



**MAINE SWIMMING, INC.**  
**SPECIAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
**Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 10 AM**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order & 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.

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

2. Roll Call

a. BOARD: Taylor Rogers (CCSC), Brian Savage (LRSC) joined 10:14am, Paul Monyok (BYB), AJ Rog (SSC), Holly Hatch (UN) joined 10:24am, Stacy Kennard (KVY), Carrie Wood Peabody (CMA), Matt Montgomery (DEFY), Kyle Bauer (MMD), Marcel Da Ponte (CMA), Zack Mullin (PPSC), Ali Bragg (PPSC) left at 10:12am, Emma Farnham (MMD), Abby Hollis (SSC), Ethan Schulz (CMA), ,

b. HOD: Bernadette Shaw (CMA), Hodding Carter (PBAY), Matt Baxter via phone (PPSC), Peter Cohen (SMAC), Jim Willis (MDIY), Mike Schmidt (KVY), Marcy Scharf (SEAL), Lori LaPointe (WCCU), Noah Katz (KVY), Maria Saltysiak (MDIY), Elle Yarborough (MDIY), Will Porter (CMA)

d. GUESTS: Mary Ellen Tynan (UN), Vanessa Williamson (UN), Jennie Pillsbury (SEAL), Suzi Boccanfuso (LRSC), Jeff Ward (SEAL), Keith Kennedy (SEAL) joined 10:35am

d. ABSENT BOARD: Henry Clauson (KVY)

ABSENT: Audrey Cohen (SMAC), McKayla Kendall (CCSC), Kristy Barry (DEFY), Maria Delmonte (PPSC), Brim Peabody (CMA)

ABSENT CLUBS: YWTS, SYT

3. Welcome by the General Chair -

a. Procedural Reminders:

b. Purpose of Special Meeting: Three items:

- i. Amend Annual Budget,
- ii. Approve appointments to vacancies and
- iii. Approval of Meet Calendar

c. Updates:

- i. Athlete Committee worked hard on preparing for Athlete Summit, will be virtual on October 16 and application will be posted

- ii. Learn to Swim and Community Outreach programs in the works, more information beginning of October
- iii. Changes to Development MeetS, D1/D2, TPC looking at a different format like Ian Crocker clinic/meet

4. Reading, Correction & Adoption of Minutes a. May 22, 2021 - Mary Ellen Tynan  
Motion to accept by Sponge, second Lori. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Amendments to Budget Proposals -Finance committee has met - three proposals to the budget. All changes to expense side to 2021-2022 budget approved in May
- a. Zones - increase budget to \$3,000 expense in line with policy changes already approved. Motion Paul, second Sponge. No Discussion Motion passes unanimously
  - b. Increase the Emergency support from \$5,000 to \$8,000, club grant for water safety/learn to swim programs. Clubs would receive \$500. Motion Sponge, second Lori

Discussion:

Jeff Ward - in support but worried about the revenue side after looking at fewer meets, we don't know registrations, how will this impact revenue?

Taylor - this is a new grant. No one took advantage of COVID support last year.

Holly - we will support in two ways. We have no idea what our revenue will look like and have not been able to predict. We are fortunate to have a reserve. The entire finance committee feels that this is extremely important to all swimmers.

Taylor - Olivia Tighe said if we don't support, we won't have Senior swimmers in 10 years.

Holly - all swimmer are expert and should impart their info/knowledge to others

Jeff - I support but am very concerned about finances. We predicted a \$40,000 deficit next year and need to be very careful moving forward. Motion to approved - unanimously

- c. Contract Services changes: Increase from \$18,000 to \$22,250 Motion Holly, Second Sponge. No Discussion. Motion passes unanimously

6. Appointment to fill vacancies to Committee Chair/Governance member: Michael Schmidt stepped down as Senior Chair and Governance Member, I, Taylor Rogers, appoints Jim Willis as Senior Chair for the remainder of term to expire August 31. Recommendation is to keep option open for Governance Committee. Motion Sponge, second Holly No Discussion Motion passes with one abstention (Jim Willis)

7. Meet Calendar - Paul - tentative schedule shared. Motion to accept by Sponge, second Lori  
NO Bowdoin Open as Bowdoin is not able to host. Looking at a FAST meet at LRSC as a possibility. The Developmental 1 & 2 would be clinics as discussed in TPC. Bring in Olympian and then run a meet. One in North - Bangor YMCA and One in South - TBD. Similar to Ian Crocker. Summer meets on hold - will wait and see. Timeline: expect summer meets in February. Colby is looking to run a meet but they are new. We are not sure what they have to host a meet so will need more discussion.

Matt M. - Is it possible to review Dec 10-12 meet and move date? If we want faster swimmers, this is the same weekend as Jr Nationals. Taylor asked Ethan to discuss with athletes and Marcel to discuss with coaches. Marcel - could you discuss with coaches?

Sponge - anyone interested in hosting D2, CMA may be interested.

Jim Willis - I think we need to decide on the Dec 10-12 meet sooner. Coaching meeting is two weeks out and then another two weeks to discuss. Dec 10 is usually the first day of HS meetings so moving up would work. I think we should decide now.

Jim motion to amend Senior meet from Dec 10-12 to Dec 3-Dec 5. Second - Sponge  
Discussion: Emma - good idea to change, Abby - better to move, Ethan - best interest so no conflicts, Maria - no conflict for me but better for national athletes, Will P - good option but would National Athlete swim this before a big meet? Amendment passes unanimously.

Motion passes unanimously

#### 8. Announcements

Reminders:

- updated MAAPP 2.0 - must be completed upon club registration
- 15/16 clubs are Safe Sport Recognized!

Motion to Adjourn - 10:54 am

Motion Holly, second Lori

Motion passes unanimously