

**Minutes MESI Crisis Management**  
September 10, 2020 at 2PM via Zoom



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**Vision: Maine Swimming:** You CAN get there from here!  
**Core Values:** Sportsmanship, Excellence, Leadership, Fun

Attendees: Marcel Da Ponte, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Absent: Kristy Barry, Maddie Buck, Holly Hatch

Guest: Henry Clauson, Mary Ellen Tynan

Jim calls to order at 2:05PM. Jim reviewed the USA-S Leadership Meeting

1. USA-s will address October Sanctioning
2. Board meeting Sept 25<sup>th</sup>
3. Decentralized Junior National meets to be handled by the LSCs.
4. Speedo Virtual meet series
5. Aquatics Coalition Media Released
6. Guidelines for Positive COVID tests.
7. Safe Sport Participation is way up.
8. Health Insurance partnering with USA Equestrian – Meeting Monday for Team Leaders
9. Southern California Power Point – we should meet before Convention to caucus
10. Zoom License – starting January 21 \$120 per year for LSC and then each club can get \$120 rate

Mary Ellen asked about who should be on the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting about organizing governance documents. Sponge should attend. Governance needs to meet to elect a chair and plan.

Jim notes right now 7 teams not swimming – HSC, MVSC, SMAC, TCST, GPST, CBS and NYCY. SYT supposed to be participating in everything. Mary Ellen, Marcel and Taylor cannot find the old club state spreadsheet so Mary Ellen will send out an updated one. Nice to know what is happening with the clubs.

Mary Ellen notes about moving forward for October. Interpretation of Maine guidelines. Relays considered mid risk team sport but individual races are a low risk agreed by Henry and Jim. Taylor notes that team swimming listed as moderate risk and interpretation seems to be that means relays. That is the same classification as soccer and MPA plan is to move forward with soccer. Henry feels we should get just a little more clarification but feels it will be an allowed activity in some form. Taylor wants an official answer for parents. Competition can happen either way. Taylor reviewed low risk vs moderate risk as far as mixing cohorts. We ran the CMA-SEAL meet as low risk with 50 people and mixing cohorts. Level 1 Low risk would allow for mixing teams from different areas of Maine.

Mary Ellen said we need a decision on Anthony Ervin as virtual vs in person. Athlete committee felt that it should be virtual. Henry said being more conservative at the moment is the right decision. Have to keep 3 per lane which is 18 athletes per session and New England cannot participate due to quarantine.

Taylor notes we need to update the Crisis Team based on the new Board positions. Taylor said GC, Admin, Finance, TPC, operational risk, would be helpful to have Henry as Officials Chair. Mary Ellen is public relations officer. Then we need two athletes. Jim officially not on committee. Mary Ellen stated Committee is chosen by the Crisis. Mary Ellen stated we can add people but shouldn't take people off. Needs have changed though. It has been 26 weeks.

Mary Ellen noted we need to get kids excited. Marcel said Bowdoin Open is his team's favorite meet. Now nothing to look forward to. Marcel met with Matt Baxter. Notes in additional document. Minimum would be one dual or tri meet or D1 Meet plus one trials/finals meet offering as many events possible the first week of December. May need to occur over two three day weekends. Discussion was about trying to replace Bowdoin Open. Schedule that meet first and

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then work backwards to D1. D1 having south and north or central D1 Meet. Mike Schmidt has the bid for D1. Discussion about the alternate schedule voted in at HOD. We have the alternate schedule but it is not scheduled. IT is not conceivable. Also kids are just not into a virtual meet. Same with coaches. Would rather have controlled dual meet format. Blend of virtual dual meets. Need to get something formalized sooner rather than later. Taylor said they have set expectations with their team and they are fine with virtual competition. She has families who don't want to mix times at all. Work with other teams for officials. Framework and leader board.

Jim reported is realistic expectations. One USA meet in December and one in March. Looks to swim 15 swimmers against Ellsworth in December and March. That may be the best we can do and merge results. Marcel said be regional difference in Maine as moving forward and interactions with other teams. Discussion about CMA SEALS meet and more details about restriction parameters.

Taylor and Jim left the meeting.

Marcel discussed deadline parameters – 10 days for entries and all forms but affirmation form. Must be stringent deadline. Need to guarantee compliance with numbers and work with facility. Don't want to anger facility. Marcel and Henry suggested docu-sign for the Affirmation Form. Send out link and submit and that's that. No response no swim. Mary Ellen will send out a survey to see which teams are interested in inter team competition and see if Mike is truly interested in hosting D1. Need to find out what teams will be allowing meets. Henry noted meets need to be regionally based.

Discussion on Short Course Meters being used for top times or conversions. There would not be enough competitive times to warrant top times but definitely go break records!

Discussion on MMD and creative ideas. Will finalize Anthony Ervin at Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan