

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, May 3, 2021

ZOOM Meeting – Executive Board

**PRESENT:** Eric Fisher, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Dom Boccio, Allen Wone, John McIlhargy, Robert Frawley, Zac Hojnacki, David Ellinghaus, Dylan Cellamare, Kate Hallex, Stanley Wong, Brian Hansbury, Lamar DeCasseres, John Yearwood, Don Wagner, and Francis Andersen

**ABSENT:** Thomas Cho

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Eric Fisher welcomed everyone present at this virtual Executive Board meeting which was called to order at 8:30pm.

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

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2021 BOD meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Eric Fisher

a. **Senior Mets Long Course July 2021:** Zac Hojnacki (Senior Co-Chair) asked if everyone had read his emergency proposal about LCM Senior Mets which was emailed earlier. Long discussion followed on fees increase, which will be hard on teams during this pandemic. We are aware that we will most probably take a loss by having the meet. We are a not-for-profit organization, but we are also a business in supporting all clubs and teams of the LSC.

The proposed fees are \$10.00 per individual event (there will be no relays this summer), and \$20.00 surcharge (facility, Covid fee, MR fee).

Discussion followed on ways to reduce the expenses of running the meet.

A motion was made to suspend the P&P articles temporarily about Senior Mets format, entry fees, finals, including, but not limited to, 304.1 – 304.3 – 305.4 and 310.7 with regards to the 2021 Long Course Senior Mets. The motion was seconded, discussed again. (we will not suspend 307.8 at this time as we do not know how many volunteers we might get to help run the meet and it was not part of the proposal). The motion was approved by all – **Motion Carries.**

A motion was made to have a \$20.00 per athlete surcharge, a fee of \$10.00 per individual event and a \$20.00 coaches' credentials fee, so that we can provide an LSC Championship. The motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion Carries.**

b. **Distance Stipend Allocation** – Discussion on the Distance Meets Stipends – Usually, \$6,000 was divided equally between the teams requesting a stipend. This year, only 2 teams held a distance meet and requested a stipend. A motion was made to suspend P&P article 202.3 for this year. Motion was seconded. Board members from SSC and BGNW recused themselves from voting on this motion. Vote took place and all approved. **Motion Carries.**

A second motion was made to give \$1,000 to the teams that ran a distance meet with the appropriate events during the 2020-21 short course season (SSC & BGNW). Motion was second and approved by all (Board members from the 2 teams did not participate in the vote). **Motion Carries.**

Note: P&P article 302.3 needs to be amended as some of the wording is incorrect.

- c. **Olympic Trials Stipends** – Discussion on clarifying who qualifies as an Historical Metro Swimmer. A motion was made that Metro registered swimmers that trained and competed in Metro Meets (including at least one Senior Mets) from 2016 to 2020 would be recognized as Historical Metro Swimmers and they would be eligible to request the travel reimbursement of up to \$3,000 subject to requirements for such stipend. Athletes must compete at OT as registered to Metro (not to their universities). Any question must be sent to a “Meet Stipend Committee” that will be formed for discussion on case-by-case issues. The motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**
- d. **Credit Card Fees** – The finance committee recommends passing all the credit card fees to clubs and individuals paying with credit cards (registrations, surcharges, meet sanctions, etc. The LSC loses about \$20,000 a year on credit card fees. We are investigating other options for payment as well. A motion was made and seconded to pass all and any “transaction fees” (fee charged to Metro on all credit cards transactions) to the clubs or individual making such transactions. This will be added to the forms and automatically assessed. Discussion followed. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**
- e. **Dom** – review of the logistics for HOD of Thursday, May 6, 2021. Elections (unopposed at this time); 2 proposals from Jeff Chu with recommendations from Officials Chair; consent agenda; election buddy (everyone will receive an individual access code to the website). Kurt Thiel will again be present as Moderator. Suggestion that each committee speak briefly about what was done by the board during this pandemic. Everyone will be muted unless asked to speak.
- f. **Kate** – Eastern Zone will take place this summer and the Zone is talking about lots of restrictions for the meet this year. More information will come at a later date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson.  
May 6, 2021