



Athlete Committee Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2023

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Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!

Call to Order - Brady Hale

Mission/Vision - Brady Hale

Roll Call - Brady Hale

Present: Brady Hale, Audrey Cohen, Noah Katz, Abigail Hollis, Elle Yarborough, Ian Fournier, Sarah Inman, Denali Wagstaff

Absent: McKayla Kendall, Evelyn Soule Parent, Emma Farnham

Guests: Rob Hale, Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers, Matt Montgomery

New Policy/ Rule Change-

Matt Montgomery says that in the coach's committee, there was a policy change that came up

and he wanted to let the athlete committee about it. The policy change was to eliminate the policy, “For Maine YMCA database dual meet or non-approved times to be considered for championships, the host team must complete a key official form documenting the meet was appropriately officiated as per national YMCA rules within 3 business days of the meet”. Matt said this rule change came up 1 season ago and the idea was that all Maine USA LSC times would be put into the USA Swimming database. In the YMCA league, these times are not put into the USA Swimming database. Since Maine is swimming down two teams and several hundred athletes the question remains if there will be enough competition at the Winter Champs. The overturning of this rule will allow more swimmers to compete at the Winter Champs making it more competitive. Mary Ellen Tynan said that getting rid of the 3 days but still being able to submit the form would be a good compromise. Matt said after talking to other coaches that is a compromise that most other coaches would except. Audrey Cohen Askes if the goal of the change was to get more people at Winter Champs. Matt says the goal of the rule change is to allow athletes who made a cut time at a meet under the same rules as YMCA swimming would be able to qualify to swim at Winter Champs. The objective is to give the opportunity to more swimmers who have met the qualifying standard to swim at Winter Champs. Mary Ellen wanted to clarify that in January she did not get many of the key official forms and she sent out an email reminding the coaches to fill out these forms. Many coaches realized they have not been doing their jobs so this brought up the idea for the rule change. Audrey asked how many more athletes would be able to swim at the champs if this rule was changed. Matt said it is unknown, but a small handful of swimmers might be added to winter camps. Mary Ellen said that most swimmers who swam their qualifying time during the seasons would also be able to repeat that time during the state meet.

Banquet -

Brady Hale asked about the location, awards, and date for the banquet. Brady proposes April 30th, 2023. Brady asks about the location. Brady proposes doing it in a banquet hall or somewhere fun like a bowling alley. Elle Yarborough says somewhere outside but, make sure the weather is good. Brady says maybe Waterville would be a good place for everyone to attend the banquet. Mary Ellen says maybe Augusta is a good spot or freeport at the Hilton Garden Inn. Mary Ellen says that she could bring entertainment in like a DJ or a game. Noah asks what is their budget. Taylor Rogers says the budget in the past has been \$2500 but it might have been lowered. Brady says the cost is \$23 for the top ten and \$27 for siblings and adults. Mary Ellen says maybe some people could split up the tasks between people. Noah says he can help work on location with Robert Hale and Ian. Denali, Audrey, Elle, and Abby said they can work on awards. 2 weeks to narrow down the list of awards and locations. Abby asks about new formatting for awards like more fun ones like from the golden goggles.



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Safe sport

Audrey reached out to coaches and has yet to hear back from anyone. The athletes will talk to their coaches about responding to Audrey.

Eastern Zones leadership retreat

Brady Presents on Eastern Zones Leadership Retreat held June 22-25 2023. This trip is geared toward swimmers who want to become more involved in governance in their LSC. There will be a swim meet at the new Colby college facilities during the trip. Athletes are not responsible for the cost of the trip but, the LSC is. Marry Ellen says she needs to get started on Maine's application for the trip.

Water safety day

Audrey says she is planning a water safety in April. water safety days will be held all over Maine due to the countless drowning victims in recent times. In this training, they will learn how to tread water, how to float, etc. Maine swimming needs volunteers to teach these classes however, the instructors might need some sort of certification such as lifeguard or CPR.

Noah makes a motion to adjourn

Abby seconds the motion.