

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The House of Delegates meeting came to order at 6:30pm at Lehman College APEX in the Bronx.

The list of Clubs in attendance is at the Metro office. John McIlhargy welcomed everyone in attendance at the meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2014 House of Delegates meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Vote by acclamation – all in favor - **Motion carries.**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After withdrawal of change to article 304.2 of P&P Manual, a motion to approve the Agenda of the May 20, 2015 House of Delegates meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Vote by acclamation – all in favor - **Motion carries.**

4. GENERAL CHAIR #1: John McIlhargy

- a. **General Chair Report** – was emailed & mailed to all clubs and posted on the Metro Web site
- b. **Metropolitan Swimming losses in the past 9 months:** We held a “Minute of Silence” in memory of:
 1. **Coach Len Galluzzi**
 2. **Annette MacNiven**
- c. **Board Updates:**
 1. We are very sorry to announce that **Bob Fitzsimmons** (Officials Chair and Finance Chair) as well as **Corinne Cody** (Treasurer and long-time Metro Official) have stepped down from their positions and will not be returning. **John Yearwood** was appointed as Finance Chair and **Mark Amodio** as Officials Chair to replace Bob Fitzsimmons who held both positions.
 2. Many Thanks to both, as well as to **John Yearwood** and **Edgar Perez** who have completed their two 2- year terms as Age Group Co-Chairs! The All-Star Age Group Winter Zone Team was wonderful as Metro finished in 2nd place overall!
 3. Welcome to **Emily Sullivan** (RA) – new Athletes Junior Rep.
- d. **Strategic planning for the next few years** – Metro Office is now a full time position – working on **LEAP 2**
- e. **Policy & Procedures Manual** – is being reviewed and updated – Info for late entries will need to be added in all meet announcements.
- f. **NY City Parks & Recreation** – great program! More than 600 athletes have already registered with Metro.
- g. **2016 Eastern Zone Long Course Championships bid from Metro** – 3 teams would host it: New York Sharks, Middies and Sachem- Meet will be held at NCAC at Eisenhower Park
- h. **Eastern Zone News** –
 1. 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship: March 24-26, 2016 at Webster, NY
 2. 2016 Speedo Sectionals Long Course Region 1 (North) – March 30-April 3, 2016 at Buffalo, NY
 3. 2016 Speedo Sectionals Spring Short Course – March 30-April 3, 2016 at Ithaca, NY
 4. **2015 Summer AG Zone Championships** – Section 10.D.6 - Eastern Zone Age Group Championship Meet regulations and Procedures: D-Pre-Meet Host Responsibilities - Shall state the entry deadline and method by which entries should be submitted; it is strongly recommended that entries be

submitted electronically by the respective LSC. **The procedures for late entries will be specified in the meet announcement.**

5. **2016 Winter AG Zone Championships** - In reviewing the 2015 Winter AG Zone Championships and comparing to the EZ Policy Manual it is noted that the fastest heat of the girls 1000 and boys 1650 have been traditionally swum with finals in a similar manner to the LC Summer AG Zone Meet. The EZ Manual specifically states as such in the order of events for Summer LC Meet. There is no such statement in the Winter SC Meet events in the EZ Manual. Motion passed at the EZ Technical Planning Meeting: The addition / insertion of the wording below into the EZ Manual Appendix A - Order of events – Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championship:

* The fastest heat of the Girls 13-14 1000 Free and the Girls 15-18 1000 Free will be swum at finals.

The fastest heat of the Girls 13/14 1000 Free will be swum as the first event of finals. The fastest heat of the Girls 15/18 1000 Free will be swum as the final individual event of finals prior to relays. All other heats of the 1000 Free will be swum as the last events in the preliminaries. The remaining heats of the 1000 free will be swum as follows: the next fastest heat of 13-14 girls, then 13-14 boys, 15-18 girls, 15-18 boys until all heats have been swum.

** The fastest heat of the Boys 13-14 1650 free and the Boys 15-18 1650 free events will be swum with finals. The fastest heat of the Boys 13/14 1650 Free will be swum as the first event of finals. The fastest heat of the Boys 15/18 1650 Free will be swum as the final individual event of finals prior to relays. All other heats of the 1650 Free will be swum as the last events of the preliminaries. The remaining heats of the 1650 shall be swum as follows: the next fastest heat of 13-14 girls, then 13-14 boys, 15-18 girls, 15-18 boys until all heats have been swum.

- i. **Hall of Fame** – we need help from all to finalize it! We need volunteers to send pictures and History of Metropolitan Swimming. Send emails to Mac.
- j. **May Elections** – the following positions are up for election at this time: Age Group Chairs, Treasurer, Safety Chair, and Technical Planning.
- k. **Metro “Moments” Newsletter** – starting next month - it will keep everyone up-to-date on Metropolitan Swimming.

5. **TREASURER/FINANCE:** Corinne Cody

- a. Reports were submitted and were available at the meeting:
- b. Budget vs. Actuals: FYE Budget 2015 – FY15 P&L – September 1, 2014 to May 17, 2015
- c. Statements of Financial Position as of May 17, 2015
- d. Travel reimbursement for Speedo Sectionals was \$22,000.00.
Travel reimbursement for NCSA Spring Championship was also \$22,000.00
- e. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made, seconded and approved by all.
- f. Many Thanks to Corinne Cody – long time Official and Treasurer. John McIlhargy presented a plaque to Corinne to celebrate her many years of service to our LSC. We are all very grateful for everything Corinne has done for us all and we will miss her.

6. **OFFICE MANAGER/REGISTRATION REPORT:** Mary Fleckenstein

1. **Membership Statistics**

	May 2013	May 2014	May 2015
Coaches:	512	532	603
Officials :	227	250	265
Other:	112	170	163
Athletes:	10,010	10,039	10,800
Total Membership:	10,861	10,943*dual reg	11,788* dual reg

b. Coaches Certifications

- a. Coach's current certifications are listed in club portal and on deck pass 24/7. Coaches are emailed 30 days prior to expiration – giving ample time to renew. No excuse to not renew before expiration dates. Many LSC's fine or deny membership to coaches that let their certifications expire. Please be diligent. Reminder to send in updates as you do them – do not wait until the day before you need them.
- b. Coaches without full certifications are NOT allowed on the pool deck in any capacity – practice or meets.
- c. Safety Training for Swim Coaches – please attach your current lifeguard certification OR the skills sheet with your online course.

c. Club Portals

Club Portals should be your best friend! All of your club information is in it, and up-to-date to what is in the database. Please check your club portals frequently.

d. Sanctions

Please be prompt with submitting your sanction requests. Please review the information on the web and make sure your application is completely filled in and can be read clearly. You must have a completely registered meet director, meet referee and Admin. Official to receive your sanction.

e. Meet Recons

- a. It is the responsibility of the club to only enter swimmers that have been registered with USA Swimming. As we know – meets fill up early – swimmers should have been registered prior to you sending your meet entry. There is no excuse for not knowing who is on your roster – ie: Club Portal is live 24/7.
- b. If a swimmer is not registered and swims in a meet – there is a \$100 fine to the team that entered the swimmer and a \$100 fine to the host club for allowing the swimmer in the meet. There will be no grace period to correct this issue. Times achieved at the meet will not be uploaded into the SWIMS database.
- c. Please pay attention to emails with meet recon information in it. Fix what needs to be fixed!

f. Registration

- a. Everyone can print a temporary card from their home computer using deck pass. If your certifications are up-to-date – it will show on your deck pass.
- b. Officials will NOT be receiving membership cards from the office beginning with the 2016 registration period (starting September 1, 2015). Officials will need to use the OTS to receive their cards.
- c. Registration materials will be available in August for 2016. Club applications will have new info on them for USA Swimming – you will still need to check and sign for pre-employment screening (which verifies that you have done a full screening according to USA Swimming guidelines when hiring a new employee – whether they were employed by another team or not). You will now need to sign for racing starts certification. You will also need to list club president.
- d. On the Metro form – you will need to list who the contact person will be for your club. This will be the person who is contacted if there is a problem on registration, payments etc.
- e. Reminder – the SWIMS database does not know if you move, change your name, etc. Please let the office know of any changes.
- f. Transfers – Any swimmer that has ever been registered to any club must fill out a transfer form – even if they have not participated in several years. They remain in a holding tank until the form is completed.

g. USA Swimming still in discussion about online registration. Will be sure to keep you posted.

g. **New York Parks, USA Swimming, Metro**

Our pilot program is going great, just completing the Borough Championship. Thanks to the officials that volunteered their time to help! NYCP has registered over 600 diversity swimmers and 59 coaches. Great initiative for all.

7: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Denise Byrne

- a. Club Achievement: Congratulations to Condors, Long Island Aquatic Club, La Guardia Twisters, Manhattan Makos, and Westchester Aquatics for their success.
- b. The Policy and Procedures manual is being updated and will be available as soon as possible.
- c. A Clinic for Meet Directors and Admin Officials was held the day before the HOD. 17 people attended the clinic at the YWCA in White Plains. The following is required to maintain certifications:
 1. You must take the Administrative Officials Test every three years (If you are not sure of your dates, please email Denise.Byrne@metroswimming.org)
 2. You must take an approved Meet Directors / Admin Officials Clinic every three years. (If you are not sure of your dates, please email Denise.Byrne@metroswimming.org)
 3. You must register as an Official. Coaches, please register as Coach and Official. If you are already an Official, that is fine, but you still must complete the AO/MD Certifications and remember that you CANNOT be listed as a Meet AO and be a wet side Official. If you are a non-athlete member, not a coach and not a trained and certified wet side official (stroke and turns, etc), you will need to register as an Official. Please understand that even though you have to register as an Official, you cannot officiate on the wet-side unless you have been trained and certified to do so.
 4. You must work as an Admin Official a minimum of 4 sessions per year and it must be reported by the Meet Referee in the OTS Reports that the Meet Referee fills out online.
 5. Meet Directors must receive from the Meet Referee their OTS Report with timelines within one week of the last session of your meet. This document must be submitted with your post meet reports.
 6. Meet Directors - All Post Meet paperwork must be sent together (not in piece emails or mail). Please submit the Post Meet Report (both pages), the Meet Referee OTS Report with timelines and your check or voucher. Please submit all paperwork and payment to the Admin Vice Chair within 30 days of the meet's completion. If your check goes directly to the Metro Office, your paperwork must still be received within 30 days by the Admin Vice Chair. If the paperwork is not received, you will be considered late and a fine will be imposed.
 7. Admin Officials are responsible for the accuracy of Meet Manager and all duties that are posted on the USA Swimming Website. Admin Officials who are also certified as wet-side Officials cannot work the wet side of the deck during sessions at which they are serving as AO.
 8. For New Meet Directors / Admin Officials - As in the case of new officials, there is a 60 day probationary period in which you will need to do your apprentice sessions, take your test, take the Athlete Protection online Class, and complete your Background Check online and register with USA Swimming by completing the non-athlete registration form on the Metro Website and sending it to Mary at the Metro Office (metro.office@metroswimming.org).
 9. For New Meet Directors / Admin Officials - You must complete your 4 apprentice sessions with a Certified AO and you must email the Admin Vice Chair upon completion of your apprenticeship for proper reporting.
 10. All Clinics must be run by either the Admin Vice Chair or the Officials' Chair or by educators appointed by the Admin Vice Chair or Officials' Chair and all Clinics must be approved and posted on the Metro Website in a timely manner.

8: SENIOR CHAIR: John Collins and Dave Ferris

- a. **Review of a Proposal tabled in September** – Define the eligibility rules for Senior Mets and define “Metropolitan Swimming Historical Swimmer”. Swimmers that grew-up in the organization should be allowed to compete.

Section 202.2 of P&P Manual reads currently that to participate in Senior Mets Championships, the swimmer should have competed in individual events in a minimum of 3 Metropolitan Swimming sanctioned meets within the previous year. Swimmers who have historically competed in Metro shall have that provision waived during the years that they are residing at school.

Dave Ferris made a motion to delete the last part (*during the years that they are residing at school*) and to define a Metro Historical Swimmer as one who has resided in Metro LSC boundaries for three (3) years prior to the age of 18; those swimmers should be exempt from the 3 meets requirements needed to swim in Senior Mets. This motion was seconded by Marist.

Long Discussion followed – David Ellinghaus asked for an amendment to include swimmers that have **competed** in a Metro Team for many years but actually reside in Connecticut, Adirondack, or New Jersey, should also be allowed to compete under the updated Section 202.2. Rob Ortoff also requested clarification on the motion. Is the three meets requirement basically eliminated? Also, we already have a rule in place that allow Metro registered swimmers to substitute National level meets for the 3 meets-rule requirement. It seems that the original motion is more to accept a swimmer that has resided in the LSC, but never competed in the LSC, to have the 3 meets-requirement waived as long as the swimmer registers before Senior Mets.

An amendment to the motion re.: Metro Historical Swimmer was made as follows - a Metro Historical Swimmer is one who has **competed in Metro LSC boundaries** for three (3) years prior to the age of 18; those swimmers should be exempt from the 3 meets requirements needed to swim in Senior Mets.

- b. Proposal by senior committee to make our 2016 Senior Mets Winter Championships (2016 is an Olympic Year) a Long Course Meter Prelims and Long Course Meter Finals (instead of SCY Prelims and LCM Finals) failed. The meet will be SCY prelims and LCM finals.
- c. Format of Senior Mets to change from Thursday-Sunday to Wednesday-Saturday – senior committee pulled the motion - Motion failed
- d. To change the scoring at Senior Mets to **3** (three) heats scoring, with the 3rd heat (Bonus Heat) continuing to be for 18&Under only – **motion passed**.
- e. Both the LCM Senior Mets in July 2015 and SCY/LCM Senior Mets in February 2016 will be held at NCAC at Eisenhower Park.

9: AGE GROUPS: Edgar Perez and John Yearwood

- a. **Eastern Zone Meet Recap:** Metro finished in 2nd place at Zones in March 2015. Kids swam extremely well and everything went smoothly! Chaperones were great and kids behaved extremely well.
- b. **2016 Eastern Zone Long Course Championships bid from Metro** – 3 teams would host it: New York Sharks, Middies and Sagem- Meet will be held at NCAC at Eisenhower Park.
- c. **Motion to keep the 8 & Under meet at one (1) site.** The meet may have become too large for one site to handle. The BOD approved a split of this meet at their April 29 BOD but this needs to be approved by the HOD as well – **Vote by acclamation was to keep this meet as one site only.**

10: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Amine Boubsis

- a. Add “D” Final at Winter Senior Mets for all events (this is for new business)
- b. Amine Boubsis announced the 2014-15 Coach-of-the-Year Awards:
 - a. Senior Coach of the Year: **John Collins** (Badger)
 - b. Age Group Coach of the Year: **John Alaimo** (Phoenix)

11: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Mark Amodio

- a. Winners of the 2015 Stetz Memorial Award Scholarship are as follows:

- a. Maya Hare, Manhattan MAKO, who will attend Williams College
- b. Connor Brown, Long Island Aquatic Club, who will attend the University of Notre Dame
- b. Administrative Officials (AO) must take the Administrator Officials exam (not Admin. Referee exam) as they are truly meet administrators!

12: SAFETY/SAFE SPORT: Brian Hansbury

- a. Safe Sport is catching some speed at USA Swimming – and the growing concern are the guidelines regarding certifications.
- b. Background check and pre-employment check must be done.
- c. If you see something at meets ... say something – no massaging athletes – boundaries are needed.
- d. Reminder to coaches: no Facebook, Instagram, etc. with your athletes!!!

13: DISABILITY: Denise Byrne

- a. Two disabled Metro swimmers competed at National Meets this year!
 - 1. Devin Marrero of Silver Streaks – competed in Toronto, Canada
 - 2. Johnny Giannotti of Sachem – made Disability Nationals and holds a few National records.

14: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION / TOP 16: Monique Grayson

SWIMS: Reminders and suggestions

- a. Meets databases are much more accurate and there are very little problems most of the time. MDs and AOs are really doing a much better job! Many thanks to all!
- b. Reminder that Registration Reconns are due at the Metro Office at least a week prior to the meets. Any additions to a meet must result in a new recon. Reminder – in our policy, we do have the info that a team that enters an unregistered swimmer in a meet is fined \$100 – the host team that takes that swimmers in the meet, and allows him/her to swim is also charged \$100.
- c. Another reminder is that teams take a big chance entering swimmers in a meet while not registered (and/or not transferred). This is a liability issue as insurance is void if there is an incident at the meet. Mary does send registration info to all the teams having problems in any recon. Meet Directors must scratch all non-registered swimmers!!!! There is no “Grace Period” for registrations!!! Housekeeping on spelling of names, missing initials and/or birthdates are also done after the meets.
- d. Records and Metro Top 25 are updated as soon as possible. Please email Monique with errors and omissions.

15: SWIM-A-THON: Rich Finkelstein

- a. Information was available at the meeting
- b. Over \$41 million dollars have been raised by over a thousand different clubs in the last 10 years!
- c. New incentive and awards prizes

16: OPEN WATER: Colleen Driscoll and Rob Ripp

- a. Sunday, June 28, 2015 – Excel Open Water Race at Huntington/Cold Spring Harbor – we expect a big crown this year as registration has already surpassed last year’s attendance.
- b. Fire Island Open Water Race – Saturday, July 11, 2015
- c. Sunday, July 12, 2015 – Townwide Fund of Huntington – OW Race in Huntington Bay
- d. Information for all three meets are available on the Metro calendar. If you not sure that you want to participate, just come see the events to learn what it’s like.

16: DIVERSITY: John Yearwood

- a. **Joshua Bryant** (NBS) and **Alice Dauchez** (AGUA) were selected to attend the Eastern Zone Diversity Select Camp this year. The camp will be held June 25-28 at the University of Maryland, College Park. An application will be posted on the website for any coach that would like to go out to the camp.

- b. **New York City Parks and Rec.** - First year for this program. They held their first meet which was a great success. Thanks to the officials that volunteered their time to help! NYCP has registered over 600 diversity swimmers and 59 coaches.

16: GENERAL CHAIR #2: John McIlhargy

- a. Recap of motions that were approved/denied/left for discussion after the last BOD meeting:
 - a. To purchase 10 (ten) Colorado (or equivalent) backstroke starting platforms to be used at our championship meets, be available for rent for club events and to make available for training purposes to clubs on a limited basis. The estimated cost would be around \$3,500-\$4,000 but will negotiate – **Motion carried**
 - b. Proposed by the senior committee – format of Senior Mets to change from Thursday-Sunday to Wednesday-Saturday – senior committee pulled the motion - **Motion failed**
 - c. Proposed by senior committee – to make our 2016 Senior Mets Championships (2016 is an Olympic Year) a LCM Prelims and LCM Finals meet (instead of SCY Prelims and LCM Finals) –**Motion failed**
- b. Request from Rob Ortoff (LIE) requested to have a window of opportunity to make corrections on OME entries. Each club gets a report from USA-S’ OME system so they can check and correct mistakes that were made. The problems arise after the OME entries are closed and coaches can’t make changes. Long discussion followed on this subject!
Rob Ortoff made a motion to add a window of opportunity of 72 hours for Clubs to make corrections to their entries after OME closes, and this before the meet psych sheets are published on the web site. All were in favor and **motion carried**.
- c. **Jeff Chu** introduced **an amendment** to the following officials requirements: “By the start of the 2017-18 short course season, Metro teams wishing to host meets must have a minimum of 4 certified officials affiliated with their teams: a meet referee, a starter, and two or more stroke & turns judges. Teams that do not meet this minimum number of officials will not be granted sanctions”.
Amendment: The requirement to have a referee and starter shall be waived if a club has recruited at least 3 (three) new Strokes & Turns (S&T) officials within the preceding year. “New” meaning officials that had never been registered in Metro.
 A motion to amend the policy was made and seconded by voting members of the House of Delegates. All members in attendance approved the amendment to the officials requirements. **Motion carries**. Very long discussion followed.
Mark Amodio added that Metro is the only LSC in the country that has some paid officials!!! All officials should be volunteers. Actually very often we don’t have enough volunteers on deck. In most LSC’s, the referee may receive a \$100 stipend for the whole meet (not per session). Mark mentioned that we must double the number of officials in order to get the LEAP 2 level! Officials must be there for the love of the sport and not to get paid!
Dave Ferris added that if the organization does not have enough officials, we will all suffer. We all have a responsibility to help run Metro Swimming and all clubs must take the responsibility to have officials, whether they run a meet or not!
David Ellinghaus added that at this time, there are a few clubs in Metro that provide all of the officials to all Metro meets. If we don’t have enough officials, swimmers times from many meets will not be uploaded in SWIMS and those times will not count!

17: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

The proposed Championship meets calendar for 2016 and the updated time standards for 2015 Long Course season are posted on the Web site.

- a. Metropolitan Swimming Proposed Championship Meets Calendar for 2016

February 13-14-15	Zone Team Qualifier	Metro-run meet at Lehman
February 18-19-20-21	Senior Mets SCY Prelims/LCM Finals	Metro-run meet at NCAC

February 26-27-28-	Silver Championships (3 sites)	<u>North</u> : NYSA and PAC – NYSA won bid <u>Central</u> : BAD at Lehman <u>South</u> : SSC and TVSC – TVSC won bid
March 4-5-6-	8 & Under Championships	Condors at Felix Festa
March 11-12-13	Junior Olympics	LIAC at Nassau County
March 11-12-13	15-18 Team Challenge	LIAC at Nassau County
March 18-19-20	Bronze Championships (3 sites)	<u>North</u> : no bids <u>Central</u> : no bids <u>South</u> : Sachem

- b. David Ellinghaus made a motion that we accept all meet bids for the 2015-16 short course. The motion was seconded and accepted by all! **Motion carries**

18: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Michael Zuppone and Emily Sullivan

- a. Michael introduced Emily Sullivan (RA) as the newly elected Junior Rep.
- b. It is Frances Warren last meeting as our Athletes' Reps. But she will continue to be on the Board of Review as an athlete. Frances will graduate from Fordham University.
- c. Deck Changing reminder for all – it is prohibited!
- d. Reminder to all coaches to review the following paragraphs re.: inappropriate touching and rubdown or massage – (305.1 and 305.2) page 103 of the 2015 USA Swimming Rulebook. We must remind coaches that they can't do this on deck. Contact the Meet Referee or Brian Hansbury if he is in attendance at a meet, to report any instances or problems.
- e. Michael is encouraging all swimmers to try Open Water meet!

19: NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Dues and Fees** – we have not increased our fees (Clubs registrations and Metro athletes' registrations) in a very long time (more than 10-15 years)!

With the 2016 Registration Period ahead of us, the BOD of Metropolitan Swimming must consider our current fee structure moving forward. Current dues:

1. USA Swimming Athlete and Non-Athlete Dues going up again another \$2.00 every year for the next 5 years for their portion – to \$54.00 for 2016 (\$56 in 2017; \$58 in 2018; etc..)
2. Metropolitan Swimming added Registration fee of \$10.00 has never been increased, or if it was, it happened a long time ago.
3. Metro Club Membership Dues are \$150.00 per club, with a \$70.00 per club portion going to USA Swimming; \$25.00 going to Stetz Scholarship Fund; and \$55.00 going to metropolitan Swimming. To fully fund our services and new programs which include Equipment, Diversity, Club Excellence, Coach Education, National Qualifiers and OT Qualifiers, we should consider the following:

- (a) Athletes Registration - \$54 USAS + \$12 Metro – Total \$66.00 (2015 was \$62.00)
- (b) Non-Athletes registration - \$54 USAS + \$12 Metro – Total \$66.00 (2015 was \$62.00)
- (c) Clubs Registration is something requiring some more thoughts and debates – maybe a scaled Club fee based on the size of the club the previous year like:

1-50	Athletes	\$175.00
51-100	Athletes	\$200.00
101-150	Athletes	\$225.00
151-200	Athletes	\$250.00
201-250	Athletes	\$275.00
251-300	Athletes	\$300.00
301-350	Athletes	\$325.00
351-400	Athletes	\$350.00

Over 400 Athletes \$375.00

Recommendations from the Board is an increased of \$2.00 Metro surcharge for athletes and non-athletes' yearly registrations, from \$10 to \$12, which is about a 20% increase, and a scaled increase for the Club's Yearly Registration which is really a fair increased (\$25 increased per 50 athletes – like 50 cents per athlete!!!). This may be increased as well in future years. Motion was seconded by David Ellinghaus. After discussion, this motion was approved as written. **Motion carries.**

20: ELECTIONS: Mary Fleckenstein

The Nominating Committee presented the **slate of officers** for election. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the following members for a two-year term. The above motion was seconded. All voting members were in favor – **Slate of officers was accepted as voted on by acclamation.**

- a. Age Group: **Jonah Montgomery** (WEST) and **Andy Copley** (AGUA) as co-chairs
- b. Treasurer: **George Rhein** (CSC)
- c. Safety Coordinator: **Edgar Perez** (NYSA)
- d. Technical Planning: **David Ellinghaus** (BGNW)
- e. Congratulations to all! A motion requesting the Secretary to destroy the ballots was made, seconded and approved by all. **Motion carried.**
- f. Board of Review: BOR has gone to the Zone level but we do have the option to create an administrative BOR (it is not absolutely needed) – if we do, must have 3 people, one athlete and one alternate. The following were volunteers for the Administrative BOR:
Scott Bartleson (WAC), Larry Collins (PATS), John Brian Hansbury (GAEL) and athlete Julian Mackrel (NDAC) – Motion was seconded & approved by all members still in attendance. **Motion carries.**

21: NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Wagner Aquatic Club will be running a Meet in New Jersey – 5 sessions meet (October 16-18, 2015)
- b. Motion was made to score all finals heats at Winter Senior Mets – Discussion followed – would it include A-B-C-D heats??? Discussion followed for and against this motion:
Dave Ferris suggested holding off on this for a few reasons:
What we have now is 4 heats of 100's strokes (and 50 free) – everything else is 3 heats.
If we score 4 heats of finals, it really is an advantage to the biggest teams
The Senior Committee suggests scoring 3 heats (which includes the bonus heat for 18-unders)
Rob Ortoff is also asking to score 4 finals in all events ... score to 32 places in all events. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all those left in attendance, to score all final heats of Senior Mets to 32 places for all events – Motion carries!

NEXT HOD: Mandatory HOD on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:00am.

As a reminder, the September meeting of the House of Delegates is a **mandatory meeting**. Each club shall have both a representative to the House of Delegates and an **athlete representative** to the Athletes Committee present. There is a \$100 fine for each person not in attendance – P&P Manual 103.3

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted

Monique Grayson, Secretary
June 7, 2015