

MESI Crisis Management Meeting

April 2, 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

Attendees: Maddie Buck (5:35PM), Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Call to order at 5:05PM

Review of Crisis Management Plan

1. Meeting Online
2. Communication Primarily Electronic – Jim will do Facebook Live on Monday, April 6th at 7PM
3. Clubs – email and phone number contacts and getting emails to furloughed coaches who may not have access to email. Mary Ellen will reach out.
4. CMA and HSC Meets will probably be canceled or postponed. Not likely to be able to sanction anything until June. Marcel would like to host something as they will need the money. Even once pools open, Marcel feels they won't open the flood gates, may limit numbers. Marcel would like to have something as it would be good for the team.
5. Taylor states we need to consider Canada. Even if we have the meet, swimmers and clubs will most likely not be able to afford to go to Canada. Maybe look to hold smaller meets in July and August. Who might be willing to host meets then and put something together. Two options: one for starting in June and one for starting in July. Jim notes that people may not be taking vacation in August and we might have more interest in swimming in August but many Maine pools shut down in August. Marcel will put an email to send to the teams to see who might be interested in hosting a meet later in the summer. Taylor also suggested a virtual meet that is scored together.
6. This committee recommends to the BOD to cancel MESIII
7. Lawyer – do we need one? Follow advice of state and USA-S. Taylor thinks it might be helpful to have someone the clubs can reach out to if they need additional insurance, etc. Jim will look at SBA website and contact JJ.
8. Public Information Officer – Jim as General Chair and if he is not available then Mary Ellen
9. Taylor suggested we add COVID-19 resources as a button on the website.
10. Determine what needs to be done – change meets around for the summer – get a lawyer to help the teams – Holly will check with Key Bank to see who could do a Town Hall. CMA and PPSC already in the process – Jim will send out what needs to be said on the Facebook Live for Mary Ellen and Taylor to proof – Taylor suggested having Jay run informal coach Zoom gatherings – 14 & u all-star event is a go via video – Mike working on something for Senior kids – Taylor suggested Senior Recognition event of some type and award scholarships late April or early May and a speaker would be great – Jim will answer any emails regarding this to keep info from one person and he will check with Mary Ellen and Taylor.
11. Taylor reminded Jim of SSRP and club recognition to get some money for their team.
12. Taylor checked in with Maddie to make sure athletes are not struggling.
13. Taylor suggested scheduling posts on Facebook before being furloughed so communication continues to go out after furlough begins.

Adjournment 5:51PM