

# MESI Crisis Management Meeting

April 30, 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, Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan, Kristy Barry

## Jim recapped the high points of the USA-S Meeting today.

Notes from the meeting:

1. Grant Support Program – applications due May 8<sup>th</sup>. LSC to supply letter for applicants. Holly will put letter together
2. Return to Practice Protocol – supply messaging. Follow state, local and federal guidelines, maintain social distancing.
3. USA Board Meeting Friday they passed:
  - a. Club grant
  - b. Membership three actions
    - i. Delay implementation of new FLEX until 2022
    - ii. LSCs can vote to extend Season 1 membership to August 31, 2020 (must vote)
    - iii. Any member who registers June 1 and later will have membership good through 2022 – discussion on whether price increases will occur at this point.
4. Competition Planning
  - a. Virtual meets
  - b. Limited gathering

Taylor suggested that we cancel the remainder of the summer schedule and have teams apply as feasibility to have a meet happens. Taylor said absolutely no competition in June in MESI (virtual or otherwise). Jim asked if it wasn't in the 30/60/90 plan already. Taylor just wants to make it clear to clubs.
5. Town Hall – Jane encouraged LSCs to have Town Halls – ours is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Will use template from Jane
6. Zoom Security – don't post meeting links.
7. Zoom Safe Sport Training to count for SSRP.

Jim discussed Governor Mills Plan for re-opening. Marcel sent an email to Heather the Commissioner. Don't expect a response until at least next week. We want a system in place that abides by all the guidelines of the CDC and local, state, federal guidelines. Discussion on different formats to swim with where to start kids. This guidance is what people are looking for. USA-S is working with the YMCAs. Hopefully they will have the same protocol.

Swimmers from out of state this summer? What should we do with them? Must have 14 day quarantine. Marcel suggests we put that into our guidelines. We cannot allow to train until the 14 day quarantine is over. MESI needs to be up to date on governor's most recent information. Mary Ellen suggests that we close all meets in Maine this summer to the Maine LSC. Maine may open before NE so we could have NES swimmers wanting to come to practice and meets. Recommend that athletes training in Maine stay in state for the summer. We cannot not track.

Look to schedule HOD. Can we do one in person? Probably not. Taylor will reach out to the Attorney General's Office to see if we can do virtual. Jim suggested last June. We will have more information as to what things are looking like. A Saturday morning would be great!

30/60/90 plan – phase 1 tomorrow. Coaches should be reaching out to their facilities and formulate a plan as to what might work to get them back in the pool. Phase 2 will start when pools can technically be reopened. Have some webinars to see what has been working and what has not. Set expectations with parents before phase 2 as to what to expect. It won't be totally back to normal when pools open. Need to look a tentative MESI schedule for bid meeting. Holly will look to get updated budget information to the clubs. Jim notes ASCA will be online. IF there is a registration fee we will need to pay for our coach of the year and assistant coach of the year.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan