



Athlete's Committee Report

HOD June 25, 2023

May 2022

The new Athletes Committee was approved. It consisted of Ali Bragg(PPSC), Denali Wagstaff(MDI), Emma Farnham(MMD), Lucy Shaw(CMA), Elle Yarborough(MDI), and Mckayla Kendal(CCSC).

June 2022

In June the new MESI Athlete Resource Website became live and is still being updated. We started talking about some volunteer ideas, we knew we wanted to volunteer somewhere we just didn't know where yet. Ideas were beach/trail clean up, soup kitchen, or summer camp clean up. There would be two locations on the same day to reduce travel for people, one more north and one more south.

August 2022

In August the Athletes Committee was brainstorming some ideas to get Athlete engagement up. We came up with some peer mentoring and a possible get together. We decided that we would bring someone to the next meeting who isn't on any MESI committees. The goal was to get them interested in being on the Athletes Committee or any committee.

September 2022

In September we each brought a guest to the meeting in hopes of getting them interested in joining. We also went over the Eastern Zone leadership retreat. We looked at the Athlete Selection process and what that would look

like. We gathered information from the committee to see how we can make it better.

October 2022

In October we continued to work on the Eastern Zone leadership Retreat. We started talking about grants and fundraising. We knew that this event was going to cost a lot and to help cover the cost of it we looked at applying for some grants and any fundraising that we could get.

November 2022

In November we held the Brenden Hansen clinic at the Bath YMCA. This was a huge success and every athlete loved it and loved Brenden Hansen. Everything was planned very well and the event ran very smoothly. We hope to host Brendan Hansen in Maine again soon.

January 2023

We started planning the 2023 MESI Banquet. We started off by talking about what we liked and didnt like in the previous year to make it better. We consulted with Karin Tonello and Rob Hale who both have experience in planning banquets. They were extremely helpful in this process.

February 2023

We continued planning the 2023 MESI Banquet and the 2023 Eastern Zone leadership retreat. At this point in both of these events we were gathering information on what the Athletes thought on certain ideas and activities. Part of our mission is to create opportunities in Maine Swimming. When planning all these events we always make sure that we are following our mission statement.

March 2023

We held the annual Maine Winter Championship meet at Bowdoin College. The Athletes Committee put out a form on Instagram for athletes to fill out if they were interested in doing instagram takeovers. We had a huge success with

that, we had 4 athletes take over on each day of Winter Champs. We talked about doing more takeovers in the future.

April 2023

In April we did not have an Athletes Committee Meeting. We had not yet approved the next committee members. The new committee consists of the four Athlete Reps, Olivia Tighe(UN), Lylah Wagstaff(MDI), Denali Wagstaff(MDI), Elle Yarborough(MDI), and Sarah Inman(Seals).

May 2023

The Athlete's Committee hosted the 2023 Maine Swimming Banquet. It was held at 33 Elmwood. We had a little over 100 attendees, that included all four Athlete Reps, 1 board member, 2 coaches and the rest were swimmers and adults. It didn't run as smoothly as we wanted it to but we have learned a lot and know how to make it better next year. We have also finalized the details for the Eastern Zone Leadership Retreat.

Respectfully Submitted,

The 2022-2023 Athletes Committee