



MAINE SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
6:30PM via ZOOM

1. Call to Order @ 6:39PM & Reading of Mission, Vision & Core Values
 - a. MISSION: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.
 - b. VISION: Maine Swimming - You CAN get there from here!
 - c. CORE VALUES: Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

2. Roll Call

CLUB	HOD DELEGATE	Others	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
BYB	Paul Monyok	Shawn Rich	GC	Taylor Rogers (CCSC)
CCSC	Taylor Rogers		AVC	Sponge Savage (LRSC)
CMA	Mike Mahoney	Jeff Ward	FVC	Holly Hatch (UN)
DEFY	Matt Montgomery		TREAS	Stacy Kennard (KVY)
KVY	Mike Schmidt		SENIOR	Jim Willis (MDIY) (absent)
LRSC	Jay Morissette		AG	AJ Rog (SSC)
MDIY	Jim Willis (absent)		SEC	Carrie Wood-Peabody (CMA)
MMD	Kyle Bauer		OFFICIAL	Henry Clauson (UN)
MVSC	Lindsay McMahon		DEI	Zack Mullin (PPSC)
PBAY	Hodding Carter		OP RISK	Kyle Bauer (MMD)
PPSC	Karin Tonello		SS	Karin Tonello (PPSC)
SEAL	Marcy Scharf		TPC	Paul Monyok (BYB)
SMAC	Polly Cohen		COACH	Marcel Da Ponte (CMA)
SSC	AJ Rog		SR AR	Ethan Schulz (CMA)
SYT	Collin Chamberlain		Sr AL	Abby Hollis (SSC)
TCST	Vanessa Williamson		JR AR	Brady Hale (SSC)
WCCU	Lori Lapointe (absent)		JR AL	Audrey Cohen (SMAC)
WCY	Aaron Winslow (absent)			
Athlete	Ali Bragg (PPSC) (absent)			
Athlete	Emma Farnham (MMD)			
Athlete	KcKayla Kendall (CCSC) (absent)			
Athlete	Lucy Shaw (CMA)			
Athlete	Denali Wagstaff (MDIY)			
Athlete	Elle Yarborough (MDIY)			

- c. GUESTS: Mary Ellen Tynan (UN), Nate Chessey (USA Swimming)
- d. CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: WCCU, WCY

Taylor shared Rules of Engagement - Keep athletes first, Participate, Treat Everyone with Respect, Support Decisions Once They Are Made

Taylor highlights year –



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Welcome new members; recognized Athlete Breakout LSC of the Year award and Eastern Zone Athlete Leadership retreat being planned for June of next year. At Eastern Zone meeting, we were awarded \$5,100 to promote that cause, which is developing athlete leaders in both LSC and Zone.

Athlete Clinics with Andrew Seliskar and Brendan Hansen were held this year.

Summer Champs to be hosted at Colby

Winter Champs were held in person, thanks to Sponge & Bath YMCA for their hard work

Making some changes to banquet for coming year, no details given

Had coaches clinic in spring with Brendan Hansen and Nate Chessey from USA Swimming which was very productive

Congratulations to Sponge, for receiving Outstanding Service award; Todd Marco for receiving Official of the Year; Mike Schmidt, Coach of the Meet for Winter Champs; Louise Tirabassi, Assistant Coach of the Year; Dana Barrows, Coach of the Year.

Taylor: Housekeeping – participant window

Use reactions:

- Green – in favor
- Red Mark – against
- Coffee Cup - abstain

Taylor: Call for motion to accept minutes from the last meeting of the House of Delegates
Sponge – Motion to accept minutes. AJ – Second Approved unanimously

Taylor – recognized Carrie Wood Peabody for efforts and contributions as Secretary for two years during COVID times and multiple Zoom meetings.

Taylor – call for reports. Suggested approving as a whole, with the exception of Technical and Finance Committee reports.

Sponge - Motion to approve all but Technical & Finance Committee report. Holly – Second Approved unanimously

Paul Monyok – Review of Technical Report – committee met to discuss use of Colby for summer meet, coaches and athletes recommended moving forward with this.

Per discussion between Paul & Mary Ellen, summer schedule seems acceptable

Holly – Review of Finance Report –

As of reconciliation:

\$141,901.72 in assets (checking, savings, CD)

\$15,000 credit card, which has been used regularly, and has resulted in \$500 worth of points over the course of the fiscal year.



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Budget vs. actual Profit & Loss- expected \$55,210 deficit, however, due to increased registration and unexpectedly high meet participation, actually ended the last fiscal year \$450 in the black. Also contributing to this was the fact that there were very few community grant requests, and very little athlete travel.

Taylor – call for motion to approve Technical & Finance Committee reports
Sponge – motion to accept. Ethan – second Approved unanimously

Taylor – call for presentation and approval of submitted annual budget
Sponge – motion to approve. Ethan – second Approved unanimously.

Taylor – No unfinished business.

Taylor – proceed to election of slated of officers as posted, and call for other nominations.

- General Chair – Brian Savage (LRSC)
- Admin Vice-Chair – Taylor Rogers (CCSC)
- Finance Vice-Chair – Holly Hatch (UN)
- Senior Vice-Chair – Jim Willis (MDI)
- Secretary – Lucy Shaw (CMA)
- Safe Sport Chair – Karin Tonello (PPSC) (filling vacancy, term ends 8/31/2023)
- Governance Committee: Kyle Bauer (MMD), Marissa Rossouw (UN), Mary Ellen Tynan (UN)

No alternate nominations: each voted in by the Secretary.
Closed Elections.

Taylor – New Business

Two Items.

- 1) Proposed by-law change, procedural change to approval of athlete members to the Athletes Committee.
Sponge – Move to accept. Holly – Second. Approved unanimously
- 2) Mary Ellen discussed proposed USA Swimming legislation
 - a. Standardize the number of meet marshals – minimum of 2 per meet, one of each gender
 - i. Discussion – Sponge questioned validity of two gender approach, Zach noted that the primary goal is locker room safety
 - ii. Meet marshals will still be volunteers with no requirement that they be registered.
 - b. Proposed changes to the transfer rule from 120 days to 30 or 60 days



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- i. Taylor discussed rationale – unfair to swimmers who move (i.e., military families), or to those with reasons to move teams immediately (bullying, etc.) Old rule had no consideration for the cause of the move, was primarily in place to prevent club hopping.

Mary Ellen – New SWIMS 3.0 platform to be rolled out, and effective 9/1/2022. SWIMS 2.0 is outdated. Under new system, swimmers will register with club, then be provided a link to SWIMS 3.0. Parents will then create an account and register the swimmers on SWIMS 3.0 (Birth date ID being replaced with 14-digit ID to preserve privacy.) Links are “club-specific,” and should not be shared. Payments will be made on SWIMS 3.0, directly to USA Swimming, who will then distribute LSC funds back to MESI. All team transfers, will be handled via SWIMS 3.0.

Mary Ellen will provide Zoom training, dates TBD.

Swimmers/families will likely have access to SWIMS 3.0 to set up profiles prior to 9/1/22, but data will not become live until 9/1/22.

Meet fees will still be handled outside of new system.

Taylor – closing comments, thank you to the Board, and noted Marcel would be holding a coach’s town hall tomorrow. Call to adjourn.

Holly – motion to adjourn.

Sponge – second.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Wood Peabody