



Athlete's Committee Report January 24 2022

On Tuesday, December 28 (2021), a volunteer opportunity was offered for MESI athletes to help out for MDI Open Table's Tuesday supper and their food access program. There were two time slots available (9-1 food prep and 3-6 serving time) and all of the volunteers went to the 9-1 time slot.

8 athletes attended, 7 from MDI Sharks and 1 from DEFY. It was put together pretty last minute so it wasn't expected that there was going to be remarkably high attendance. Maria Saltysiak was the primary coordinator of the event and she thought that in regards to how the group worked and those that attended, the event ran really smoothly.

Obviously, it would have been better if we had more teams attend. The only reason the one person from DEFY attended is because he also swims on the MDIHS swim team, so it was easier to talk with him directly. The Sharks Sprint meet was December 18th and I asked McKayla if she and her teammates could come. She was all for it but the date didn't work for her. I think she was going to bring some people from her team too. I should have asked Kristy at the meet if she and some people from her team would be interested. In the future, giving more notice before having an event like this could increase engagement from the athletes but for how quickly the opportunity came about, everything fell together pretty well.

Most recently, the athletes are working on ways for Ethan Smith to share his experience at the National Diversity Select Camp with MESI athletes. We are going to reach out to Ethan and propose some ideas and see if he is interested in any of them. Other than that, we haven't done much in the past month.