

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
January 10, 2002

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was held at the White Plains YWCA. Barry Roffer has the attendance sheets.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting came to order at 7:00pm. Larry welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

In General Chair: Larry has the 13 tapes from USA Swimming **Splash** TV.

In Safety: There will be a full coaches safety-training course on October **27**, 2001

In Adapted Aquatics: ...two 12&under and two 13-18 year olds **per LSC.**

Gail Farrell made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Bea Hartigan seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Minutes were accepted.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Larry Collins

Larry received just a few things from Colorado, mainly copies of news clippings. Swimming Hall of Fame of Fort Lauderdale will be moving.

- o **Review Committee:** Rau D'Annolfo: some hearings are under process at this time. Review committee will need another athlete's representative to volunteer.
- o **Hall of Fame:** The date for the Hall of Fame dinner has been set for Tuesday, May 21, 2002. Lenny Galluzzi needs people to take the time and send in their nominations for this year's Hall of Fame. Lenny hopes to have the names of the nominees by Senior Mets. New cabinets will be ordered within the month. Larry Collins also suggested that we order lighting to showplace the plaques. Lenny will get in touch with Dave Ferris about it.

12: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David asked for all the bids to be turned in.

- o Proposed short course schedule for 2003: still tentative, until school vacations, Sectional Meet and high school state meet for the boys are set. (Silvers: January 31-February 2; JO's: February 14-17; Senior Mets: February 20-23; Zone Qualifier: March 14-16; Age Group: March 21-23; 8-Under Champs: same as Boys State meet). The bid meeting will be in May.
- o There have been 3 technical planning meetings in the last few months, to go over six years of minutes and guidelines. Some issues have been voted on many times. Technical planning is in the process of updating the Metropolitan guidelines.
- o For Senior Mets: If a swimmer qualifies at JO's, coaches must fax or email **new entries** for Senior Mets no later than Tuesday, February 19. (**No updates of times**)
Fax number: 914-923-2340 - **email:** mggrayson@aol.com

Please note: Senior Mets warm-up is at 7:30am, start at 9:00am

- o The corrected cuts for this winter Junior Olympics were available at the meeting. David reminded coaches that the 500 free that will be held on Friday must count as one of the 3 individual events allowed on the originally scheduled day. Swimmers are only allowed three events per day at JO's in order to make the meet more manageable (even though it is not a Trials/Finals meet).

- David proposes that coaches fill out a form for times to be recognized as Metro records. Metro would provide a form with criteria regarding records. Forms would have to be signed by the coach and then be submitted to MaryAnn Senecal.
- Metro had voted that bells would be needed at every lane for the distance events. This rule is not an option for the officials.
- It is the Metro Board's decision to add a meet or not on any weekend. It is not at the discretion of the conflicting teams.
- It had been voted that 10% of the Metro surcharge of all Senior Mets Championships was to be put away for stipend of Olympic trials.
- Gil Smith proposes that we go back to a Senior Circuit Meets for Long Course season, with qualifying times faster than JO's but slower than Senior Mets, in order for the swimmers to qualify for Senior Mets. Teams would not make much money on those meets, and officials could volunteer their time! This format is badly needed during the summer season.
- 2002 Long Course schedule is as follows:

Senior Mets: July 11-14	LIAC Grand Prix: July 18-21	JO's: July 25-28
Sectionals: August 1-4	Zones: August 7-10	Nationals: Aug. 13-17

(Summer 2002 schedule on separate page)

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

MaryAnn presented her report (September 1, 2001 to January 9, 2002). There are still a few items that need to be adjusted (money for the WTC fund, money for scholarship, etc.).

5: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Scott Bartleson

Scott has not received the reports from Condors and Marist, and he contacted the coaches. Everyone else is good through the fall.

6: SENIOR CHAIR REPORT:

* Brad Roffer was unable to attend the meeting. Meet information for Senior Mets was mailed in December. If you did not get them, please go to the Metro website. Warm-up time for Senior Mets is 7:30am, with 9:00am start. There will be a hospitality room for coaches and officials. Coaches should remind parents that this is a Metro meet and that they will have a timing assignment (bring watches). There will be a parade of athletes during championship finals.

* Bea Hartigan asked if there was a different line in the budget for Senior Mets this year this year. Larry didn't think so. He said that any extra expense would come out of the entry fees.

* Gil Smith made a motion to post the Senior Mets psych sheets on the metro website instead of mailing them. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Psych sheets will be posted.

7: AGE GROUP CHAIR: John McIlhargy

- Things are all set for West Point hosting the Junior Olympics. The warm-up & start times for Friday's 500 free at JO's have been changed: 4:30pm warm-up, 5:30pm start. New sheets with updated time standards and meet warm-up/start times were handed out. Included with it were the rules of conduct for the meet at West Point.
- The 500 free sessions on Friday night will be run in two pools. There will be two timing systems but only one display. Timers will be needed for the second pool.
- There was a lengthy discussion on whether or not West Point would be able to run this championship meet properly. People are also concerned about getting on the grounds of the Academy (car check at the gate, etc) and the long wait to go through the gate. There is some concern regarding emergency exit in narrow passageways. Larry and Mac assured us that West Point would make sure that everything would go smoothly at the meet.

- o Kip Fierro, from Badgers, asked why his team has to go to Viking in Valley Central for the Age Group meet. Badgers/APEX are running the Age Group meet at Lehman for Metro "Middle". Kip wants to make a motion that any team that hosts an Age Group Championship be allowed to attend it, even if the site is outside of their Metro area. There was a long discussion about this before Kip decided to withdraw the motion.

8: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

Gil had no report. He wants to get the email address of all coaches. Please email it to Gil at: papabear122346@aol.com

9: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVES: Brittany Boehm and Paul Weir

Brittany mentioned that athletes would like to have long sleeves shirt, shorts, hooded sweatshirt, bag, cap and suit for the Zones uniform.

10: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Hotel (in Cherry Hill) and bus are set for Winter Zones. Working on meals. Application for distance events is on the Metro Website. Working on Summer Zones.

There will be a table set up at the Zone Qualifier Meet where 1st-3rd place swimmers will need to go to in order to fill out paper work and give check. Coaches must send in their application to be on the Zone Team.

11: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Some clubs are still not registered as of January 10, 2002.

If the athletes are not registered, they can't swim at meets!

The following clubs are not registered, as of January 10, 2002:
Asphalt Green, Boys Club of New York, Brooklyn Seahawks,
Riverbank (no check)

Patriot and Sumaki are no longer Metro teams.

The new email address for Metropolitan Swimming is: offmetswim@aol.com

Barry was given the OK to attend a Registration Clinic in Colorado.

Zone meeting will be in Baltimore, on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend (May 11th).

Meet directors are reminded to email the results to Barry at the metro office.

13: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

No report at this time. Mary received the Swimmers With Disabilities Handbook. This is a guide for swimmers, parents, and coaches. Those that are interested can contact Mary. It is also available on the USA-Swimming website.

14: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Joanne McCaffrey

There is nothing new at this time. Accidents at practice or at meets need to be reported and filed.

Keep the files until swimmers are 18! Please let Joanne know if anyone is running a class.

Talking about Asphalt Green, which is not registered and is running a meet on Martin Luther King Jr.

Day weekend, Bea Hartigan mentioned that meet directors, referees, starters, marshals, and

coaches must be registered (202.3.2). Also, no swimmer, who is not a member, will be allowed to

compete or participate (202.3.1). She also mentioned that sanctions might only be issued to USA

Swimming group members (202.2.1).

15: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

Rich said that there was nothing new at this time.

16: OLD BUSINESS:

- Ray D'Annolfo brought up the subject of the motion made by Kaitlin Krauss at the September house of Delegates meeting: *"Kaitlin Krauss, one of two athletes present at the meeting, made a motion that it be mandatory for one athlete per team to attend the September House of Delegates meeting. Gil Smith seconded the motion. There were many questions: Should we fine the club if athlete is not present? How many meetings should the athletes attend? Should it be mandatory? What about the clubs that only have young swimmers? It was also suggested that we amend the motion by adding: "clubs with no swimmers 13-over would be exempted from this rule".* There was again a long discussion on the subject. Ray said that one meeting, in September, is not much to ask! Bea added that athletes get 20% representation across the board and that they should be encouraged to come and participate in meetings. It was decided that the above motion would be amended, and that **in order for a club to be in good standing, one athlete 13-over and one club representative must be in attendance at the September House of Delegates meeting, otherwise the club will be fined \$100.** A vote was taken and everyone was in favor.
- Rich Finkelstein brought up another issue that had been tabled: **Proposal # 10:** *Technical Planning proposes that we develop a fine system, similar to the one used in Connecticut, for a host club's failure to follow all required protocol when hosting a Metro Championship Meet.* David Ellinghaus said that technical planning was still working on it.
- Bea Hartigan asked about **Proposal #6:** *It is suggested that every member of the House of Delegates should receive the minutes of board meetings and other pertinent information. All meets should be mailed to the person in charge of meets at each club. It is also suggested that the meet booklet be part of the Metro Guide Book.* David Ellinghaus said that technical planning was still working on it.
- MaryAnn Senecal announced that there was \$6000 in the fund for the children of WTC victims. As far as we know, there are 6 swimmers involved: 1 from Harbor Seals, 2 from Long Island Aquatic Club, 3 from Blue Arrow Swim Club. We will split the amount: \$1000 per child.

17: NEW BUSINESS:

- Rich Finkelstein said that he received an email from a certain "Al Vitale" about fund raising. He wanted to know if anyone knew who he was?
- Gay Silverman said that she got a virus on her computer after opening an email whose subject was "review – check scenarios". Since she is on the Review Committee, Gay opened it! She suggests that people delete any of those emails!
- Bea Hartigan reminded all that there would be an election at the May House of Delegates: General Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Senior Chair, and Finance Chair. Coaches' Representative will be elected at Senior Mets. Junior Athletes' Representative will be elected at JO's. All those that would like to serve again should send their application no later than April 1, 2002. Bea asked also that we let her know if anyone wants to be part of a committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Fortoul and seconded by Joanne McCaffrey. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique G. Grayson
January 15, 2002

Long Course Schedule is on attached sheet.

2002 LONG COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

MAY	4-5	YWCA Middies Short Course Age Group
	5	Flying Dolphins Short Course meet
	10-11	LIAC: Friday: distance; Saturday: 2 sessions – long course meters
	18-19	Huntington Y – Short Course Meters
	25-26	West Point Long Course Invitational – 3 sessions each day
JUNE	1-2	LIAC – long course
	8-9	West Point – long course – 3 sessions per day
	22-23	LIAC – long course
JULY	3	LIAC – long course - Wednesday evening - one session
	10	LIAC – long course - Wednesday evening - one session
	10	West Point – long course – Wednesday evening - one session
	11-14	Senior Mets – no bids – will be run by Metropolitan Swimming
	14	Open Water Championships 5 K & Age Group – Huntington Bay
	16	LIAC – long course - Tuesday evening - one session
	18-21	LIAC – LC – Grand Prix
	19-21	Sachem – long course (times will be able to count for JO's)
	25-28	Junior Olympics – one bid – Meet will be held at Lehman (BSC/APEX)
	27-28	Huntington Y – cuts slower than JO's
AUGUST	1-4	Sectionals – Buffalo, New York
	7-10	Eastern Zones – Buffalo, New York
	13-17	Phillips 66 Nationals

