

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2020 at 12PM via Zoom

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

Vision: Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

Core Values: Sportsmanship, Excellence, Leadership, Fun

ATTENDEES: Jack Pillsbury (12:15PM), Taylor Rogers, Brian Savage, Mike Schmidt, Olivia Tighe, Mary Ellen Tynan

GUESTS: Kyle Bauer. Brim Peabody and TJ Willis

Taylor called meeting to order at 12:05PM.

Reading of Mission and Vision Statements.

1. Adopt minutes from last meeting. Mike makes a motion to approve the minutes. Olivia second.

Motion passes.

2. Athlete Committee Proposal – Taylor shares By-laws and P & P Athlete Committee Sections.

Reminder to keep by-law changes to a minimum.

- a. Last meeting GC passed recommendations for Athlete Rep elections. Brim and TJ in support of the recommendations.
- b. Discussion regarding by-law and P&P descriptions at how HOD At-Large Athletes will be determined. The Athlete Committee would be recommended as the HOD At-Large Athletes.
- c. Taylor noted that P & P for Athlete Rep elections is not how we currently do it. Need to update P & P that athletes nominate themselves. Policy 1004.
- d. Who is selecting the other athletes for the athlete committee? Is it the two Athlete Reps and two At-Large Athletes. Taylor recommends that these four with the Senior Chair will select from the applicants. Notice will be given to all eligible athletes one week before applications are due. Athletes must submit an application via the Maine Swimming website. Committee positions will be for one year running May 1 to April 30th with the possibility of reselection. No term limit at this time. By-laws will need to be updated. There will be nine members total of the Athlete Committee (see attached edits).

3. Policy and Procedures – Part 2

- a. 702 - Meet Director's Handbook. Add exam and recertify after a certain number of years. Mike suggested three-four years. Mary Ellen noted officials every three years so that makes consistent.
- b. Housekeeping references to Eastern Zone Board of Review.
- c. 502 – House of Delegates – clarify that if they miss just one meeting and club not eligible for reimbursement
- d. 601 – Bid Process is convoluted. Should go to Technical.
- e. 709 – Deck Registration – clarify. Most teams put in their meet info that Deck Registrations are not allowed. Mike suggests getting rid of Deck Registrations. Mike motion to get rid of Deck Registrations. Second by Sponge. Passes unanimously.
- f. 714. – After Sept 1 we can get rid of tech suit policy. Motion by Mike to remove tech suit policy. Second Mary Ellen. Passes unanimously.
- g. 1001.3 – BOD will be Meet Committee for champs. Should this be the Meet Committee instead of BOD. Mike makes motion to change to meet committee. Mary Ellen second. Passes unanimously.

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- h. 1002.5 – entering into Champs and competing unattached and being fined \$200. Clarify if fine is only if athlete registers and stays entered in champs. Mike makes a motion that we change the language to the fine will only be incurred if they remain in the meet. Second by Sponge. Passes unanimously.
- i. 1002.7 – Taylor wanted to clarify relays
- j. 1002.4 – Mike makes motion to remove meet director and add entry chairperson. Second Sponge. Motion passes unanimously.
- k. 902 – travel fund surcharge needs to be added to P & P for Sept 1.
- l. Meet Fees – individual events are more for champs but relays are not and same for out of lsc teams - Mary Ellen will check minutes. Bowdoin Open still charging \$12 for relays. Taylor kicking back to finance.
- m. 713 – swimmer competing under protest. Says protest can go to the House of Delegates but should that really happen? Sponge suggests taking it out. Right now just goes to Board. Mike says because it says or either avenue is OK. Just to remain eligible to compete. Mary Ellen suggests tabling and she will look up what other LSCs due. Mike says House of Delegates in there is confusing and do we want HOD making a decision on an appeal. They are not as effective to deal with this. Also clarify meet jury. Needs to say members can't be from the same team.

- n. Next meeting Saturday April 25th at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM