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Minutes to be approved at the next Metropolitan Swimming Safe Sport Committee Meeting

### Metropolitan Swimming Safe Sport Committee Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023/Virtual

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm by Phil Paspalas and Sandy Graham, Safe Sport Co Committee Chairs

In Attendance:

Committee members: Galen Franchek, Tomek Oakes, Mary Ellen Abrams

Metropolitan Swimming Board Secretary: Jeff Chu

#### **Minutes:**

Each member introduced themselves and their involvement in USA Swimming

Sandy read USA Swimming's Safe Sport Club Recognition program purpose

Discussion followed by members outlining why SSR is important for clubs

Phil advised the group that teams seem to focus in on achieving Club Excellence, but they must now have started the process to be SSR in order to get Club Excellence designation

Sandy reviewed a template that has been developed by USA Swimming Safe Sport to help teams achieve Safe Sport Recognition within six months. This will become available in January 2024.

Discussion followed regarding ways to help teams achieve their club recognition  
Once the template is launched, the committee will review it and then discuss ways to initiate conversations with Metro teams to start using the template

The committee presented the idea of starting the implementation of club recognition from the athletes up.

Tomek will start to work on ideas on how to best reach athletes.

Phil mentioned working with the Age Group Chairs

Goals for the next meeting:

Ideas on ways to work with club athletes to achieve SSR

Look at the new USA Swimming Template and discuss best ways to reach out to teams using this tool

Next Meeting Date: Based on the launch of the template from USA Swimming, a date will be picked for January

Adjourn: 8:42 pm