

Annual TPC Report

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- Continued my tenure as part of the MESI Crisis Management Committee as well as attending the meetings as they arise. I was also an active part of the Eastern Zone TPC meetings that were held monthly by Tristan Formon.
- I accepted a request from Sadie Woodruff, PBAY, to be a member of the TPC Committee.
- Attended a meeting with John Smith and Betsy Perron from the Seals prior to them submitting their sanction request to host the first sanctioned meet in Maine, post Covid 19. We discussed mainly which events to offer as well as making this a series of meets with an alternating event schedule.
- Also attended a meet debrief meeting with Mary Ellen, John Smith, Henry Clauson and Marcy Scharf after the meet. We discussed how everybody felt the meet went, whether the guidelines worked well or not, what did not work well.
- I attended the Eastern Zone Technical Planning Meeting as well as the General Meeting on September 19th, 2020 as the MESI voting delegate.
- The TPC Committee met on October 23rd, 2020 to discuss further meet opportunities for MESI athletes. This discussion included plans for a December "Championship" style meet as well as further talks regarding the running of a Winter Champs meet.
- Ideas floated for the December Virtual Championships - Prelims/ Finals championship meet (waiting on approval), Events would be similar to the lineup of Bowdoin Open, 10-day window to compete: December 3rd-13th, Prelims one weekend, finals the following weekend: just has to be the same events, possibly doing one unofficial session, One weekend ½ the events trials finals, second weekend other ½ of the events trials finals, Open up to any registered swimmer.
- A total of ten teams will be participating in the MESI Developmental 1 meet with 6 of those teams running sanctioned meets and 4 running non-sanctioned meets.
- Attended the EZ TPC meeting in September, 2020. Not much meaningful discussion other than which teams are in the water, which teams are not in the water and what the restrictions are for those teams that are running practices. Most of the New Jersey teams are not in the water.
- I also attended the Eastern Zone Technical Planning Meeting on November 14th, 2020
- One of the TPC Members, Matt Baxter and I, will be meeting this week to develop a possible championship meet format with the current restrictions & guidelines (that could easily

be expanded upon) as a way to generate some type of "in season" meet idea for the rest of the LSC. This would then be taken to the TPC to flesh it out more, and then to the BOD.

- The TPC was asked to look at planning for a championship season again. With things being so hard to predict right now we could explore options for April. It has been suggested that we have a plan A, B, C, D etc.
- Here are the notes of the planning phase of running Winter Champs.

Officiating at the following 4 facilities would be easier than alternative locations:

- BYB (Bangor YMCA) → BYB CCSC DEFY MDI
- KVV (Kennebec YMCA) → KVV MMD PBAY YWTS
- LRSC (Bath YMCA) → LRSC WCCU SSC
- SEAL (Westbrook) → PPSC SEAL CMA SMAC

Strong referee and administrative base at these pools
2 dual meets per facilitate - run back to back duels at the same facility
Flexibility of hours
50 person/session
~75 athletes per facility

16 teams are registered
- SMAC and SSC could go to either Westbrook or Bath

Number of Sessions: 6

Version 1: Collegiate Format OR Version 2: Bowdoin Open

Host team at the pool, can always switch teams around
- Teams (not including the host team) wouldn't find out until closer to the meet which facility they are swimming at

Need to get finalization from the facilities to make sure we're good to go

Date: April 30th - May 2nd

Look to switch some events around in Session 3 and 5 to make it more balanced rather than 100 heavy in Session 3 and 200 heavy in Session 5.

Sessions 1&2 - Friday
Sessions 3&4 - Saturday
Sessions 5&6 - Sunday
Trying to keep even playing field - no warm up, warm down (possibility of breaks)
6 events across the board
Scoring to 16th

Deadline - April 15th
Late Qualifiers - Weekend of the 17th/18th

- Developed the 2021/22 MESI Bid Process

2021/22 MESI Bid/Calendar Process

- Given the ever changing COVID situation, sanction requests will be accepted on an ongoing basis until further notice.
- There will be no bid meeting in May. The 2021-2022 Bid Meeting will be held in September prior to a special HOD. May HOD will plan to approve the dates for MESI sponsored events with location to be determined in September.

Tentative 2021/22 MESI Meet Calendar

1. MESI Developmental 1 Meet

Saturday, November 6th, 2021

2. MESI Winter Invitational

Friday-Sunday, December 10-12, 2021

3. MESI Developmental 2 Meet

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

4. MESI Winter Champ Trials

Saturday & Sunday March 5-6, 2022

5. MESI Winter Championships

Thursday-Sunday, March 17-20, 2022

- Further to this, I formed part of the committee that interviewed the nominees for the 2021 MESI Athlete Impact Award.