



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Board of Director Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2020

Present: Kristy Barry, Ali Bragg, Henry Clauson, Marcel Da Ponte, Emma Farnham, Holly Hatch, Matt Montgomery, Jay Morissette, Brim Peabody, Betsy Perron, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, Jim Willis, Carrie Wood Peabody

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Absent: Keli Gillespie, Stacy Kennard, Zack Mullin, John Smith,

Mission, Vision and Core Values read.

Approval of 8/3/2020 Minutes

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Brim Peabody to accept the minutes from the August 3rd meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Officials' Committee

Motion by Henry Clauson, second by Taylor Rogers to approve the members of the Officials' Committee:

1. Henry Clauson - MESI LSC Officials Chair
2. Tammy Da Ponte - Official with CMA
3. Tom Gagnon - Official with PPSC
4. McKayla Kendall - Athlete with CCSC
5. Jeff Mason - Official with KVY
6. Steve Pellegrino - Official with HSC
7. Ethan Schulz - Athlete with CMA

Motion passed unanimously.

Meet Sanction Guidelines

The Crisis Management Committee met on 8/13 to discuss and amend the meet sanction guidelines.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, seconded by Jay Morissette to accept amended guidelines.

Discussion:

Clarification of \$500 fine. The meet ref, LSC Officials Chair, and Sanction Chair assess the fine; the BOD approves the fine. Fines for offenses can be imposed on both the meet host and guest teams. The first sanction meet will likely be a dual meet between CMA and the Seals at the Westbrook Community Center.

Motion passed unanimously.



Guidelines to be posted immediately on the web page.

AO Clinic

Thomas Branch will host an AO clinic at 9:00 am on Friday, August 21; signups are on the web site.

NHFS CoVid Clinic

Not recommended that coaches be required to take this course at this time.

Jim reminded everyone of the importance of **TAKING ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE**.

Positive CoVid Test Policy

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette to adopt proposed positive test policy, based on the SoCal LSC policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Policy will be posted immediately on MESI web page.

Coach Education

Ian Murray virtual clinic on dryland will be presented on Wednesday, August 26. Coaches must register online ahead of time.

Leadership Summit

The application has been finalized and will be posted. Applications will be due by September 17.

Swimposium

Anthony Ervin is still interested in coming as long as he is still in the States. Should the borders with Canada reopen, he will be travelling back to Canada. If Anthony cannot attend, we will have a different athlete attend. Athlete events will be held on Saturday; adult events will be held on Sunday. Among the presenters will be Jane Grosser, Matt Wilson and Brendan Hanson.

Around this time, Marcel Da Ponte entered the meeting and Henry Clauson left.

New Board Members

Taylor Rogers will lead a transition meeting for new members to the BOD around the first week of September. Betsy and Carrie will meet to discuss Secretary duties.

Other



The Eastern Zone will have the General Meeting on 9/19/20 before the Convention. We are allowed 5 votes (4 + an Athlete) at the EZ General Meeting. We need to make sure that MESI is fully represented at the meeting. Note: we should create a breakout room before the meeting starts.

In the Eastern Zone LSC's, 40-50% of the teams are without pool access at this time. Many states have travel restrictions in place and not much is planned right now, in terms of competition. Can the northern part of the zone pick up some responsibility for hosting meets (both in person and virtual) if the southern half is unable to do so?

The Convention will be 9/24-9/26 @ Jacksonville, virtually. The General Chair, Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Age Group Chair, Coach Rep and the Senior Athlete Rep (Taylor, Sponge, Kristy, Mike and Keli) should attend. Please RSVP to Mary Ellen by 9/1/2020.

The HOD will be on Saturday, 9/26 at 10 am. Mary Ellen Tynan and Jay Morissette and also voting delegates. Anyone may attend but you need to preregister.

Vendor: Karin Tonello (PPSC) knows of a vendor who can print apparel on demand if we would like to place an order featuring the new logo. Based on previous attempts, it is not advised that we attempt to run an apparel sale at this time. If we are able to host a big event (virtual or in person), we may find more success selling merchandise. Ideas for merchandise include caps, stickers, tattoos in addition to traditional t-shirts, etc.

June 15, 2020 Minutes: This portion of the minutes needs to be amended to add "Senior Chair" and "one additional athlete", which were previously omitted:

*"...accept proposed policy change #1 with the following amendment. The TPC will include the TPC Chair, Coach Representative, **Senior Chair**, Age Group Chair, Officials' Chair and Junior Athlete Representative and **one additional athlete**..."*

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette to accept the amendment.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Athlete Committee needs to put forth a second athlete to join the TPC; must be at least 16 years old/sophomore in high school.

Top 10 and Record certificates will be mailed soon.



Because of Covid restrictions, we cannot allow officials to shadow at meets, therefore, there can be no certifications awarded for new/ promoted officials at this time.

Reminder to all teams that their Board of Director members must all be registered with USA Swimming.

Next Meeting TBD.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Jim Willis to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MESI Secretary on September 4, 2020