



Athletes Committee Report

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May 2021

- The new members of the Athlete Committee were Kristy Berry (DEFY), Audrey Cohen (SMAC), Noah Katz (KVY), McKayla Kendall (CCSC), Brim Peabody (CMA), Will Porter (CMA), Maria Saltysiak (MDIY), and Elle Yarborough (MDIY). Ethan Schulz (CMA) and Abby Hollis (SSC) were elected Junior Athlete rep and Junior Athlete At-Large rep respectively.
- An Athletes Committee group chat was created for easy communication between the committee.
- The AC started working on the planning of our leadership summit that was to be held in October.

June 2021

- The AC met with Taylor to discuss the future of Maine Swimming and to do strategic planning. We talked about things that the LSC was doing well, things the LSC could do better with, and goals for Maine Swimming by 2024.

August 2021

- The AC met to continue work on the leadership summit and started to think about what the subjects we wanted to talk about were going to be. We then talked about the format of the summit and whether or not we should do it in person. The consensus was to make a plan for both.
- On the 24th the committee met to go through orientation with Taylor. At the end of the meeting we brainstormed things to post on instagram and how to change the developmental meets. Taylor also mentioned various other things related to money available for athletes.

September 2021

- Finalized the date and speaker for the leadership summit. It was also decided when the applications would be due. We decided to use the team reps to get word out to the USA swimming athletes.
- The banquet location was discussed. It was decided that they would have the banquet at 33 Elmwood and then host a clinic at a later time.
- Taylor and Abby gave a report from their task force that had been talking about how to keep the sport fair. It was proposed that Maine Swimming stop allowing times from high school dual meets to count as cut time to Winter Champs.
- The committee decided to alter the social media postings to match the new MAAPP rules. Mary Ellen was to reach out to other states and see what they had for a social media policy so that we could use those as a base for ours.

October 2021

- The AC started to look at those who had signed up for the leadership summit. Final details about the summit were decided and we put together an athlete panel that would speak about their governance experience.
- Ethan Schulz was put in charge of getting more athletes involved on committees.
- Mary Ellen talked about needing volunteers for the Andrew Seliskar Meet. Ways to promote the meet were discussed.

November 2021

- The Andrew Seliskar meet was held Sunday November 7th. Athlete volunteers from the Athlete Committee help to run the clinic and swim portion as well as take pictures.

December 2021

- The Bath Senior meet was discussed and we went through the good things and the bad things about how the meets ran. There was discussion about how we could make it run smoother in the future.
- The committee decided that the athletes should get more involved in their communities by doing community service events.
- A task force was put together to finalize our own Social Media Policy using Maryland's as a template document.

January 2022

- AC voted on moving the Winter Champs Trials meet
- Voted on moving Winter Champs in order to not conflict with Y States. Location was also moved to Bath from Orono. The event line up was altered slightly to fit the meet in 3 days rather than 3.5.
- Changed the bonus structure of meets to be more well rounded and allow more people to swim full events
- Jeff Ward talked with the AC about wanting to move high school swim to the fall. Many of the athletes were not in favor as many do fall sports in high school. Athletes suggested that they try to loosen restrictions on club athletes before moving the entire season. This topic was discussed for a while until it was decided to be put on the back burner for now.

March 2022

- Athletes organized a book drive at Winter Champs. This event turned out to be very successful and we had several boxes of books to donate.
- Athlete rep application was posted. Four people applied and they were all interviewed before voting.
- Brady Hale won Junior Athlete Rep (SSC). Lucy Shaw (CMA) and Audrey Cohen (SMAC) tied for the At-Large position so we held a run-off election. Audrey won in the end and Lucy was offered a secretary position on the BOD.

April 2022

- Ethan Schulz and Ali Bragg went out to Denver for a USA Swimming workshop. They came back with several projects and ideas to work on for the coming year
- The banquet was held and many people believed that it was much better than previous years.
- Ethan Schulz wrote an athlete removal policy to make sure the great work our athletes have done in the past few years isn't undone in the years to come.
- Ethan also wrote a policy and bylaw change to add an Ex Officio position to the AC. Those proposals also changed who the group selecting the Athlete Committee would be made of.

May 2022

- Athletes committee applications were closed. There were a total of six applicants. Ali Bragg was one of the six but will be moved to Ex Officio if the bylaw change passes. Other candidates, at the time of writing this, have not been looked through or selected yet. New committee will be announced no later than May 15th.
- An athlete resource website will go live with the beginning of the new committee's term. This website was created and will be maintained by Ethan and Ali. It will be available for all and will have any resource any athletes in Maine Swimming might need. Upon go live suggestions for improvement will be greatly appreciated.