



## Athlete's Committee Report

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### May 2020

- The Maine Swimming Athlete Committee was newly constructed this year and is comprised of nine athletes, including all of those on the Board of Directors. There were 5 appointed members in addition to the 4 reps: Keegan Mckenney (SMAC), Sadie Woodruff (PBAY), TJ Willis (MDIY), McKayla Kendall (CCSC), and Ethan Schulz (CMA)
- Created an athletes group chat to create an easier form of communication - Worked on creating an Athlete Leadership Summit (May-October): McKayla reached out to the Indiana reps to ask about the summit they ran for their statement

### June 2020

- Worked alongside the DE&I committee to form a BLM statement

### August 2020

- Sent out Athlete Leadership Summit application: roughly 40 applied and 32 attended the summit

### October 2020

- The Athlete Leadership Summit was held on October 17: The summit was facilitated by USA Swimming AEC Leadership Chair Jack Swanson, who led 32 MESI athletes through a session about leadership and values, as well as one on LSC governance. Both sessions lasted about an hour.
- Worked on getting the team reps more involved
- Did masks posts, promoted committees, and involvement with officiating

### November 2020

- Held an open meeting for all athletes discussing new community sports guidelines
- Taylor addressed mental health resources for athletes
- Wrote a letter to the governor addressing the impact of not swimming on mental health, times for college/scholarships, finances (dues/pool time), and home life for the athletes, in addition to sharing our commitment to following protocol as we asked for guideline changes in hopes of being able to swim
- Started Instagram takeovers in hopes of getting more athletes from across the state involved

## February 2021

- Worked alongside the Senior Committee and Kim O'Shea to create Saturday games for the athletes (9-12, 13 & Over) - \$900
- Athlete Representation: Amateur Sports Act was amended so we needed to increase the number of athletes on every board and committee

## April 2021

- Posted Junior Athlete Representative Application: received five applications

## May 2021

- Ethan Schulz (CMA) was elected Junior Athlete Rep and Abby Hollis (SSC) was elected At-Large
- On May 11, the Junior/Senior Athlete Reps and At-Large Reps met to review the applications for the Athletes Committee as well as discuss a possible bylaw change.
- The bylaw change would be expanding the Athletes Committee from 9 members to a range of 9-13. Including a range would give the committee the ability to fluctuate by year depending on the number of applications received.
- The newly named members of the committee are: Kristy Barry (DEFY), Brim Peabody (CMA), McKayla Kendall (CCSC), Maria Saltysiak (MDI), Noah Katz (KVY)
- There are four others that we are hopeful can be added to the committee: Elle Yarborough (MDI), Maria Delmonte (PPSC), Audrey Cohen (SMAC), and Will Porter (CMA)