

MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Maine Swimming Age Group and Senior Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom 1/3/2023

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

Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!

Present Senior Committee: Jim Willis, AJ Rog, Matt Montgomery, Tanner Johnson, Abby Hollis

Present Age Group Committee: Jim Willis, AJ Rog, Matt Montgomery, Collin Chamberlain, Tanner Johnson, Brady Hale, Audrey Cohen, Rhyan Price, Margo Diamond

Absent: Dana Barrows, McKayla Kendall, Matt Reed

Guests: Mary Ellen, Jay Morissette

- Had a coaches meeting last week
 - The coaches said that they wanted to have one combined meet that will be held at Bowdoin, this meet would be from March 16 through the 19th.
- Aj made a Motion to change the meet to one combine meet and Audrey second it
 - Abby asked where the 11-12 and the 10 and under will swim and Jim said that 11-12 will swim in the morning and afternoon and the 10 and under will be in the afternoon
 - Top 10 for the 11-12 will come back
 - AJ made a motion to have 11-12 have finals for most events except the 500 Free and the 400 IM and the 10 and under will be held at night Tanner Johnson second it
- Jim explained the super finals, there will be a top heat regardless of age
 - Matt Montgomery made a motion. Rhyan second it
 - Tanner also said that it would make for a fun race
 - And Rhyan said that she liked it a lot and it reminded her of Bowdoin open which is her favorite event
- Aj made a motion to have 10 and unders swim timed finals in the afternoon and Margo second it. It passes unanimously.
- We have invites out to Nova Scotia and North Shore Y. Jim would like us to approve

- AJ made a motion to keep the invites out to Nova Scotia and North Shore Y it was second by Tanner.
 - Mary Ellen asked if we are keeping the bonus events the same
 - we are keeping them the same
 - You get up to 4 bonus events
 - We are keeping the qualifying time the same
 - Motion passes
- Jim would like the The 200 relays to be single gender
 - Aj made a motion to have just single gendered relays and Tanner second it, Motion passes
- The age group committee voted in past meetings on 7 events, but the Senior committee did not
 - Jim says that older kids do not like 7 events and that in past years we have only had 6 events
 - Audrey says that we should have it be six events since the first day is the distance day so that means you have to do 7 events over the course of 3 days, which is a lot
 - Doing 3 finals is tough for all swimmers
 - Tanner agreed and said that it can get overwhelming and you get very exhausted
 - Rhyan said that swimming events back to back is very hard
 - Jim said that we need to increase the competition this year
 - Jim also said that even if the max number of events is 7 you aren't required to swim that many
 - Margo is a fan of more events and she says that they don't have to swim all 8 events but she feels like she and other parents wouldn't want to drive to the pool just to swim one event. She thinks that kids can handle two or three events at trials
 - Jim says that we have to compromise on the number of events
 - Matt said that the events are very different the mile isn't offered for the 12 and under
 - In the past, the younger kids always swam 9 events, 3 per day, the older kids swam 6 events
 - Matt made a motion 12 and under would have 7 events while 13 and over would have 6 and Collin second it
 - Aj made a motion for adjournment and Matt second it. Motion passes.