

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, Corinne Cody, George Rhein, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer and David Ellinghaus. Eddie Larry arrived late.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Rich Finkelstein, Carolyn Johnson, Brian Brown, Larry Collins, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz, Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 5:44pm at the YWCA in White Plains. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of November 9, 2004: #6c: *One of Bea's goals is to have the Delinquency Reports available on Letters out in a more timely fashion.*

A motion to accept the minutes of November 9, 2004, was made by Barry Roffer, seconded by Mary Ann Senecal, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Colorado Springs: Mary Fleckenstein will attend the General Chairs' workshop January 21-23; Bea Hartigan will attend the Committee Chairs' meeting at the same time.
- b) How to shorten board meetings: Suggestions: write up and print reports before hand and give brief report at the meetings. Question: who votes and who doesn't?
- c) Eastern Zone Pins: 250 have been ordered. We need to finalize the process for distribution.
- d) Swimposium: is set for Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Asphalt Green. Bea Hartigan suggested a \$5 fee per attendee. Suggestions: give a T-shirt and a meal.
 - a. Ben Michaelson will be the athlete's Rep from USA-Swimming. Two groups: 12&Under (pool 1pm-4pm and meeting 5pm-8pm) and 13&Over (meeting 1pm-4pm and pool 5pm-8pm)
 - b. Parents' education while kids are in pool.
 - c. Ira Klein will hold the meetings on Club Development (1-4pm and 5-8pm). All new clubs must attend and we recommend that all clubs attend!
 - d. John Wilson will hold the meetings for officials.
- e) Goals: If not given to Mary, please do so as soon as possible so we can prepare a 4-year plan for the LSC.
- f) Outstanding Service Award: We need nominations.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann will present her report from 9/1/04 – 12/31/04 at the General Meeting.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) Computer: George has the computer and he will buy a computer case.
- b) Statement of Investment: We made \$14,000 since we invested the money.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Meet Reports: Big Blue Swimming is not allowed to vote. No report from their October 30th meet.
- b) Clarification: Distance Meets: These are the requirements to receive a stipend for Distance Meets:
 - o 11-12 400 IM } (*can be held as 11-14 400 IM but awards must be given to 11-12*
 - o 13-14 400 IM } *and 13-14*)
 - o 10-under 500 free} (*can be held as 12-under 500 free but awards must be given*
 - o 11-12 500 free } *to 10-under and 11-12)*
 - o Open 1650 free

All these events must be held on the same day. The 1650 free may be held in a separate session on that same day to allow more swimmers to participate. Teams that want to add events to this list must ask the Board ahead of time, in writing, for an exception to this rule.

Dave Ferris made a motion to give Connetquot Swim Club the stipend for their Distance Meet. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion which was then accepted by all.

- c) Finances Long Course Meets": the Board recommends allowing clubs to charge different entry fees for **long course meets** only: up to \$4 per individual event for timed finals; up to \$5 per individual event for Trials/finals; up to \$10 per relay event.

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a) Speedo Champions Series is ready to go for March 2005 at Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park.
- b) Awards from Senior Mets LC 2004 are here and ready to be distributed. Awards for 2005 have been ordered.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Eddie Larry

Eddie wasn't here when this item came up. Are JO's ready to go – pool settled?

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

- a) ASCA – Metro has done "Coach of the Year" awards for 10 years out of 19.
- b) Suggestion: send Metro Coach of the Year" to ASCA clinic to receive the award.

10: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov

Both Ryan and Anthony were absent.

11: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- a) Clarification between Invitational and Metro meets – more clarification is needed – item will be tabled until May.
- b) Set up meeting with Senior and Age Group Chairs for long range planning.
- c) Check best dates for Senior Mets, Silvers, JO's and Zone Qualifier meet. David will meet with Dave Ferris and Eddie Larry.
- d) Scoring 15-18 age group at this year's JO's: all in favor. Combined Team Award needs to be ordered.

12: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

Both Holger and Kris were unable to attend

13: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Zones will take place at GCIT in New Jersey. Preparations are under way: hotel, bus, etc.

14: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

There are problems with some registrations. Coaches are reminded to send disk, even for one new athlete. This will eliminate typos!

15: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16: Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Much better than last year. Only 1 page of errors in the tank instead of 100 at same time last year.
- b) Mary Ann and Monique will receive their first check at the end of February.

16: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a) Outdated information must be removed.
- b) Updated Meet Stipend requests will be sent to the website.

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn was unable to attend the meeting.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

Len Galluzzi was unable to attend the meeting.

19: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

- a) Coaches/Officials applications are on the web for Disabilities Championships.
- b) Meet list for Swimmers with disability is available.

20: SWIM-A-THON:

Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting.

21: OUTREACH COORDINATORS: Brian Brown and Larry Collins

Both Brian and Larry were unable to attend.

22: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Increase fees for long course meets (see above #6c)

24: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Problems at a meet at Aqua Gems January 7-9: warm-up/start times were changed at the last minute; telephone hotline was not updated on time; some sessions lasted 5 hours.
- b) Problem arising for a meet at West Point on January 30th: afternoon session is already scheduled to be 5 hours long so coach wants to move some of the events either in earlier or later session on same day. The Board said it was in violation of Metro policy to switch events into a new session once the meet info has been posted.
- c) Eddie Larry (Age Group Chair) is asking to be replaced or to get a co-chair, for personal reasons.

Next meetings:

March 8, 2005 – at Eisenhower Park.

April 12, 2005 – at White Plains

May 11, 2005 – HOD at White Plains

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – January 15, 2005