

Metropolitan Swimming Safe Sport Committee Minutes

July 29, 2024 / Virtual Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Bancroft, Co-Chair, called the July 29, 2024, Officials' Committee Meeting to order at 8:04 PM with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Jennifer Bancroft, Darryl Strabuk-Co-Chair, Christopher Sommer, Michael Redmond, Shannon Diaz, Rachel Sumerford

ABSENT

Mary Ellen Abrams, Tomek Oakes, Galen Franchek

Jennifer and Darryl introduced themselves to the Metro members present. This is the first committee since being elected at the April HOD meeting. The Metro Board of Directors have tasked the Safe Sport Committee to increase the amount of Metro LSC Clubs who are Safe Sport Recognized Clubs (SSRP).

The Co-Chairs explained that with over 60 clubs in Metro, only 6 are SSRP certified. The program is not mandated by USA Swimming, so getting buy-in from athletes and coaches.

Christopher suggested incentivizing teams by having badges for team meet banners.

Darryl and Jennifer asked the members for ideas on how to recruit coaches and athletes to the committee.

Shannon asked what age ranges the committee was looking for when looking for minor athletes members. Jennifer replied that the committee would find something for anyone who was interested in joining but ideally, the 15-17 year old range.

Mike asked how Metro could push out Safe Sport videos to coaches to get their 13-17 year olds viewing the program.

Mike suggested breaking down the list of clubs between the committee members so that each member has about 20 teams to check in with, to ensure the process is moving along.



These minutes will be officially approved by the Metropolitan Swimming Safe Sport Committee during Oct 2024 meeting.

Shannon suggested hosting a “re-train the trainers”, and have a re-launch meeting in September to make sure that the coaches know what they are asking to do. Shannon suggested that Metro send out mail reminders to swimmers who are about to turn 18 and remind them that they need to complete Safe Sport.

Christopher suggested making a QR code to put on heat sheets and display at meets. Christopher will work on creating a QR code for SafeSports Zooms and listing what teams are SSRP teams.

Rachelle has two athletes that would like to join the committee. The chairs will forward all the names of the members present on the call for appointment to the committee. The committee will work informally during August with the intention of hosting a “re-train the trainer” meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer Bancroft

Safe Sport Coordinator Co-Chair

/s/ Darryl Strabuk

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