

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, December 28, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

**PRESENT:** Eric Fisher, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Dom Boccio, Allen Wone, Kate Hallex, John McIlhargy, David Ellinghaus, Thomas Cho, Don Wagner, Robert Frawley, Dylan Cellamare, Lamar DeCasseres, Zac Hojnacki, George Fleckenstein, Mark Amodio, and John Yearwood.

**ABSENT:** Brian Hansbury, BJ Reynoso

1. **WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Eric Fisher welcomed everyone present at this virtual meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

2. **ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2020 BOD meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.**

3. **GENERAL CHAIR:** Eric Fisher

a. **Metro 2021 SCY Championship Meets Proposal** – The preliminary proposal is jointly submitted by Age Group and Senior Chairs with the approval of Technical Planning. All 2021 Short Course Championship Meets for Metro Swimming will be held virtually – The guidelines and considerations are as follows:

- Qualification period for any of the championship meets begins November 1, 2019
- Eligibility for meets & submissions will be from January 1, 2021 to March 21, 2021
- The qualifying times will be as adopted in September (same cuts as 2019) with the inclusion of SCM times for all age group level meets.
- Eligibility meet submissions must be held within the Metro LSC
- Meet results will be factored as follows:
  1. Senior Mets (all qualified athletes)
  2. AGTC – 15-18 only) (minimum cut AGTC existing; maximum cut Senior Mets)
  3. J.O.s 14 & under (all qualified athletes)
  4. Silvers (all qualified athletes)
  5. Bronze (no qualifying times needed)
  6. 8 & Under Championship (no qualifying times needed).
- Athletes will be ranked based on submission times, HOWEVER there will be no team scoring.
- Athletes will be ranked by Top 20 for every meet and specified age (if applicable) and posted on the Metro Website every 10 days.
- Athletes who age up during the submission period and swim in different meets can be listed for the qualifying meets in both age groups.

Age Group and Senior Chairs feel that this offers the safest and most equitable opportunity for all our athletes during this time. A long discussion about the proposal followed.

A motion to accept the preliminary proposal was made and seconded. Discussion followed. All were in favor. **Motion carries.**

**The final version of this proposal will be posted on the Metro Website as soon as possible.**

b. **Finance Committee** – The committee met and proposed that Metro open the stipend portion of the

budget for the Metro swimmers that attended the US Open. A motion was made to un-freeze the budget to give stipends to the swimmers that participated in the US Open Championship Meets. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Requests must be submitted to the office no later than January 28, 2021.

- c. **Outside Financial Audit** – This is required by USA Swimming. They will provide the information. A motion was made and seconded that as per USA Swimming requirements we proceed with an outside audit of Metropolitan Swimming Finances. All were in favor – **Motion carries.**
- d. **Additional Item** – Dom Boccio talked about the Return to Operations Grants. Many of the Clubs that received grants did not follow up with the Safe Sport requirements. Dom reached out to those clubs. Some clubs are still not swimming at this time and some swam up to September 1<sup>st</sup> only as they do not have an indoor facility to train. Those funds for “Return to Operations Grant” have not been released yet as the clubs are not operating at this time.
- e. **Pool for Senior Mets** – Question about whether to release the dates of rental for the pool at Eisenhower Park for Senior Mets since we are no longer having an actual meet that weekend in February. We were all in agreement to release the dates.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by all. **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monique Grayson.

January 4, 2021