

# METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.



## ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May, 3rd

**PRESENT:** Emily Sullivan, Matt Keane, Alex Lui, Katie Dennin, Angelina Zhang, Jason Louser, Allison Zelnick, Samantha Neuman

**WELCOME/ROLL CALL:** Matt and Emily welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 3:04pm via Conference Call.

**ROLE OF COMMITTEE:** Matt and Emily talked about how Metropolitan Swimming has never had an Athlete Committee, so this would be a learning experience for both the Athlete Representatives and Athletes. Matt talked about how the Athlete Committee is obligated to provide athlete education and to assist in ensuring effective participation in elections of the Athlete Representatives. He also stated that having athletes throughout Metro will help get a better view of the athletes and that way Emily and Matt can report any more feedback to the board.

**ROBERT'S RULES:** Emily told the athletes what Roberts Rules are and why they should be followed especially when doing a conference call.

**ATHLETE INTRODUCTIONS:** Alex Lui (NDAC) is a freshman in high school, and has been swimming for ten years. He wants to be involved on the committee because most teams are closer to LI and he is far North and he believes it would help to have the perspective of a northern team. Jason Louser (LIAC) is a sophomore, he has a twin. He wants to join to take it a step up in the swimming community. Angelina Zhang (AGUA) is a sophomore, she is left handed, and she wants to give back to the swimming community and representative her fellow athletes. Sam Neuman (BAD) is a sophomore, with curly hair, and while looking at the application she came across the disabilities part

and instantly felt a connection. Katie (TS) is a sophomore, she has a sister, and she wanted to join to help others and show leadership. Allison Zelnick (LIAC) is twenty five years old, and still swimming. She has a lot of experience and she would love to help the ones growing in the sport.

**BANNING OF FASTSKINS:** Recently a few LSCs have banned twelve year olds from wearing fastskins at meets that were not prelims/finals or a sectional level meet or higher. Katie said all younger kids wear these suit for no reason and they are taking it too serious. Alex asked what about swimmers at senior mets who are twelve and under swimming in a practice suit and 13 and overs swimming in tech suits. He said it put them at a disadvantage. Matt brought up at that age they are picking between two sports, and they don't need to run out just to buy a fastskin if they will just pick the other sport. Emily brought up how it is a waste of money. Allison is thinking that teams will travel to other LSCs for meets. Sam likes the idea, she believes every meet is not the last, they still have others to come. Jason said it gives them a different view on the sport, and he agrees with the ban. Angelina said when she was younger it stressed her out because she did not have one, now there will be no stress for younger kids.

Matt and Emily thanked everyone for joining, and told the athletes to email them with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.