



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Maine Swimming Athletes Committee

6 pm via Zoom

5/15/22

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Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!

Present: Ali Bragg, Audrey Cohen, Emma Farnham, Brady Hale (in and out due to wifi issues), Abby Hollis (6:35), McKayla Kendall, Ethan Schulz, Lucy Shaw, Elle Yarborough

Absent:

Guest: Taylor Rodgers

Call to Order

Mission/Vision

Roll Call

by Ethan Schulz

Committee orientation with Taylor

Taylor showed a slideshow that displayed the key components of the Athletes Committee.

- Rules of Engagement

Taylor Rodgers discussed the importance of active participation and accepting the opinions of other members.

- Governance Structure

Ali Bragg and McKayla Kendall discussed their involvement in national committees. Taylor Rodgers discussed the various levels of governance starting with the U.S Olympic Committee and then all the way down to our own LSC. She then discussed the various committees that MESI has. An important note is that there needs to be 20% athlete representation on all committees.

- Athlete Leadership

Taylor Rodgers reintroduced all of the elected athlete members for the upcoming year.

- MAAPP Policies

Taylor Rodgers discussed that the hours of communication are 5 AM - 9 PM. One-on-one interactions with a minor and an adult need a parent or guardian copied in the message and if there are multiple minor athletes you must include at least two adult participants.



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- Athletes' Committee Duties

Taylor Rodgers read the direct policy in the MESI Bylaws. Ethan Schulz talked about the way that various committees ask for athlete input which is a major portion of what the athlete committee helps with. In addition, the athletes committee works on creating various projects.

- 2022 Goals

Ethan Schulz talked about increasing communication and creating a newsletter. Additionally there is a push to create a DEI summit, a zone athlete leadership retreat, open water memorial meet, and work on more officials recognition. Taylor Rodgers mentioned the funds that were approved for the zone athlete leadership retreat. And she added that part of the DEI summit will be helping people learn how to swim in Portland. Taylor asked the DEI athletes to reach out to Zack to figure out a date for the DEI summit.

Plan committee meeting times

Ethan Schulz talked about the new athletes removal policy. Then he said that he would like to have a monthly meeting. McKayla Kendall suggested making a monthly google form. Emma Farnham said that Sunday nights would probably work best. Ali Bragg said that in the past google forms made it difficult for a lot of people to attend the meetings. Ali Bragg said the first Sunday of the month would leave a whole week to get things ready before the monthly BOD meetings. Ethan Schulz called for a motion to have the Athletes Committee meetings the first Sunday of the month at 7 pm. Motion made by Ali Bragg, seconded by Audrey Cohen.

Ethan Schulz asked if there were any questions.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by McKayla Kendall, seconded by Ali Bragg.

To-Do List

- DEI athletes reach out to Zack about setting a date for the DEI summit**