

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CRISIS MEETING

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

ZOOM Board Meeting – 7:00pm

**Present:** Eric Fisher, Mary Fleckenstein, John Alaimo, Kate Hallex, Dom Boccio, Allen Wone, Stanley Wong, Dylan Cellamare, John McIlhargy, Jim Wargo, Thomas Cho, Mark Owens, David Ellinghaus, BJ Reynoso, Monique Grayson, John Yearwood.

**Absent:** Robert Frawley and Brian Hansbury

**Agenda:** To discuss the Covid-19 Pandemic and its continued repercussions on swimmers and Metropolitan Swimming Clubs.

**Call to order:** The Zoom meeting came to order at 7:02pm. All above members were in attendance: 12 adults and 4 athletes.

**Motion:** A motion to accept the minutes of April 12, 2020 was made, seconded and approved by all.  
**Motion carries.**

**Updates:** USA-Swimming Strategic Recovery Plan includes products, services, benefits as well as important financial information for clubs regarding the COVID-19 relief grant applications.

LCM Season 2020 – discussion about canceling at least the championship meets at this point – Senior Mets and JO's. We do not believe that swimmers would be ready to participate in those meets as they have already been out of the water since March 12, 2020 and most importantly, we must consider their wellness and preparedness. In addition, we are not sure of what restrictions or regulations facilities will institute about social distancing and to promote a healthy and safe environment. Long discussion followed. A motion was made to cancel all the scheduled long course meets with the caveat to keep a door open for teams to run some time trials, virtual meets or mini meets once the LSC can give sanctions again. The motion was seconded and approved by all – **motion carries.**

Finance Recommendations – the Finance Committee is looking into setting aside up to \$100,000 to give clubs an opportunity to apply for a grant. The money will come out of our reserve and from the money budgeted for this summer long course zones. A new committee will be formed to overview the applications. This grant would be available for clubs looking to start up again. A motion was made to approve using \$100,000 to assist clubs with their operating expenses needed to start up again after September 1st. The motion was seconded and approved by all in attendance. **Motion carries.**

Finance Task Force – A task force, headed by Dom, is being created. It will include coaches, athletes, finance chair, and a non-board member or coach. All suggestions should go to Dom. The task force will oversee preparing all guidelines for this COVID-19 Relief Grant.

USA-Swimming Grant – is tied in with what the LSC’s are offering to their own clubs.  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/covid-19-relief-program-for-teams>

Request for Proposal - RFP to Provide Team Equipment and Uniforms for the Metro Zone Team (3-year contract) was posted on the Metro Website. RFP will be revised, extended one more month and posted on the website again.

Active.com or TU – Metro has been using Active.com for registrations for Zones. Metro now uses TU, but should we keep Active.com as well now. Eric suggested creating a separate TU page for Zones and no longer use Active.com.

Question – are board members still connecting with teams? It was suggested to contact them again – phone calls and/or emails to clubs’ contacts. We are still waiting for most of the teams updated “crisis” contacts (23 received out of 86 teams!)

**A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried at 7:53pm**

**Next BOD Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Submitted by Monique Grayson  
May 2, 2020