MESI Coaches' Committee/Technical Planning Committee 10/25/18 Via Zoom

Coaches Present: Matt Baxter (PPSC), Suzy Boccanfuso (CBS), Trevor Edmunds (NYCY), Lori LaPointe (WCCU), Matt Montgomery (DEFY), Betsy Perron (SEAL), Taylor Rogers (CCSC), Tate Warden (SYT), Marie Weferling (UN)

TPC Present: Emily Ecker (PPSC), Jay Morissette (LRSC), Zack Mullin (GPS), Grace Perron (SEAL), Mike Schmidt (KVY), John Smith (SEAL), Jim Willis (MDIY)

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Winter Champs 2019 Items

Motion by John Smith, second by Taylor Rogers: At Winter Champs, have A relays only.

Friendly amendment by Matt Baxter: Allow A & B relays with cut times.

Discussion: MET- Do the swimmers who qualify the relay have to be the swimmers who actually swim the relay at Champs? JS – you can enter anyone; JM must be someone with a cut time in that age group; MET- very difficult to track that. JM-then just require cut times, doesn't matter who actually swims the race. TR- no relay-only swimmers; LL –for relay only swimmers.

Motion passes unanimously: A & B Relays only at Winter Champs. Relay only swimmer protocol remains unchanged...

Motion by Jay Morissette, second by Taylor Rogers: swim relays in traditional age groups.

Discussion: Relays at champs will be 10 & U, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & over **Motion passes with 3 opposed.**

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Baxter: Eliminate relay only swimmers for B relays.

Motion fails.

Motion by John Smith, second by Marie Weferling: Sunday relays have the option to compete at am or pm session; must declare at scratch meeting.

Discussion: Still scored together. MM – against splitting up the championship heat. JW – won't change duration of the meet.

Motion fails.

Motion by Matt Baxter, second by Taylor Rogers; On Sunday, all older age (13-14, 15 & 0) group relays will be swum at prelims.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Matt Montgomery, second by Taylor Rogers: For 12& under relays, anything but the championship heat will be combined heats (girls and boys) but will be scored separately.

Discussion: Fastest heats first. 10 & U girls (1), 10 & under boys (1), 11-12 girls (1), 11-12 boys (1) then rest swim mixed.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Jim Willis, second by John Smith; For the 10 & U and 11-12 500 freestyle, combine heats, except for the top 8. Combined slower heats swim first; fastest heat goes last. Follow protocol for relays but reversed slowest to fastest.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Mike Schmidt: Limit entries for the 500 free & 400 IM for all age groups and the 1000, 1650, 200 fly, 200 back and 200 breast for younger swimmers.

Discussion: MB, JW against limiting the entries; suggest running those events in the same way as the 12& u 500's.

Motion fails.

The events will be run in the same way as the 12&u 500's.

Motion by John Smith, second by Taylor Rogers: Eliminate allowing bonus events and 1st-2nd Champs Trials finishers who don't make cut times from Winter Champs. (Everyone must make a cut time for each event that they enter at Winter Champs.)

Friendly amendment by Matt Montgomery and Taylor Rogers: Allow bonus entries for shorter events for 12 & Unders (no 200 specialty stroke, 500 free or 400 IM); eliminate bonus entries for 13& over distance events (1000 and 1650).

Motion passes unanimously.

Grace Perron left the meeting.

Motion by Matt Baxter, second by Lori LaPointe: To compete in the following events, a swimmer must make qualifying times, regardless of finish at Champ Trials – 10& u, 11-12 500 free and 11-12 200 fly, 200 back, 200 breast and 400 IM.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Lori LaPointe: Post and announce the high point winners at Winter Champs but do not give awards at the banquet.

Discussion: Most kids don't pick up their awards at the banquet anyway. MB- just give the awards at the meet.

Motion fails.

High Point Awards will be handed out at the meet.

Comment: JW – if disable swimmers meet the disabled swimmer cut times, they can count as relay swimmers.

Warmups

All prelim warmups should be organized; finals warmups may be open. Have shorter warm up times with open warm up at the end with starts and sprints. Run monitored outside lanes for warmups during the meet. We need to borrow an extra laneline from a Bangor area team. Taylor Rogers will check with Zach Gassaway to see if we can borrow one from him.

Motion by Jim Willis, second by Taylor Rogers: Run a ten minute warm up after the freestyle events in the morning sessions, longer warmups after the freestyle events at finals.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Jim Willis: Afternoon warmups will be 2x 20 minutes for 11-12 years followed by a 15 minute warm-up for 10& U's plus a 5-10 minute session for starts.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Jay Morissette, second by Taylor Rogers: tweak the age groups at Champs Trials to allow swimmers who age up between Trials and JO's an opportunity to compete in the aged-up events.

Discussion: must be allowed only for kids who are aging up between the two meets. Age groups at Trials will be 10 & U, 10-12, 12-14, 14 & over. Those 10, 12, 14 year olds who age up after Trials but before Champs should swim with the older age group. All others are with the younger **Motion passes.**

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Jim Willis: approve the proposed dates from 2021-2024 for MESI Winter Champs, MESI3, MLK LCM Meet.

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2024 July 18-21 or July 25-28
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MLK LCM Meet (hosted by either by MESI or Colby/club)
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2021 Jan 15-18 2022 Jan 14-17 2023 Jan 13-16 2024 Jan 12-15

Additional events that could potentially be hosted at Colby:

May LCM Meet (hosted by Colby)

Colby has expressed interest in running a May LCM meet, Prelims/Finals

MESI June LCM Meet (hosted by either MESI or Colby/club)

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November Clinic or Developmental Meet SCY
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2020 Nov 7-8

2021 Nov 6-7

2022 Nov 5-6

2023 Nov 4-5

Other Maine Meets @TBD Maine Winter Champ Trials

2021 Feb 27-28

2022 March 5-6

2023 March 4-5

2024 March 2-3

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2021 March 12-14

2022 March 18-20

2023 March 17-19

2024 March 15-17

Discussion: Jim will propose these dates to Colby if approved by the TPC; other meets and clinics would be contingent on pricing.

Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MESI Secretary. 11/1/18