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Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors

November 1, 2022 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

Dom Boccio, Acting General Chair called the November 1, 2022 Special 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, John McIlhargy, Phil Paspalas, John Yearwood,

GUESTS

George Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Abigail Howard

STAFF

Kim Wyer-Ferraris

ABSENT

Joseph Apat, Stanley Wong

General Chair

Mr. Boccio opened the meeting with a reading of our Mission Statement and Vision:

“Metropolitan Swimming shall promote, develop and improve competitive swimming through education, support and opportunities for participation to a diverse swimming community.”

“Vision: To inspire and provide quality opportunities for our members to achieve excellence in the sport of competitive swimming.”

MINUTES

MOTION: *Mr. Paspalas motioned to approve the October 11, 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Schedule of Regular Board of Directors and House of Delegates Meetings

Mr. Boccio stated the intent to continue hosting House of Delegates Meetings at the New York Athletic Club, and to resume bi-monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

MOTION: *Mr. Boccio made a motion to schedule our next Board of Directors Meeting for January 5, 2023. Seconded. APPROVED*

Administrative Review Board

Mr. Boccio introduced Abby Howard, Elaine Ang, and Drew Modrov as nominees for appointment to the Administrative Review Board.



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Point of Information: Mr. Chu stated that if the Board approved the appointments during this meeting, there would no longer be a vacancy, the General Chair following the election at the upcoming House of Delegates Meeting would have no need to make an appointment, and those appointed would be able to continue through the remainder of the term.

MOTION: *Mr. Chu made a motion to go into closed session to discuss appointment to the Administrative Review Board. Seconded. APPROVED*

The Board of Directors ended the closed session.

MOTION: *Ms. Mackrel made a motion to approve the appointment of Abby Howard, Elaine Ang, and Drew Modrov to the Administrative Review Board. Seconded. APPROVED*

November House of Delegates Meeting

Mr. Boccio indicated he accepted a nomination for General Chair. He then introduced a proposal to amend the Bylaws to make the Treasurer an elected position again. Discussion on the proposed amendment and the role of the Treasurer occurred.

MOTION: *Mr. Chu made a motion to recommend approval of the proposal. Motion Withdrawn.*

The Board reached a consensus to contact Ms. Fierro to further develop the proposal for the Spring 2023 House of Delegates Meeting.

LEAP

Mr. Frawley described information required for LEAP certification, and next steps. Mr. McIlhargy stated having held 5 Strategic Planning Committee meetings, and would forward information to Mr. Frawley. Mr. Frawley stated that he would send emails out to individual board members and committee chairs to complete sections of LEAP by the Friday following this meeting, and asked that Board Members respond by the next Friday.

Budget Approval

Mr. Arena described the process he and the Finance Committee went through to draft the proposed budget, and details of items including changes from the previous budget. Mr. Boccio indicated that all the cuts to the proposed budget were made without any increases to membership fees.

MOTION: *Mr. Arena made a motion to recommend the Budget to the House of Delegates. Seconded. APPROVED*

New Business

Golden Goggles

Metro has previously purchased a table at Golden Goggles, when hosted in New York. The office manager, Board members, and Athletes of diverse backgrounds have been invited to attend in the



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Article 304.1

Mr. DeCasseres remarked that Article 304.1 of our Policies and Procedures were not being applied as written, and that the policy does not include an exemption for invitational meets.

Mr. Ellinghaus indicated that historically USA Swimming had said we could not prevent teams from hosting meets as invitationals, and that the policy could not be applied to them because of that.

Ms. Howard stated that she could help with this issue, and that Article 2 only divides out Age Group and Senior competitions, and Open Water, and not Invitational vs Open.

Discussion on the Meet Host Committee followed.

Mr. Boccio indicated that Mr. DeCasseres would follow up on setting up the committee.

Age Group Team Challenge

Ms. Hallex stated that she and Mr. Ellinghaus had reviewed the status of the Age Group Team Challenge, and that a reduction in the size of that meet was needed. The technical planning committee proposed setting

MOTION: *Ms. Hallex made a motion to establish the qualifying range for athletes to attend the Age Group Team Challenge will be for those athletes who meet the qualifying standard with the top end qualifying standards to be 1/100th slower than the current Senior Mets qualifying standard.*

Seconded. APPROVED

New Club Application using Name of Previous Member Club

Ms. Ferraris stated that an application had been received for a new club using the name of a former member club. Mr. Yearwood indicated that past practice did not allow for this.

MOTION: *Mr. Boccio made a motion to go into Closed Session. Seconded. APPROVED*

ADJOURN

Dom Boccio adjourned the meeting at 10:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeff Chu

Secretary

/s/ Annette Mackrel

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| Attachment 1 | Agenda: November 1, 2022 |
| Attachment 2 | DRAFT BOD Minutes October 11, 2022 |
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| Attachment 4 | Proposed Bylaws Amendment |

