

Swimming Saves Lives Board of Trustees Meeting

Conference Call

Committee Name:	Swimming Saves Lives Foundation		
Committee Chair:	Jay DeFinis	Vice Chair:	Brandon Franklin
Minutes recorded by:	Brandon Franklin	Meeting Date/time:	May 20, 2020/1 PM EST

MOTIONS PASSED:

1. Approval of the SSL Minutes for the meeting on April 1, 2020.

Number of committee members present: 7 (6 voting) Absent: 5 Others: 2

Committee members present: Jay DeFinis, Chair; Brandon Franklin, Vice Chair; Nancy Ridout; Stan Benson; Jeff Moxie; Kristina Henry; Peter Guadagni (Ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent: Patricia Mathison, Patrick Weiss, Maria Elias, Leo Letendre, Bill Brenner (Ex-officio)

Others Present: Dawson Hughes, Carrie Stolar

MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm EDT by Chair, Jay DeFinis. Jay opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the call.
- The minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2020 were unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON IMPACT OF COVID-19

- Dawson Hughes stated that the short term change in the SSL mission to support the broader initiative of supporting the USMS community has been communicated publicly. The funds will be used to support the USMS COVID-19 Relief Fund for Club. Dawson discussed the Club Relief program in detail. At the highest level, USMS would match grants given by the LMSC's up to a maximum amount to be determined.
- He also stated that USMS membership sign ups had been low but were starting to pick up. Donations made along with the membership sign ups were minimal.
- It is anticipated that funds which ordinarily would be applied towards the SSL primary mission will be applied toward the Club Relief initiative through October 31. Anything raised beyond November 1 would be used for SSL's primary mission. Given SSL generates the majority of its fundraising in November and December the impact from the change in mission hopefully will not be material although things can change given the current environment.

2020 AUCTION

- As a follow up to the previous meeting, Jay mentioned the possibility of having the 2nd Annual USMS Swimming Saves Lives auction with funds raised being applied to the Club Relief Fund noted above.
- Dawson suggested timing could coincide with the USMS 2020 Virtual National Championships event.
- It was also suggested that items be non-experiential given the pandemic. It was decided the focus would be on personal items, vendor/partner items and USMS merchandise.

- The meeting ended with it being suggested committee members give some thought to what each could come up with or ideas they had which would be discussed at the next meeting.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.
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