

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2005

**PRESENT:** Mary Fleckenstein, Paul Furbeck, Monique Grayson, Corinne Cody, David Ellinghaus, Bea Hartigan, Gil Smith, George Rhein, Rich Finkelstein, Dave Ferris, Holger Fietkau, Mary Ann Senecal and Lenny Galluzzi.

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Barry Roffer, Carolyn Johnson, Anthony Mironov, Sophie Staskiewicz, Brian Brown and Larry Collins.

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

The dinner meeting was called to order at 7:48pm at Runyon's in East Meadow, after the first session of Senior Mets. Mary welcomed all members in attendance. This meeting was scheduled in order to discuss the Budget and some important items. Mary thanked Mary Ann and all the volunteers that helped time the 800 free.

### 2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of BOD of June 7, 2005: #2B: Following the ~~House of Delegates of May 11, 2005,~~ publication of the "Metropolitan Swimming Club Achievement Program" on the website, Elizabeth Maresca Ortof sent an email to Pat Hogan at USA-Swimming ... A motion to accept the minutes of the BOD of June 7, 2005, was made by Corinne Cody, seconded by George Rhein, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

### 3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

Reminder: Reports with any item that needs to be voted on or discussed are to be written beginning with this meeting. They must be presented in advance to all board members to view before the meeting.

1. All is set for the convention – airlines/hotels/registrations. Everyone should have received confirmation on travel.
2. Eastern Zone All Star Meet at Eisenhower Park is set for Metro to host next March. Mary has asked Metro Masters if they would help us out in this venture. We will hold discussions on what they could do at convention.
3. Zones update: 130 swimmers are registered as of July 14 – more will come in after JO's. A reminder will be placed on the web page that updates will be taken through JO's – and only new swimmers will be added from this point forward.
4. USA Swimming contacted Metro for using Eisenhower as possible site for the 2007 Nationals.

### 4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

Mary Ann corrected a few items on the report that was distributed at the meeting. We are almost \$4000 in the black. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as amended. Dave Ferris seconded the motion. All were in favor. Report was accepted as amended.

### 5: TODAY'S MEETING ITEMS:

#### 1. JO/SR METS REPORT FROM TECHNICAL PLANNING/AGE GROUP/SENIOR CHAIRS:

A long discussion was held about the way the change of dates was made. ***Dave Ferris made a motion to table the short course 2006 Senior Mets and JO's issues until the LSC General Meeting in September. Mary Ann Senecal seconded the motion.*** The TVSC & Half Hollow Hills boards are asking for a decision on this subject as soon as possible. Discussions should have been done months ago between Age Group, Technical Planning and Senior Chairs. It is not easy to prepare a balanced schedule for everybody. Technical Planning believes it's better for the senior level swimmers to have 3 weeks in between big meets: Senior Mets, Sectionals, Juniors and/or Nationals. We also need to take High School State

meet into consideration (both Speedo Series and High School States are out of LSC in 2006). We all realize that to have a quality meet for Age Group swimmers, we need JO's to be held at Eisenhower Park with trials and finals. We need to propose a schedule that is best for the entire LSC. ***Vote on the motion resulted in 6 votes for the motion, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Motion carries and discussion on the subject is tabled until September.***

**2. REPORT OF CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MEETING:** George Rhein

George held a meeting with Len Galluzzi, Bea Hartigan, Dave Ferris and Glenn Stafford. They put together the guidelines for application to request grant. Specific criteria will be put together and included with the team registration packet in September.

Forms to apply for a grant will need to be back by October 15. Board will then approve or reject the applications by November 15. Then clubs will have until December 5<sup>th</sup> to explain how the funds will be used. The grants will then be announced at the January House of Delegates. George said that it was a very productive meeting.

**3. NYAC – EMAIL RE: MEET SANCTION:**

The New York AC sent an email to the Metro Office requesting a sanction to host "The William McCarthy Invitational" at 180 Central Park South on Sunday, October 30, 2005. There are six Metro meets that weekend. ***David Ellinghaus made a motion to deny the request for a sanction until the NYAC get their administrative certifications in order.*** Bea Hartigan seconded the motion. All members were in favor (except for one abstention). Motion carries.

**4. BUDGET DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:**

George Rhein presented the budget. Many items were discussed. ***Dave Ferris made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the provision that, if budget variances are needed, they can be done during the fiscal year.*** David Ellinghaus seconded the motion. Vote resulted in 6 in favor of the budget, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Budget is approved. There were a few suggestions to explore the Golden Goggles Dinner Award (where does the money go?). Also George wants to make an investment analysis.

**5. GUIDELINES FOR VOTING BY EMAIL:**

- First we need a **Proposal or Motion**
- Then the proposal or motion must be **seconded**
- Then there must be an **open discussion within a specific timeline** – all members must be involved
- Then the **vote** will take place – ***voting is limited to the executive board but discussion is open to all board members.*** When the vote is called - the following positions are eligible to vote: General Chair, administrative vice chair, senior chair, age group chair, finance chair, coaches' representative, secretary, treasurer, safety, technical planning, senior athlete rep., and junior athlete rep. ***All votes will go to the General Chair.*** If you do not want your vote to be known to the entire board - then do not copy to all. General Chair will keep the ballots secret as requested. Copies of emails will be saved until so moved to destroy.

**6: ADDITIONAL REPORTS DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING:**

**1. Administrative Vice Chair:** Bea Hartigan

- Meet reports – are coming in slowly, many are insufficient
- Have not had the chance to research the Board attendance policy
- The Open Water Championship went well, with a challenging west wind. We have received thank you e-mails from several Masters swimmers – they really make the meet a financial success. We had a large Age Group entry this year, boding well for the future
- There is a fine system in place for "Failure to Hold a Meet". Under that system, Three Village forfeits the sanction fees and owes a sum equal to the fees. Condors and

Sachem owe the same, unless their notification was less than 6 weeks before the meet, in which case more penalties apply.

- Officials are working on updating Guidelines for Metro Officials
- Hall of Fame dinner was a success – especially due to the recognition for Ray and the warm welcome and cooperation from Tony Corbissiero
- Old Business – see NB April 12<sup>th</sup> a) regarding stipends. Please note this is a budget item and although the Board voted its assent, it is not finalized until the budget is accepted.

## **2. National Times Verification / Top 16:** Monique Grayson & Mary Ann Senecal

- As of today, we have 55 times to be verified. Either swimmers are not fully transferred, or are not yet registered. Barry will take care of the registrations when he comes back.
- Reminder to coaches: even if new swimmers didn't swim on any team last year but were previously registered somewhere, they must be transferred properly before they can be registered attached to your team.
- Top 16: the preview list of 2004-05 short course yards Top 16 rankings of Metro swimmers is now available on the Metro website.

## **3. Web Page Coordinator:** Monique Grayson

- We gave the website a new look by having all the link buttons in alphabetical order on the left side of the page. All Late News items are in the column on the right. There is a brief welcome introduction on the center of the main page. It is followed by the boxes with special announcements.
- We have added a few new pages: Age Group, Hall of Fame, History, and Seniors. The history page already contains a list of all the Metropolitan Olympians (swimmers, coaches, managers) – Thanks to Lenny Galluzzi and Paul Fortoul for their assistance. Next, we need to write the History of Metropolitan Swimming from the AAU times to now. We welcome information, data, etc from all those that know the history!
- The names of all the Metropolitan Swimming Hall of Fame inductees will be added to the HOF page. Each name will eventually link to a small bio and picture of the inductees.
- Hopefully, Age Group and Senior chairs will give information, news, ideas, etc. for their respective pages.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holger Fietkau, seconded by David Ellinghaus, and accepted by all. Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**House of Delegates – September 24, 2005 at 8:30am at the White Plains YWCA**  
**An athlete representative (13 & Over) from each team is required to attend this mandatory Meeting.**