance chair.

Next Board of Directors meeting:
Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 6:30pm at <u>Nassau or White Plains</u>

House of Delegates' Meetings:

Wednesday, May 12, 2004 (Bid meeting 2004-05 Meets)
Sunday, September 26, 2004 (Mandatory meeting + Athlete)

At White Plains YWCA

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
March 3, 2004