

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

PRESENT: Ray D'Annolfo, Dave Ferris, Bea Hartigan, Holger Fietkau, Chris Sawicz, MaryAnn Senecal, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer, Monique Grayson, Paul Weir.

EXCUSED: Richie Finkelstein, David Ellinghaus, Mary Fleckenstein, Christian Robledo and JoAnn McCaffrey.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:46pm at the Flushing YMCA. Ray welcomed those present.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of September 2002: in General Chair: a: Metropolitan Swimming will host the 2004 US-**Masters** 10K National Championships.

Minutes of October 2002: in Administrative Vice Chair: The cut-off date on the **form and** the website was June 7th...

Bea added that minutes should be sent in a timely manner. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made, seconded, and approved by all.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- The Metro shirts for board members were distributed. They are very nice. Thank You!
- Letter from Sue Anderson about workshops in Maine.
- Letter from someone with a request to be an A.R.C Instructor for Coaches Safety.
- Correspondence from J. Dolan.
- Question about awards for Age Group Championships: Awards (medals for top 8/6) must be given to Top 16 in an 8-lane pools or top 12 in a 6-lane pool, to swimmers with times slower than Silver Championship cuts.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

- In October MaryAnn finally received, from West Point, the checks from February 2002 JO's surcharge! She sent them back to West Point for fear that they would bounce.
- Three personal checks for the Zone entries bounced: one from Winter Zones, 2 from Summer Zones. Info about all three will be sent to the Review Committee.

Bea made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Gil seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- A letter was sent on October 23rd via Certified, Return Receipt Requested to Todd Trotman requesting he turn over any and all records he has with reference to his term as Officials Chair of Metro. The letter was returned, NOT claimed.
- Bea received and passed on to Holger, the National Officials' Committee's guidelines on Discipline and De-certification. This is a much better document than the one that was on our web site for a short time.
- Bea garnered from the Central Zone web-site a listing of National Committee Chairs – names which are familiar here in Metro are: National Alumni: Alecia Humphries; Club Development: Ginny Nussbaum; National Records: Marta McKee/Bea Hartigan.
- Bea received a meet notice from NYC Parks and Rec. for their Dec. 15th meet. Info does not include the sanction number but states it is "Sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association of USA Swimming".
- Received overdue meet report from Condors for their Sept. 28 meet along with the report of their October 26-27 meet. Delinquent notices will go to YMID and NBS if their reports are not received by the end of the week.
- Bea has yet to receive supplemental report from Lehman/BAD/APEX relative to missing information from LC JO's. Bea has been assured by Marty that the problem with the missing lane line 15-meter marks and wobbly starting blocks is being addressed.
- New Sanction Request form on the web site.

6: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

- Letter from Joel Black, USA Swimming Officials Committee *Ad Hoc* Chair of the *Ad Hoc* "Discipline and Decertification Guidelines" Committee.
- Officials Re-Certification changes as adopted October 16, 2002. Info is also on the web site.
- MaryAnn praised Holger & Chris for the way they handled parents/officials concerns on new requirements.
- Officials and Administrative Clinics were held in all areas of Metropolitan Swimming.
- A new 50-meter pool is being built in Clarkstown (Rockland County).

7: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

Discussion about Nassau County Pool. Senior Mets info will be sent out as soon as it is revised.

8: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

Mac was unable to attend.

9: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

Gil, Mac and Lenny have met to work on the camps. They are considering holding one in the spring (end of April or early May); one in the summer (late August, early September). They will meet again about this.

ASCA sent Gil the awards for Coach of the Year for 2002 (+ the one that was never received from 2000). Matt Gillman (AGUA – 2002) and Carolyn Johnson (BGNW – 2000) will be invited to attend the January House of Delegates meeting to receive their award.

10: ATHLETES REP: Paul Weir

- Mac will work with Paul & Christian to make the agenda for the September meeting. They may write a questionnaire for swimmers prior to the September meeting.
- They want to know what the concerns of the swimmers are now.
- Paul would like to have each clubs athletes' reps names and email addresses.

11: ZONE TEAM COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

Winter Zone: hotel will be closer to pool this year. Order of events for Zones has been revised due to the addition of 10-under 500 and 11-12 strokes 200s.

12: REGISTRATION COODINATOR: Barry Roffer

- Year to date statistics: as of 11/12/2002: 846 athletes; 82 non athletes; 14 clubs

**REMINDER:
REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2002**

- Barry has not been getting results from clubs after they host meets. He can't send them to USA-swimming unless he receives them (email an export cfile to the Metro office) or send a disk to Barry.
- Barry is working on a list of coaches that will include their certifications and credentials. This will be available on the website and updated once a week.
- All new clubs MUST come to introduce themselves to the Board: JCC of Manhattan and Big Blue.

13: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

Dave was unable to attend but he sent an email to the board:

- The book is coming along-but every time we have new meetings-we need to go back through the book and make changes. So the editing process is slow-but real progress are being made.
- Events for distance meets are as follows:
 - 10 & under 500 (can be run as part of 12&U 500's but must have separate awards)
 - 11-12s 500 free (or 12-under) and 11-12s 400 IM
 - 13-14s 400 IM
 - Open 1650 free

- These events must be run separately from all other events and must be run on a single day. They may be split into 2 sessions. For example: the 400 IM and 500s in the morning and the 1650s in the afternoon (or vice versa).
- We did say 11-12 200s could be run as part of the meet. Now that they are incorporated into other meets and are part of JO's, Silvers, and Zone Qual., they don't need to be included in the distance meets. Bea made a motion to remove the 11-12 200's from distance meets. MaryAnn seconded the motion. All were in favor to remove the 200's.
- MaryAnn made a motion to add the 10-under 200 free in distance meets. Gil seconded the motion, which was approved by all.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend.

15: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary was unable to attend.

16: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Rich was unable to attend.

17: OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing today.

18: NEW BUSINESS:

- A new copier was purchased for the Metro Office. The old one went down and couldn't be repaired.
- A motion was made to get Optonline for the Metro Office. All in favor.
- Dave Ferris read a letter from Ginny Nussbaum requesting that the Metro surcharge of LIAC's October 26-27 meet be given again this year to the "Bruce Boehm Memorial Trust Fund". Gil Smith seconded the motion. There was a discussion about this matter. A check, in the amount of the surcharge received from the October 26-27 LIAC meet, will be donated by Metropolitan Swimming to the Bruce Boehm Memorial Trust Fund.
- Gil Smith said that there are so many 12-under swimmers that too many teams get closed out of meets. There are also not enough meets to accommodate the high number of swimmers. A discussion followed about changing the Metro rule about adding meets or changing meet dates and having to request permission from other teams.

Next Board Of Directors meeting: January 7, 2003 at 7pm at Flushing YMCA

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gil, seconded by Dave, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
November 19, 2002