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Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors Minutes
June 20, 2023 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

David Rodriguez, General Chair called the June 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:47PM with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Christopher Arena, Dom Boccio, Jeff Chu, Ethan Fergus, Sandy Graham, Keith Green, Kate Hallex, Zac Hojnacki, Annette Mackrel, Jonah Montgomery, David Rodriguez, Jamila Smith, Bob Vializ, John Yearwood

GUESTS

Ginny Nussbaum

EXCUSED

Phil Paspalas

ABSENT

Joseph Apat, Thomas Cho, Dylan Gallub, Eddie Oyola

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the April 19, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes (attachment #1)
Seconded. **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To approve the May 16, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes (attachment #2)
Seconded. **APPROVED.**

General Chair

Mr. Rodriguez opened the meeting with a reading of the Mission and Vision of Metropolitan Swimming. He has set dates for the upcoming board meetings.

Mr. Rodriguez reported from the USA Swimming LSC Leadership meeting. There is a strong push for the Safe Sport Recognition Program (SSRP). Bulk registration option for teams in SWIMS 3.0 will soon be available. Women in Governance was another big topic. Ms. Wyer-Ferraris will distribute a synopsis of the Leadership meeting to all.

Mr. Rodriguez encouraged all to keep the momentum of the new Board going.

Admin Vice Chair

Ms. Hallex is happy to be back on the Board in a different capacity. She is working with the office to update forms.



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Finance Chair

Mr. Arena reported that they are getting ready for the USA Swimming audit together with our accountants. There have been some issues with Quickbooks that are being fixed but audit is taking precedence.

Athlete Rep

Our new athlete rep, Jamila Smith, introduced herself. She is excited to be on the board.

Secretaries

Please keep sending in your athlete college commitments and other information to update and keep the website current.

Senior Chair

Mr. Hojnacki reported that Senior Mets is on track.

Age Group Chairs

Mr. Green reported the meet announcement is out for Eastern Zones. Discussion ensued about athlete hotel accommodations. Should 2 or 4 athletes share a room? Will have an impact on pricing for the meet. Safe Sport concerns were voiced. Ms. Hallex explained that bussing also added significantly to the costs. Metro covers approximately \$40,000 but the rest of the costs are passed on to the participants. Only documented Outreach athletes receive Metro support.

Mr. Rodriguez suggested AG to run numbers and share with the board via email to make an informed decision.

Safe Sport

Working on uploading a list to help teams get Safe Sport approved. Looks daunting but is not that difficult.

Tech Planning

Talking to AG and SC about moving some Championship meet dates to accommodate everyone better. Will have more at HOD.

Mr. Yearwood pointed out that the date for summer Age Group Champs needs to be 2 weeks before Eastern Zones, otherwise kids would not be eligible to use their cut times from that meet.



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Unfinished Business

Mr. Chu motioned to approve upcoming board meeting dates.

MOTION *To approve next BOD Meeting dates. Tuesday, August 15, Tuesday October 17, and Tuesday November 14. All at 7:45 PM. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Appointments and Elections:

Administrative Review Board

MOTION *To approve the appointment of Dylan Rhee as athlete member to the Administrative Review Board. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Hall of Fame Committee

MOTION *To approve the appointment of Sandy Graham to Chair the Hall of Fame Committee. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Strategic Planning

MOTION *To approve the appointment of Julie Chen to Chair the Strategic Planning Committee. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Delegates for USA Swimming Meeting, September, 21-23, 2023 in Colorado

1 non-coach, non-athlete member and 3 coach, non-athlete members have to be selected.

The nominees for non-coach, non-athlete: Sandy Graham, Flick Marinello, Wendy Martinez

The nominees for coach, non-athlete: Kate Hallex, Miriam Heirath, Jonah Montgomery, Diana Pimer Bob Vializ, John Yearwood.

Introduction and discussion opened about candidates. Sandy Graham withdrew herself from consideration. Board members voted via email. Results: Wendy Martinez, Kate Hallex, Jonah Montgomery, Diana Pimer were selected to be the Metro delegates.

Instagram Account

Our athletes have not really embraced it. Supposed to be athlete-run. Unused piece of social media that is not being utilized. Ms. Hallex suggested communicating with the athlete reps to come up with a proposal how athletes and the LSC can utilize the account, to work on content, maybe create a template, etc.

Reappointments

Disability Coordinator - Ms. Hallex, the current Disability Coordinator, explained that Disability was folded into DEI to become DDEI, to mirror the policies of USA Swimming. The Disability Committee also never gained members in Metro. DDEI covers inclusion, equity, and diversity and as such serves



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Ms. Hallex noted that Disability was never a P&P position.

MOTION: *To eliminate the position of Disability coordinator and allow the (D)DEI Committee Chair to take over those responsibilities. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Times, Records, Top 25 Coordinator - Monique Grayson

MOTION: *To approve reappointment of Monique Grayson as coordinator. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Swimathon Coordinator - Rich Finkelstein

MOTION: *To approve reappointment of Rich Finkelstein as coordinator. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Governance Committee

MOTION: *To table appointments to the Governance Committee. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Women’s Coaches in Governance Nominations

MOTION: *To nominate Iliana Bitis from 92nd Street Y. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Guest Speaker:

Ginny Nussbaum, coach from LIAC, introduced legislation she is sponsoring with 12 other club owners in the US at national level. Legislation is on the USA Swimming website, under Rules & Policies. Looking to change Rule 102.10.2. The purpose is to get more officials on the deck by removing the ability of the LSC to set standards for officials’ certifications. The proposal aims to set singular standards for all 59 LSC that the LSCs have to abide by.

Committee Member Appointments

Open Water Committee

Mr. Chu stated that he and Co-Chair George Fleckenstein would like to appoint Ryan Sommerstad, Zachary Arnold, Mike Lennon, Ann Galler, Sandy Graham, Judy Anker, Diana Pimer and Miriam Heirath to the Open Water Committee.

MOTION: *To approve the appointments. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Meet Host Committee

MOTION: *To approve the appointments of Allen Wone, Ginny Nussbaum, Rick Ferriola, and Jim Wargo to the Meet Host Committee. Seconded. APPROVED.*



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ADJOURN

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jeff Chu
Secretary

/s/ Annette Mackrel
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Metropolitan Swimming [Board of Directors/House of Delegates] Minutes Attachments
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- Attachment 1 Agenda June 20, 2023
- Attachment 2 DRAFT BOD/HOD Minutes April 2023
- Attachment 3 DRAFT BOD/HOD Minutes May 2023

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