

Athlete Meeting

Meeting Date: December 22, 2019

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm EST

Persons Present: Brimwin Peabody, Ella Leonard, Gavin Mcleod, Kristy Barry, Melina Masselli, T.J. Willis

T.J. - opened the meeting by sharing a SwimSwam article that describes what the citation is, "www.swimswam.com/eastern-zone-takes-aim-at-liberty-university-with-new-meet-hosting-policy/"

T.J.- then goes into an overview of the LGBTQ situation at Liberty

Kristy - goes into more depth and her experience at Convention where it all took place

T.J. - states what are some of the options that we come away with. Whether to go or not to go, go and not support it, then asks for ideas for what some options are

Gavin - brings up that since the athletes themselves who have swam at Liberty have not felt that uncomfortable and that no hostility has been pushed upon them based off of Kristy's information from Liberty

Ella - thinks we should make it known that we don't affiliate our selves with thoughts towards the LGBTQ community

Melina - states that swimmers like going and we shouldn't not go and we should support the swimmers that go

The Athletes then come to a consensus that Maine Swimming should let the swimmers go and should support them, but to put out a statement that we don't agree with Liberty University's thoughts towards the LGBTQ community

Meeting adjourned around 7:10pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. Willis MESI Athlete Representative