



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Maine Swimming Athletes Committee

7 pm via Zoom

9/6/21

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

Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!

Present: Audrey Cohen, Abby Hollis, Will Porter, Elle Yarborough, McKayla Kendall, Maria Saltysiak, Ethan Schulz, Ali Bragg, Brim Peabody

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers, TJ Willis, Fionna Cashman

Absent: Emma Farnham, Noah Katz, Kristy Barry, Maria Delmonte

1. Call to order at 7:04PM
2. Reading of Mission and Vision by Ali
3. It was decided that McKayla will take notes in Emma's absence.

Leadership Summit

- October 16th from 10:30-1.
- Jack Swanson will be leading the summit.
- The committee goal was to finalize the application process and deadline.
 - We agreed on Wednesday, October 6th as the deadline.
- The second goal was to figure out how to reach all USA registered athletes that would be interested in attending.
 - We plan on messaging team reps and potentially having clubs send out an email.

MESI Banquet

- Since the Freeport Y doesn't have a team this year, we decided to change venues for the banquet which will be held at the end of April.
- The proposed idea was as follows: Rather than holding a clinic followed by a banquet, the MESI banquet will be held at 33 Elmwood.
- The majority of committee members favored 33 Elmwood with no clinic.
- The clinic could be saved for another time.

Committee Reports

- Taylor and Abby reported on a topic that was being voted on by the task force. The goal was to be fair to athletes of all experience levels while also upholding our rules and standards.



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- The task force proposal was to not include MPA times except those that come from observed meets.
 - For more explanation, the debate was focused on whether or not all high school meet times should be allowed to count towards Winter Champs qualification. If turned down, it would not remove the ability to get times observed at conference and state championships.
- Taylor further explained that there are differences between the USA and high school officiating rulebooks as well as a possible difference in the quality of officiating.
- After extensive discussion, Ethan called it to question and the committee held a vote.
 - The vote passed with 6 votes in favor of the proposal and two in opposition (Maria Saltysiak and Will Porter).

Social Media Policy

- The committee agreed that we'll adopt the same hours for posting on social media as the MAAPP hours for contacting coaches (5am-9pm).
- Mary Ellen will look into other LSC's policies.
- Brim made the motion to table this for our next meeting. Second by McKayla. Motion passed unanimously.

Committees

- Steven Johnston will be appointed to the Finance committee.
 - Motion by McKayla. Second by Brim. Motion passed unanimously.
- Emma, Maria S, and McKayla will be appointed to DEI
 - Motion by Ethan. Second by Abby. Motion passed unanimously.
- Safe Sport needs to replace Maddie Buck - Maria S may be interested but the committee needs to look for others that may be interested.
- McKayla expressed interest in the Age Group committee.
- Ali will fill the TPC opening.
- Reach out to athletes that were at last year's leadership summit for interest.



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Other Business

- Mary Ellen reminded the committee that HOD will be Saturday, September 11th at 10AM. Register with the jotform for the meeting link.

Motion to adjourn by McKayla, seconded by Maria.

Motion unanimously passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

McKayla Kendall

9/7/21