

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

PRESENT: Eric Fisher, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Dom Boccio, Allen Wone, John Yearwood, Kate Hallex, Stanley Wong, John McIlhargy, Mark Amodio, Jim Wargo, John Alaimo, BJ Reynoso, Brian Hansbury, David Ellinghaus, Thomas Cho, Lamar DeCasseres, and Dylan Cellamare.

ABSENT: Mark Owens, Robert Frawley, Amine Boubsis

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Eric Fisher welcomed everyone present at this virtual meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Eric thanked all those in attendance.

2. **ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2020 BOD was made, seconded, and approved by all.

Motion carries.

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Eric Fisher

a. **Grant Program** – Covid-19 Return to Operations Grant Program. Dom Boccio thanked the members of the Task Force that is reviewing this grant: Dom Boccio (Chair), Allen Wone (Finance Chair), Stanley Wong (Athletes' Rep), Dave Ferris (member of USA-Swimming Club Development), and Jim Billesimo (RFAC), and Ally Howe (Swimmer – NYAC). Eligibility requirements:

- Year-Round Member club of USA Swimming and Metropolitan Swimming
- Applicants must exhibit economic disruption as defined in the application because of COVID-19
- In good standing with USA Swimming
- In good standing with metropolitan Swimming – does not currently have outstanding balances with Metropolitan Swimming

Long discussion followed on all requirements, program guidelines, funding process, application process and review, general grant terms, conditions, and understandings. In addition, USA-Swimming Safe Sport Recognition, or demonstrating progress towards the requirements for “USA-Swimming Club Safe Sport Recognition”

Dom made a motion that the amount of money used for the return to operations program does not exceed \$170,000. Motion was seconded – discussion followed. All those in attendance approved - **motion carries.**

Allen made a motion that the money would be transferred from existing line items (Board travels to EZ May Meeting and Convention) and that the remaining of money would come from reserve. Motion was seconded and approved by all – **motion carries.** A new line item will be made.

- b. **September HOD Meeting** – Possibly may be a virtual meeting (or postponed) however, as per the By-Laws, we cannot vote electronically or by proxy.
- c. **By-Law Changes** – about virtual meetings/voting process are needed for the next “in person” HOD meeting.
- d. **Joint Statement** – The NY State LSC’s (AD, NI, MR) will send a joint statement to State and local

Leaders about private pools and opening pools for Club swimming. We are hoping that together, the three LSC's can make a plea for safely re-open our pools.

- e. **Town Hall Format and Agenda** – possible webinar/town hall style meeting via Zoom conference, for Head Coach and Club Admin/Club President - no more than two people per team - to discuss topics and issues related to the pandemic shutdown and subsequent repercussions. There would be a strict agenda to follow. There would be participants and a moderator to keep things on focus. Teams would be asked to submit questions ahead of time. Participants may include an athlete (so maximum would be three persons per club, but the third one must be an athlete). The Town Hall meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. Each team will have up to May 22nd to submit their questions. Board will have a quick zoom meeting on May 26th.
- f. **Scholarships** – Galluzzi and Stetz – we will go forward with these 2 scholarships – one male and one female recipients for each scholarship. Info will be posted on the Metro website. Applications are due no later than June 15, 2020.
- g. **Registrations & Transfers** – Registrations for 2021 will open June 1, 2020 and will be valid to December 31, 2021. LSC's may not establish procedures for transfers which effectively deny a swimmer the right to transfer from one LSC or Club to another. Metro is hoping that clubs will work together during this difficult time for the betterment of all our members.
- h. **PPP Status** – Metro was awarded the Payroll Protection Program.

4. OFFICERS REPORTS:

- a. **Age Group Chairs**: Kate Hallex and BJ Reynoso
Age group received two proposals for Zone apparel. Kate will let them know that Zones will not be happening this summer and that we will be in touch once things return to normal.
- b. **Elections**: If we do not have an "in Person" HOD in September, the positions due for election will carry on until an "in person" vote can be scheduled.
- c. **TYR Wetsuit Discount**: Link is posted on the Metro Website.
- d. **New Business**:
Lamar DeCasseres – B&I Budget Issue. Lamar is happy that the programs have been successful for the swimmers. As of now, the D&I budget of \$5,000 has used about \$2,500. Lamar is hoping to carry the balance over to the next budget as kids will need all the help that we can give them. Lamar was asked to submit a proposal to the Finance Committee, as soon as possible. This must be officially proposed so that it can be added to the Budget for 2020-2021 before we can vote on it (transparency).
Dom Boccio – we need to make sure to update and post the names of all committees' s members. Anyone interested should contact the Committees' Chairs.

Next BOD Zoom Meeting – May 26, 2020 at 7:00pm

Next Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7:00pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson.

March 17, 2020