

Minutes MESI Board of Directors

August 3, 2020 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

Present: Kristy Barry, Henry Clauson, Marcel Da Ponte, Emma Farnham, Keli Gillespie, Holly Hatch, Stacy Kennard, Matt Montgomery, Zack Mullins, Brim Peabody, Betsy Perron, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Jim Willis, Carrie Wood-Peabody

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Absent: Ali Bragg, Trevor Edmunds, Jay Morissette,

Mission, Vision and Core Values read.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to accept the minutes from June 29, 2020.

Crisis Management Committee

Draft of Covid Sanction Guidelines presented (see additional Documents). This guidance is comparable to other LSC's and will be updated every couple of weeks. Teams that wish to host a meet must submit a return to competition proposal (per USAS guidelines) along with a sanction request. There will be a fine of up to \$1000 for non-compliance.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Marcel Da Ponte to accept the Covid Sanction Guidelines.

Discussion:

Mike Schmidt felt the \$1000 fine would be prohibitive for teams considering hosting meets and also asked how the application of fines would be adjudicated.

Response- The fines would be "up to" \$1000; a severe penalty reinforces the idea that these guidelines and restrictions are to be taken seriously. Other LSC's have similar penalties in place. Fines and protests would be adjudicated in compliance with Policy 7.13. These guidelines are meant to be fluid and will be re-examined every couple of weeks to make sure that they meet current risk management standards. Refs should use electronic whistles.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to amend the proposal to remove "all deck refs ...only when blowing the whistle".

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Marcel Da Ponte to amend the proposal to require that deck refs must use electronic whistles; MESI will reimburse teams for the cost upon request.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to amend the proposal, including "protests will be filed in compliance with Policy 7.13".

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Matt Montgomery, second by Mike Schmidt to amend the proposal by removing "all swimmers must be USAS registered to participate in non-sanctioned meets."

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the guidelines with amendments passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch that all head coaches will be required to complete the NHFS online Covid Safety class **by September 1** to be considered in good standing.

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Discussion: This is not required yet by USAS; John Smith felt that we should wait until it is required by the governing body before we make this commitment.

Motion by Taylor Rogers to table this discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The next Crisis Management Committee meeting will be on August 13. More adjustments to the guidelines may be discussed at that time. The committee also needs to draft a policy that addresses protocol for when a swimmer or coach tests positive for Covid.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to donate \$500 to the NES Scholarship fund in memory of Bob Menck, a dedicated NES official who recently passed away.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to schedule the next meeting for August 17 via Zoom at 8 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to table the rest of the agenda until August 17th.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MESI Secretary on August 14, 2020.