

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING
OFFICIALS COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING
April 7, 2022
Via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Mark Amodio, Jennifer Bancroft, Dom Boccio, Steve Kessler

Excused: Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy, Darryl Strabuk, Stanley Wong

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chair Mark Amodio, presiding

CHAIR REPORT

Less than ¼ of the year's budget has been used in the first quarter. Primary expense for the quarter was an order for Sr. Mets uniform shirts.

15 Metro officials have to date submitted background reimbursement checks.

This quarter, 10 officials submitted and received pre-approval for reimbursement for travel to meets outside of the Metro LSC. One request for reimbursement was denied as the requests was submitted with less than 2 weeks before the meet.

Jeff Chu received a shout out during the National Officials' Chairs' quarterly meeting on 4/6/2022 for the Open Water instructional clinic he will be conducting with Mike Murphy on April 16, 2022.

Applications for the Joe Stetz scholarship are being accepted until Noon, April 25, 2022. The application is available on the Metro website.

Mark proposed that the JO meets become an Officials' Qualifying Meet within the LSC in addition to Sr. Mets. A discussion was held to discuss the pros and cons. A decision was made to recommend that JOs become an OQM.

The Metro branded merchandise that is distributed to officials by the committee members is running low. Mark asked for a committee member to take on the task of replenishing the inventory. Jennifer Bancroft agreed to head the effort. Members discussed what replenishing the inventory would involve. Jennifer and Dom will create a jot form to distribute to the Metro Official Committee asking what items officials are interested in receiving.

ADVANCEMENT AND CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

There are several officials who are in the process of apprenticing for Starter and Referee in Metro. No apprentice has reached their 8th session evaluation as of today.

A discussion was held on how apprentice officials will contact and be evaluated by the approved list of Metro final evaluators. Final evaluations will be coordinated through Steve Kessler and the evaluator at least one week prior to the apprentice's meet evaluation.

MEMBER AT LARGE UPDATE

Jennifer presented a flow chart of updates to the Metro website that she and Fiona created. The proposal included changing the Metro website to have a dedicated Officials tab with separate subheadings for the procedures to becoming an official, advancing as an official, interactive calendar of meets and meet referees, and registration for the official's mailing list.

A discussion was held on creating a social media presence and creating a quarterly newsletter for Metro Officials. A jot form will be created and sent to Metro officials to find interested members for this working group.

SR. METS MEETS REVIEW

A discussion was held on the proposal that the Meet Referee for Sr. Mets should be a N2/N3 certified referee with championship meet experience.

POICLY AND PROCEDURE PROPOSALS

Proposals from Jeff Chu suggesting changes to 5 policies and procedures regarding officials were discussed. The proposals will be reviewed by the officials committee discussed further with Jeff Chu prior to the next quarterly meeting in July.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened for comments for meeting attendees.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Steve Kessler to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Dom Boccio seconded, and motion carried unanimously.