

Coaches' Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023

Attendance: Dana Barrows (SEAL), Kyle Bauer (MMD), Hodding Carter (PBAY), Collin Chamberlain (SYT), Lauren Dwyer (MMD), Todd Larlee (CMA), Lindsay McMahon (MVSC), Jay Morissette (LRSC), Matt Reed (TCST), Shawn Rich (BYB), Taylor Rogers (CCSC), Sponge Savage (LRSC), Mike Marcy Scharf (SEAL), Schmidt (KVY), Marie Weferling (MVSC), Jim Willis (MDIY), Aaron Winslow (WCY)

Guests: Zach Gasaway, Jennie Pillsbury (SEAL), Mary Ellen Tynan (MESI)

1. General discussion regarding current health and future of Maine Swimming.
 - a. Much of the discussion focused on ways to make it easier, more palatable for senior swimmers to attend Maine Swimming meets. Also ways to make it easier, less expensive for clubs to host events.
2. Motion by Jay, second by Hodding: Eliminate the highlighted portion of the following from the Championship Entry Procedure (Policies & Procedures, 1102 - Championship Entry Procedure, 1.)
 1. Proof of Qualification for short course winter championships shall be submitted with each team's emailed or submitted entries. The Proof of Time Report must be a pdf copy of the Meet Entry Report from team management software sorted by name; under other options for the report include proof of time. Eligible times may come from the USA-SWIMS Database (includes times from observations at Maine High School State and Regional Meets), NCAA National Times Database, and the USMS National Times Database. **For Maine YMCA Database dual meet (non-approved) times to be considered for MESI champs, the host team must complete a Key Officials Form documenting the meet was appropriately officiated as per National YMCA rules within 3 business days of the meet.** Unobserved swims from the MPA Database are not eligible for meet qualification. Failure to verify may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Meet Jury.

Friendly amendment by Mike to have the rule retroactive for this season.

Discussion:

Marcy asked if Y rules were the same as USA Swimming. Jay confirmed they are the same rules.

Taylor mentioned that it might not be fair to change the rule mid-season when some clubs have made plans to travel out of state in order to get their athletes times to count.

Jay we are in a different situation now with fewer athletes, we need to allow as many qualified swimmers in as possible.

Aaron asked if YMCA swimmers needed to be registered at the time they meet qualifying standards. Matt confirmed that Y swimmers do not need to be registered in order to qualify.

Mary Ellen mentioned that requiring athletes to only register for the championship meet does not make for a healthy LSC.

Jay says that we need to overturn this rule in order to make this Winter Champs a better meet this year.

AJ asked if we allowed these times to count, could we require the athletes to register within 10 days of making the time. Jim says not this year. AJ restates that it could encourage earlier registration.

In Favor: Jay, Collin, Matt Reed, Aaron, Kyle, Jim, Hodding, Lauren, Marie, Mike,

Opposed: Marcy, Dana, Lindsay, AJ, Taylor, Shawn

Abstain: Sponge, Todd

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm