

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Board Meeting – ZOOM

PRESENT: Eric Fisher, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Allen Wone, Dom Boccio, Zac Hojnacki, Lamar DeCasseres, Kate Hallex, John Yearwood, Jeff Chu, David Ellinghaus, Brian Hansbury, George Fleckenstein, Frankie Andersen, and Mark Amodio.

EXCUSED: Thomas Cho

ABSENT: Don Wagner, Stanley Wong, John McIlhargy, Robert Frawley.

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Eric Fisher welcomed everyone present at this virtual Board meeting which was called to order at 7:10pm.
2. **ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**
A motion was made to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021. Motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.**
3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Eric Fisher
 - 1: **Reminder** that all members of the Board have signed a confidentiality agreement and should abide by it.
 - 2: **JO Fees** – Review of what the admission fees for spectators, if paid by cash at the door, that was provided by LIAC – the Board received an email about that in early January. LIAC does a great job with hosting the meet. Discussion followed. The board is OK with the revised fees.
 - 3: **Officials** – Dom presented a request from the Officials Committee about the Metro background check subsidy policy. (Mark Amodio was at a different meeting and arrived late to the BOD meeting). Eric put up the proposal on the screen. All request forms must be received by the Officials Committee within 30 days of the applicant's passing the background check. All received requests will then be considered by the Officials' Committee (no longer on a first-come first-served basis).
 - 4: **Technical Planning** – David Ellinghaus announced that Condors has officially withdrawn their bid for the **8-Under Championships**. In addition, there are no bids for Silvers North or for Bronze. Discussion followed on blackout weekends to run meets or time trials. On dates of Championship meets, any additional event must be 2 steps up (or 2 steps down on Senior Mets weekend); for the 8-Under Championship weekend, clubs may request a sanction for swimmers 9-over, etc. Information on sanctions on championship meets' weekends has been posted on the website.
Issue with **Silver Central** that is supposed to be run at Mark Twain. The facility is no longer available of Friday night of the meet. A motion was made and seconded that, based on the information that we know as a board, Silver Central will run only Saturday and Sunday's events – no Friday night session. Discussion followed. All in favor with one opposed.
 - 5: **Open Water 2022** – George Fleckenstein and Jeff Chu will request the Rye Town Board for September 24, 2022, for the Metro Open Water Championship.
 - 6: **Covid Protocols** – can we take that in consideration and allow meets or Time Trials on Championship weekends. Entry deadline for JO's is after silver weekend. Something will be put together by technical planning about this and send to all teams.

- 7: **Mark Amodio** joined the meeting at this time – (see #3 above) – an exception will be made for those who completed their background checks in the period of September 1 to December 31, 2021. Requests must be submitted within 30 days. Payments may only be paid quarterly.
- 8: **Silvers** – Discussion on ways to accommodate teams that do not have a silver championship. Biggest issue is pool availability.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Next BOD Meeting will be February 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson.
January 17, 2022