

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

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

ABSENT: Mark Owens, Robert Frawley, Jim Wargo

GUEST: Lamar DeCasseres

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Eric Fisher welcomed everyone present at this virtual meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Eric thanked all those in attendance.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2020 BOD was made, seconded, and approved by all.
Motion carries.

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Eric Fisher

a. **Town Hall Meeting – May 27, 2020** – We need to be extremely strict about what we are going to talk about tomorrow at the Town Hall Meeting. Metropolitan Swimming is aware of some issues, but we are not in the business of policing. We must be cohesive as an LSC. Discussion followed. Mary Fleckenstein, Eric Fisher, Dom Boccio and Dylan Cellamare will be the only ones to answer questions at the TH Meeting. Topics will be limited to COVID-19, the grant, and return to operations. Those in attendance will be able to type their questions in a chat. Mary Fleckenstein will be the panelist. As of May 26, seventy people had register to attend. Mary sent another reminder email.

b. **Recommendations from USA-Swimming for return to operations topics** – A lot of it is available on the USAS website. Insurance are null and void if we are not following the State and Local guidelines. The following was posted on the Metropolitan Swimming Website:

Metropolitan Swimming is following the strictest guidelines enforced by the Federal, State and Local authorities. We know swimmers, coaches and parents want to get back to practice.

*However, in New York State, as of today there is **NO POOL REOPENING DATE**. Consequentially there should be no Metro LSC swim teams practicing until the Governor has given the go ahead to reopen pools.*

*USA swimming has stated that teams that begin practices prior to pools being officially opened by the City-state or federal Government **MAY NOT BE COVERED** by insurance. Those swimmers would be swimming uninsured.*

If a team is violating a law, and practicing under false pretenses, do we have any recourses? Is the team in good standing?

Tom Avischious (EZ Sport Development Consultant USA swimming) joined the meeting at this time. If a team does not follow the Federal, State and Local laws, it may not be covered by USA Swimming Insurance for liability and participants accidents related claims. Tom will contact Steve Levine, USAS Director Risk Management, about this issue. As talked about with the board many times before, we may have to retain a local lawyer – especially one that knows about swimming and the LSC.

- c. **Question about Sanctions** – Kate Hallex - Could a swimmer break a Metro Record at a Time Trial once sanctions are given again? If the meet or TT is sanctioned, then yes.
- d. **Diversity and Inclusion** – Finance Committee has not met yet. Stanley Wong will be added as an athlete on the Committee.
Lamar DeCasseres – At the Town Hall meeting, should we mention that Metro will continue to support Diversity? Metro is here for all swimmers and we are trying to help everybody out. Lamar submitted a request to the Finance Committee on May 14th and an update on May 24th. Discussion followed.

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 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson.
May 31, 2020