

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Wednesday, May 12, 2004

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was held at the White Plains, YWCA. It came to order at 7:12pm.

The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office.

Ray D'Annolfo introduced Ryan Emanuel as Senior Athlete's Rep and welcomed and introduced Anthony Mironov as the new Junior Athlete's Rep.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Corrections: #4: Financial report of 9/1/02 through 9/31/03: should read: Financial report of 9/1/03 through 12/31/03. #18: Old Business: Note about Olympic Trials stipend: \$1500: amount is correct (see minutes of November 11, 2003: Senior Chair).

Ray D'Annolfo made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2004 House of Delegates meeting. Larry Collins seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Ray D'Annolfo

- Metro will be hosting/running a **Swimposium** in conjunction with our September 26th, 2004 House of Delegates Meeting. Plan on attending.
- Eastern Zone Meeting was held in Portland, Maine, May 7-8, 2004. It was a good meeting. Sue Anderson will relocate to Colorado Springs as the new Director of Resource Development. Ira Klein (former Metro Swimmer) will be the new Eastern Zone liaison.
- USA-Swimming will launch its new website on May 26, 2004. It will be more user friendly and easier to navigate.
- Ray thanked Christian Robledo (former Senior Athlete's Rep) and wished him good luck in College.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Senecal

- Financial report was available at the meeting. September 1, 2003 to April 19, 2004: Overall balance is \$50,000. (The report that was available at the meeting is incorrect!). A motion to accept the report was made by Gil Smith, seconded by Eric Hertenstein and accepted by all.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- George Rhein presented the proposed budget for 2004-05. Reports were available. George mentioned the addition of three new items (purchase of laptop computer for Metro meets; attendance at National Adaptive Convention; times verification officers) and answered questions about the budget. Bob Vializ made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- Zone Meeting in Portland, Maine: (will be included with the minutes)
 - Deadline to submit new/change Rule proposals is May 15th.
 - November 15th is the Golden Goggle Awards Dinner in NY City. Looking toward limiting Convention awards to only 2 awards per sports.
 - Picture ID for all athletes will be required at OT and other international competitions. Forms can be downloaded from Website.
 - For OT and any other competition with international makeup, all athletes who have Asthma and need medication must have had a Pulmonary Function Test within 12 months before competition; a Doctor's letter will no longer suffice.
 - All attendees at Convention must complete the Code of Conduct and Medical Waiver forms, *so be sure that the athletes have them completed before leaving home if they are young enough to need a parent signature.*
- Post Meet Reports: We are up to date on all meet reports and surcharges. Meet entries were up in January-March 2004 (compared with the same period in 2003).
- John McIlhargy is now the Director of Aquatic Industrial Relations for major facilities.

7: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau & Chris Sawicz

- Chris said that the officials covered lots of meets this year including Speedo Champions Series, World Cup, Big East, Men NCAA, etc.
- Kathy Bucaria of the Hauppauge Athletic Association would like to see the "volunteer session requirement for officials" lowered.

8: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

Dave was unable to attend the meeting.

- A motion to reduce the number of meets required for stipend from six to 5, one of which must still be Senior Mets, was made, seconded and approved at the April Board of Directors meeting. Forms for stipend of summer meets will soon be available on the Metro website.
- Long Course Senior Mets meet info was available at the meeting.

9: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

Mary gave the 2004 Short Course Zone report:

- The meet was very successful for Metropolitan Swimming. We ended up in 4th place overall – the girls were 3rd, the boys 4th. There were many fast swims. Tristan Hastings broke the 13-14 boys Zone meet record in the 100 back, and Kellyanne Tomasula broke the 200 back record in her prelim swim.
- Hotel was as to be expected and food was not too bad. Service was good. We did have trouble with late check out – however – they did give us a bigger room to hold down the fort.
- Kids were very well behaved – no problem to report. They took the meet seriously, slept for the most part. Rooms were left orderly with no damage. Cheering was difficult – as we were not seated by the finals pool at all – with no room to move in. They did manage to get in a few good ones though.
- Thanks to coaches: Erica Derlath, Carle Fierro, Eric Herenstein, Bob Vializ, Edgar Perez, Eddie Lary, John MacIlhargy, and Dragos Coca for all the hard work they did. They worked together as a group and were there for the Metro team. It made Mary's job very easy.
- Special thanks go to our Jr. athlete rep – Anthony Mironov – who came through with flying colors. Also helping was Helen Nasser from Hauppauge. She is a member of the age group committee and was asked to volunteer her time as an athlete rep – great job to both!!
- Special thanks go to our officials: Jill Yate, Paul Simco, Iman Andrew, Judith Wong, and Chris Smith. All these officials also pulled double duty as chaperones!! Thanks for all your efforts.
- The equipment was well received. The swimmers looked great on deck. The 3 colors were a hit and saved the problem on what to wear after the first day. Some of the warm-ups were not received, but those athletes were given sweatshirts to hold them over until the warm-ups arrive. The missing equipment were sent to the athletes' clubs.
- Two swimmers with disabilities from other LSC swam at Zones. One of them broke a record. We strongly encourage athletes with disabilities to participate!
- Mary attended a Zone meeting about the future format of Zones. All reps from LSC felt the present format was acceptable. It meets the needs of our swimmers. As the Metro Rep, Mary voiced that Metro wants to keep the present format – keep 10-unders and 15-18 in the meet. Final vote will be at the Eastern Zone meeting in May.
- Age Group had a very successful season and looks forward to upcoming long course season.
- EZ meeting: 15-18 will stay in the meet. Swimmers with Sectional cuts or faster can't swim those events at Zones. Swimmers 13-up that have attended Sectionals can't go to Zones.
- Carle Fierro commended Mary for her great organization skills and team spirit at Zones. Mary thanked Carle.
- Rich Finkelstein mentioned that the penalty for a swimmer that leaves Zones early should be for 2 years instead of one. The reason behind this statement is that a swimmer going to Zones is usually at the top of his/her age group. The next year, that same swimmer would be at the bottom of the age group and would probably not qualify for Zones anyway.

10: COACHES' REPRESENTATIVES: Gil Smith

- There is a change for the election process for Age Group Coach of the Year Award. Coaches must vote for an Age Group Coach (period of September 2003 to August 2004) before September 1, 2004. All coaches are encouraged to vote.

11: ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE: Ryan Emanuel & Anthony Mironov

- Ryan & Anthony's main focus will be to have more unity for the swimmers. They would like to see more situations for the swimmers to interact with each other.
- They think it would be great to have a dance for the athletes after the Zone meet.
- Ryan would like to see the possibility of a communication website for swimmers to interact.

12: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- April 1-6, 2005 Nationals will be qualifying meet for World Cup (7/22-30) and FISU (9/11-21)
- January 6-9, 2005 will be the Junior Pan Pacific meet in Hawaii.
- Duel in the Pool might be held the day after Nationals in August.
- New FINA rule: Body suits may not extend beyond the neck, wrists or ankles, nor may there be armbands.
- Next three Zone meets (LC sectionals, LC Zones, SC Zones) will be held in Buffalo.

13: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

- All athletes' registrations must be done on disk and emailed to the Metro office. Checks must be received for registrations to be official.
- There are still 5 pages of times of unregistered athletes in the SWIMS holding tank.
- The following clubs have not paid their fines and are not in good standing:
 - St. Columba Dolphins
 - Club Fit Jefferson Valley
 - New York City Aquatic Club
- Coaches: please update your Hy-Tek programs regularly!
- Starting in September, meet roster files must be sent to Barry to verify registrations. Coaches must make sure that they keep their credentials current and that their cards are updated. Coaches must wear their cards at all meets.
- Meet Directors must check the coaches credentials at all meets.

14: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

- **Proposal #1:** David Ellinghaus made a motion that the Silver Championships should be held at 3 sites (North, Central, and South) instead of 2. Carle Fierro seconded the motion which was accepted by all. **Motion carried.**
- **Proposal #2:** David Ellinghaus made a motion that the Age Group meet should be reserved for swimmers with cuts 1/100 sec. slower than JO's. Mary Fleckenstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**
- David Ellinghaus made a motion to accept the **proposed Metropolitan Calendar for 2005**. Ian Noach seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Vote: 2 opposed – All other in favor. **Motion carried.**

February 3-6, 2005	Senior Mets @ Lehman
February 11-13, 2005	Silver Championships – North – Central – South
February 25-27, 2005	JO's @ Eisenhower Park – Trials/Finals
March 5-6, 2005	8-Under Championship
March 18-20, 2005	Zone Qualifier @ Lehman
April 1-3, 2005	Age Group Championships – North – Central - South

- Carle Fierro made a motion that the minimum number of awards for 12-under at all age group meets correspond with the number of lanes in the pool (6 lanes – awards for top 6; 8 lanes – awards for top 8; etc.). Rich Finkelstein seconded the motion. Long discussion followed. Vote: 25 in favor; 17 opposed; **motion carried.**
- David Ellinghaus said that last year's recommendation was to run the Long Course Senior Mets in the morning instead of late afternoon. The feeling of all coaches in attendance at this meeting was to run it in the morning. David will contact Dave Ferris.
- Bidding for Championship Meets & meet schedule: **the 2004-05 schedule is attached.**
 - September House of Delegates & Swimposium: Sunday, September 26, 2004 – 8:30am @ White Plains. One athlete representative (13-over) from each club must attend this meeting.
 - January House of Delegates: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 – 7:00pm @ White Plains
 - Senior Mets: February 3-6, 2005 (**Metro** at Lehman College)

- Silver Championships: February 11-13, 2005
 - North: **Condors Swim Club**
 - Middle: **APEX** at Lehman
 - South: **Three Village Swim Club**
- Junior Olympics: February 25-27, 2005 – Trials/Finals (**Metro** at Eisenhower Park)
- 8-Under Championships: March 5-6, 2005 (**Connetquot**)
- Zone Qualifier Meet: March 18-20, 2005 (**Metro** at Lehman College)
- Age group Championships: April 1-3, 2005
 - North: **Aqua Gems**
 - Middle: **APEX** at Lehman
 - South: **Hauppauge Swim Club**
- May House of Delegates: Wednesday, May 11, 2005 – 7:00pm @ White Plains

15: SAFETY COORDINATOR: JoAnn McCaffrey

JoAnn was unable to attend the meeting.

- Safety weekend: June 19 & 20, 2004 at Huntington Yacht Club. Challenge/Review Courses in coaches' safety, CPR, First Aid. Call Bea Hartigan by June 4th. (631-271-3349). Info is available on Metro website.

16: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

The Hall of Fame banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at Eisenhower Park.

The 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees are:

- Alecia Humphrey (former Marist Swim Club swimmer)
- Richard "Dick" Krempecki (founding coach of St. John's University men's & women's Swim program)

17: ADAPTED AQUATICS CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

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18: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

There is nothing new at this time.

19: OLD BUSINESS:

- Bea Hartigan gave a plaque to Ray D'Annolfo who is moving to Florida at the end of the summer: **"Metropolitan Swimming Thanks Ray D'Annolfo for his Dedication, Leadership and Friendship as Chairman of Metropolitan Swimming"**. We will miss you, Ray!
- Open Water Metro Championships: Age Group Championships, 5K, Masters 5K, Masters Nationals, 10K – we need kayakers to escort swimmers in the age group events. At this time we already have 14 entries for the Masters 10K.
- Meet fees unpaid: clubs must request vouchers from their organization early enough. Too many clubs don't pay their meet entries on time.
- Olympic Trials Stipend: \$1500 was approved at the November 11, 2003 Board of Directors meeting. Recap: **9/12/99** – HOD (9: Coaches Rep. p3) Dave Ferris: OT need 15 meets over quadrennial; newer need 6 but get \$400 – **10/12/99** – Board (13: Technical Planning) OT \$1000, Nat. cut \$400 – **4/11/00** – Board (16: Old business) to get \$1000 must have represented Metro when swam cut – **7/22/00** – Board (7: Senior Chair) Criteria for \$1000: 1: spent minimum 3 years – 6 meets per year & represent a Metro club @ trials; 2: Unattached swimmers must have spent 3 years – 6 meets a year – in Metro.

20: NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Championship Meet Surcharges: Clubs will now include meet surcharges with their entry fee in one club to the host team. Host Club will then send one check for surcharges to Metro. This rule applies to Silvers and Age Group Championships since Sr. Mets, JO's and ZQ are run by Metro.
- B. Kathy Bucaria, Hauppauge, made a motion to increase meet entry fees to \$3.50 for individual events and \$4.50 for trials/finals events. Gil Smith seconded the motion. After discussion, Kathy withdrew her motion.
Rich Finkelstein made a motion to decrease the 20 percent Metro surcharge to 10 percent. Bob

Carlucci seconded the motion. After discussion, Rich withdrew his motion.

Ginny Nussbaum made a motion to exempt the team hosting a meet from paying the 20 percent surcharge on their own entries. They would still have to pay surcharge on the visiting team entries.

Carle Fierro seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- C. Rich Finkelstein is requesting that the Board review the criteria for officials at some time in the near future. John Santos asked if Clubs had the right to choose their own officials. Yes, as long as they are fully registered and certified. Check with your area chair for officials' eligibility.
- D. The Nominating Committee puts forward the following slate of officers for election:
- o General Chair: **Mary Fleckenstein**
 - o Administrative Vice Chair: **Bea Hartigan**
 - o Senior Chair: **Dave Ferris**
 - o Coaches Rep.: **Gil Smith** (Nominated by Rich Finkelstein, seconded by George Rhein)
 - o Finance Chair: **George Rhein**
 - o Review section: **Jen Trotman**
 - o Secretary: **Monique Grayson**

Paul McClintock made a motion requesting all nominations to be closed and the slate be voted on. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- E. The Board thanked Cesar Olivier (RED) and Aaron Bennett (NFS) for their work on the Review Committee. Ray thanked Jen Trotman and the Review Committee for an outstanding job.
- F. Ray introduced Mary Fleckenstein as the new Metropolitan Swimming General Chair.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm was made by Mary Fleckenstein, seconded by Ray D'Annolfo, and accepted by all.

**House of Delegates Mandatory Meeting and Swimposium:
Sunday, September 26, 2004 (8:30am)**

at the White Plains YWCA

One athlete per club MUST be present at the September House of Delegates Meeting.

A Board Meeting Re: a couple of Officials' certification requirements followed the general meeting

Next Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2004 @ 6:30pm @ Eisenhower

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
May 18, 2004

2004-05 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER:

26: **Mandatory House of Delegates Meeting:** 8:30am at White Plains Y

OCTOBER:

2: Aqua Gems
2-3: Condors – Age Group
9-10: BGNW Marlins Fall Invitational (4 sessions)
16-17: Asphalt Green Season Starter Invitational
17: ASCSC Relay Carnival (closed)
17: Flushing YMCA - Distance Meet
23: YWCA Middies Distance Invitational
23-24: Flushing YMCA – Junior Swim Championships
23-24: Three Village Swim Club – Ann Wycoff Meet
24: Badger Swim Club (2 sessions)
29-31: YWCA Middies Halloween Invitational
29-31: Marist Fall Invitational (5 sessions) – Open & Age Group
30: Condors - Age Group
30: Big Blue Swimming Harvest Invitational) 2 sessions)
30-31: West Point Swim Club Halloween Meet (4 sessions)
30-31: LIAC – at Nassau County AC – Distance session – Age Group Sessions

NOVEMBER:

6: Sachem Swim Club
6-7: Connetquot Swim Club: 12 & under Fall Classic
12-14: Flushing YMCA - Big Apple Classic
12-14: Viking Aquatic Club – Viking Classic (6 sessions)
13: YWCA Middies 12-Under Invitational
13-14: Asphalt Green – NYC 2004 Open Invitational - Prelims: LCM – Finals: SCY
14: BGNW Marlins: Distance Meet
19-21: Aqua Gems
21: BGNW Age Group Meet (2 sessions)
26-28: Asphalt Green – Thanksgiving Classic Invitational
26-28: YWCA Middies Thanksgiving Invitational
27-28: LIAC – at Nassau County – Age Group – Distance Session I -

DECEMBER:

2-4: **US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS** @ San Antonio, Texas
3-5: Connetquot: Holiday meet – Distance session Friday PM
4: Condors: Mini Meet - Age group
4: Viking Aquatic Club: Short & Sweet (2 sessions)
4-5: BGNW Marlins - Holiday Invitational (4 sessions)
10-12: Marist SC – Christmas Invitational (6 Sessions: 1 distance - 5 open/age group)
May be held the weekend of December 17-19 instead
11-12: Asphalt Green Invitational
17-19: West Point Holiday Invitational Team Championships – 7 sessions – T/F
19: Badger Swim Club (2 sessions)

JANUARY 2005:

7-8: Sachem Swim Club
9: Long Beach Aquatics Snowball Mini Meet – 8&Unders Only
7-9: Aqua Gems January Meet
12: **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA

14-16: Nu-Finmen – 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Classic
14-16: Viking Aquatic Club
15-16: Big Blue Swimming January Joust Invitational (4 sessions)
15-17: Asphalt Green MLK Invitational
22-23: Flushing YMCA – Fran Schnarr Pentathlon Sprint meet
29: YWCA Middies 12-Under Invitational
29-30: Condors Swim Club – Age Group Meet
29-30: TVSC January Joust
29-30: West Point Last Chance Meet (4 sessions)

FEBRUARY:

3-6: **SENIOR METS:** at Lehman – hosted by Metro
5: Badger Swim Club @ New Rochelle HS – 12-Under (1 session)
11-13: **SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** **North:** Condors – **Central:** APEX – **South:** TVSC
19-21: YWCA Middies Winter Qualifier Invitational
25-27: **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** Trials/Finals at Eisenhower Park - hosted by Metro

MARCH:

5-6: **8-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** at Connetquot
6: Long Beach – Kiwanis Meet – unclassified – 9 & overs
10-13: **SPEEDO CHAMPIONS SERIES (SECTIONALS)**
18-20: **ZONE QUALIFIER:** @ Lehman - hosted by Metro
18-20: YWCA Middies March Madness Invitational
18-20: YMCA States @ Eisenhower Park (approved meet)
21-25: **NCSA JUNIOR NATIONALS** @ Orlando, Florida
31-April 2: **EASTERN ZONE SHORT COURSE** @ Buffalo, New York

APRIL:

1-3: **AGE GROUP INVITATIONAL:** 3 sites:
North: Aqua Gems – **Central:** Lehman APEX – **South:** Hauppauge
1-6: **CONOCOPHILLIPS SPRING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
10: Badger Swim Club – 1 afternoon session LC – 12 & Under
11-12: ASCSL (closed)

MAY:

12: **House Of Delegates/Bid Meeting:** 7:00pm at White Plains YWCA