

Metro Meeting - December 13, 2015- not voted on

3:36PM: Chairperson RC Saint-Amour called meeting to order

Present

- RC Saint-Amour (Chair)
- Jon Einsidler (Vice Chair)
- Charles Leroy Smith (Parliamentarian)
- Bob Kolonkowski (Open Water Chair)
- Joshua Storch (Secretary)
- Craig Saint-Amour (NYAC Representative)
- Jonas Altman-Kurosaki (Coaches Chair)
- Jayne Saint-Amour (Treasurer)
- Olivia Malloy (Top-Ten Chair)
- Tyrone Hutchinson (Red Tide Representative)
- Steve Shtab (Sanctioned Events Chair) - arrived after start
- Jane Katz (AGUA Representative) - arrived after start
- Margaret Mann (Red Tide Representative) - arrived after start

RC: Annual Review

- We lost four teams to New Jersey. The loss was approximately 200 swimmers
- There is a new Long Island team managed and coached by Roy Lester
 - How can we support this new LI team
 - We could have more Long Island meets (current schedule has two at CW Post & one at Eisenhower Park)
- The Metro socials were well attended this year
- The Metro clinics were not well attended
- Observation that people love medals (from swim meets)
- Observation that people enjoy swim meet giveaways
- **JOSH:** Let's launch a metro survey to gain insight into what swimmers want
- **OLIVIA:** Not many 'younger' people attending swim meets. What about an under 35's meet?
- **JANE:** How about 25's at meets

Jayne: Treasury Update

- We spent more money this year than in any other year
- We lost \$2K on registrations money
- Metro continues to absorb the \$2 increase in USMS registration (Metro now keeps \$8 of \$37)

- We need to encourage going green for Metro cards (\$2 Cost for printing/sending and services for requested card)

RC: 2016 Budget

- We keep \$5K set aside in case we want/need to do a forensic audit
- How can we make up the \$2K lost from registration fees?
 - **JON:** Consider raising registration costs \$2-\$3.
 - **RC:** Motion to discuss \$3 increase in fees...
 - Charles seconded
 - Olivia seconded
 - **Jane K:** Proposal to increase fee by \$3. Called to vote:
 - Unanimously voted "Yes"
- **JON:** Can we get USMS to not increase registration fees?
- **OLIVIA:** We can save money by eliminating goodie bags at meets?
- Budget passed & discussion closed

Open Water

- Bob is now part of the open water swim committee
- The point lookout race went really well. This course was deemed too easy ("12 minute walk"). Planned update to course for July or August. Metro annual BBQ after the race was wonderful and well attended

Jayne: Sanction Fees

- USMS takes sanction fees from our registration fees, and sends us the difference. We are going to increase the refundable LMSC sanction fee so that the event directors incur the cost up front instead of Metro.
- Open Water:
 - 2015
 - \$25 sanction fee
 - \$200 performance bond
 - \$1,000 per open water event. (imposed by USMS)
 - 2016
 - \$200 performance bond
 - \$1,500
 - \$100 Sanction fee- USMS
 - \$5/swimmer, up to \$1,000
 - \$500 Sanction fee- Metro

- Pool events
 - None from USMS in 2014 or 2015. There will be a \$50 fee in 2016
 - The metro fee remains at \$25

RC: Swim meets

- Proposing a Metro championship meet
- There's a new pool being built at Eisenhower
- **OLIVIA:** Meet results are still not being submitted on time
- **STEVE:** The process needs to be formalized and presented to meet directors at each meet

Other Items

- **CHARLES:** What can we do about clinics?
 - **JON:** What about adult learn to swim programs?
 - **CHARLES:** Willing to research & organize
- **RC:** Open vote for secretary and treasurer election:
 - Joshua Storch re-elected to secretary unanimously
 - Jayne Saint-Amour re-elected to treasurer unanimously

RC moved to approve meeting minutes for semi-annual meeting - Approved unanimously

RC moves to end the meeting. Meeting ends at 4:50pm.