



## **MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Maine Swimming Athletes Committee**

**7 pm via Zoom**

**8/24/21**

**Mission Statement: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine Swimming**

**Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!**

Present: Kristy Barry, Audrey Cohen, Maria Delmonte, Abby Hollis, Will Porter, Elle Yarborough, McKayla Kendall, Maria Saltysiak, Ethan Schulz

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers

Absent: Brim Peabody, Emma Farnham, Ali Bragg, Noah Katz

Topic: Athlete's Committee Orientation

McKayla volunteered to take the meeting notes in Emma's absence.

Call to order at 7:07PM

1. Reading of Mission, Vision & Core Values by Kristy

2. Orientation

Taylor begins the orientation by going over expectations of the Athlete's Committee.

### **Governance**

Taylor explained that meetings should run as follows; call to order, agenda, approve minutes, other business, adjourn. During the meetings, we should receive reports from any athletes on other committees but that guests must be invited to speak by the leader of the meeting.

### **Duties**

Care, faith, and loyalty. Remind everyone to be respectful even if you don't agree with the outcome of the vote.

### **Responsibilities**

#### **HOD**

- Taylor reminded everyone that the next House of Delegates meeting will be on September 11th at 10AM.
- It's important for athletes to read over the agenda and make sure to be knowledgeable in order to speak up about opinions.

#### **Filling committee positions**

- We were given a list of committees that need athletes.
- Special focus was on the DEI and Safe Sport committees



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- Taylor reminded everyone that it is the Athlete Committee's responsibility to think about athletes for these committees.

### **Social Media**

- Mary Ellen brought up that we should establish a social media policy - she mentioned that Maryland is working on one.
- We have the goal of highlighting achievements out of the pool on our social media.

### **Leadership Summit**

- Planned for October 16th from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM.
- The applications and itinerary should be sent out by HOD.

### **Other Business**

- Reminder that national committee applications are open until October 8th.
- The board voted to increase the budget for club grants that would go to clubs that choose to implement water safety programs.
- Mary Ellen asked about the best way to communicate and we agreed that a group chat works for the athletes committee and that we'll use social media to spread information to everyone.
- We talked about making a group chat for all of the team reps in order to get important/specific information directly to each team.
- Taylor reviews new MAAPP
  - The new rules can be found at this link:  
[https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/safe-sportdocuments/maapp\\_2.0/webinar-recordings/2021\\_lao\\_maapp\\_2-0\\_highlighted.pdf](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/safe-sportdocuments/maapp_2.0/webinar-recordings/2021_lao_maapp_2-0_highlighted.pdf)
  - We agreed to post the highlights of the rules on social media.
- We have a tentative schedule planned for the coming season. Our committee should think about new options for the D1 and D2 swim meets (maybe an IMX or supersprint).
- Taylor reminded the committee about athlete reimbursement parameters for certain travel meets.
  - You must be continuously registered in Maine Swimming 12 months prior to the meet and must also compete in 2 MSI sanctioned meets during this time.
  - You must qualify and compete in an individual event.
  - Your club must send a representative to the next HOD meeting and applications must be sent in within 30 days
  - 14 and unders attending in the Eastern Zones Short Course Age Group Championships are eligible for up to \$200.
- Mary Ellen suggested that we post about athletes going to meets outside of the LSC.
- Taylor mentioned approved money for summer zones as well as possibly running training trips. The goal would be to decide on these events and push for them at the leadership summit.



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Motion to adjourn by McKayla, seconded by Kristy.

Motion unanimously passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

McKayla Kendall

8/30/21