

Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors/House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

Dom Boccio, Acting General Chair called the October 11, 2022 Regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:35pm with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Frankie Anderson, Christopher Arena, Dom Boccio, Jeff Chu, Lamar DeCasseres, David Ellinghaus, Robert Frawley, Sandy Graham, Zac Hojnacki, Annette Mackrel, Phil Paspalas, John Yearwood

GUESTS

Julie Chen, Nate Chessey, George Fleckenstein, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Abigail Howard

STAFF

Kimberly Wyer-Ferraris

ABSENT

Joseph Apat, John McIlhargy, Stanley Wong

MINUTES

MOTION: *To approve the August 29, 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes as amended for spelling (attachment #2) Seconded. APPROVED.*

General Chair

Mr. Boccio opened the meeting by reciting the Mission of Metropolitan Swimming and expressing thanks to Office Assistant Kim Wyer-Ferraris who he described as doing a “fantastic” job, to Mary Fleckenstein for her many many years of service to the LSC, to Eric Fisher our previous General Chair help bring our LSC into the 21st century. Later in the meeting, Mr. Boccio thanked various Board members and Nate Chessey from USA Swimming for their efforts over the last month.

Scheduling Meetings

Mr. Boccio requested without objection that the next Board of Directors Meeting be Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:30pm via Zoom. He asked that Committee Chairs email Secretaries Annette Mackrel and Jeff Chu to schedule committee meetings as we have begun using the Calendar on the Metro website. The Board will plan to select a date and location for the Spring House of Delegates at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Administrative Vice Chair Appointment

Mr. Boccio introduced Lamar Decasseres as his prospective appointee to the Administrative Vice Chair position vacated when Mr. Boccio became Acting General Chair. It was clarified that depending on the results of the election, Mr. Decasseres would remain the Administrative Vice Chair through the



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MOTION: *Mr. Boccio moved to appoint Lamar Decasseres as Acting Administrative Vice Chair through the upcoming Special House of Delegates meeting on November 9, 2022. Seconded.*

APPROVED

November Special House of Delegates Meeting

Mr. Boccio discussed the election of the General Chair to fulfill the remaining term. He indicated that Ms. Hallex, with Ms. Mackrel and Mr. Chu would operate Election Buddy for that meeting.

Business Operations

Mr. Boccio discussed Ms. Wyer-Ferraris working on registration and SWIMS 3.0 issues, as well as meet recons. He indicated Ms. Mackrel and Mr. Chu had taken on the operation of the website. He also expressed a need to have additional help with reviewing meet sanctions. There was brief discussion on the process of reviewing meet sanctions. Ms. Grayson stated she would be willing to help, as did Ms. Hallex, Ms. Mackrel, and Mr. Chu. Mr. DeCasseres addressed emphasizing use of the templates to improve meet information. Ms. Mackrel and Mr. Chu updated the meet templates to reflect changes from the USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting.

LEAP

Mr. Boccio stated that Metro is due to send in Metro's LEAP submission. USA Swimming has granted an extension based on recent changes within the LSC. Board members and staff will need to work on this to provide USA Swimming with required information.

FINANCE

Mr. Arena discussed having worked with the accounting firm, resulting in a proposed month to month fee decrease of about 60% and an overall reduction in accounting expenses of 50%. The proposal had been sent to Board members via email.

MOTION: *Mr. Arena motioned to approve the new accounting proposal as written, at a price of \$1,350 per month for accounting services and \$3,150 for taxes at the end of the year. That is a contract that would last for this fiscal year, and would end on August 31, 2023, and at that time if we wish to reevaluate, we can. Seconded. APPROVED*

Mr. Arena stated he would get the agreement signed by the end of the week.

Secretaries

Mr. Chu reported the Board of Directors had taken action between meetings, with an email vote (8 in favor, 0 opposed) to approve the change of the name from "Junior Olympics" to the "Metropolitan Swimming SCY Age Group Championships" and the "Metropolitan Swimming LCM Age Group Championships". This change was in response to removal of "Junior Olympics" at the USA Swimming



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Personnel

MOTION: *Mr. Boccio made a motion to go into closed session. Seconded. APPROVED*

Minutes from the closed session are on file with the Secretaries.

MOTION: *Mr. Boccio made a motion to return to open session. Seconded. APPROVED*

SAFE SPORT

Ms. Graham reported the required MAAPP Statement has been updated at the USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting.

DEI

Mr. DeCasseres reported working with teams on outreach registration.

OPEN WATER

Mr. Chu reported things went well at the 2022 Metro/NJ Open Water Championship, and thanked Ms. Hallex, Ms. Graham, Ms. Mackrel, and others who had volunteered. He also indicated that attempts to encourage greater participation from New Jersey would be planned for next year.

FINE APPEAL FROM SENIOR METS, FINES FROM FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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TECHNICAL PLANNING

Mr. Ellinghaus reported that teams have requested in the past to be moved between championship sites, but that this cannot always be accommodated. Also it has not been the practice of the LSC to split teams between different sites, even when teams have satellite locations.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Boccio held a moment of silence for long time Board member, volunteer, and coach Edgar Perez.



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ADJOURN

Dom Boccio adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeff Chu

Secretary

/s/ Annette Mackrel

Secretary



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Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors Minutes Attachments
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Attachment 1

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