



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Governance - Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2023 at 7:30PM

Location: Zoom

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✓ Taylor Rogers	Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:38PM
✓ Marissa Rossouw	1. Reading of Mission and Vision Statements
✓ Carrie Wood Peabody	2. Roll Call
✓ Jim Willis	3. Any By-Laws to be changed at HOD? No changes brought forward
✓ Olivia Tighe <i>Athlete</i>	4. Slate of Nominations for HOD
✓ Audrey Cohen <i>Athlete</i>	Mary Ellen makes a motion – AJ for Age Group Chair, second by Jim. Motion passes
✓ Mary Ellen Tynan	unanimously.
	Mary Ellen makes a motion – Leanne for Technical Chair, Jim seconds. Marissa asked
	who on the slate are in the positions currently. Motion passes unanimously.
	Mary Ellen makes a motion – Jennie Pillsbury for Operational Risk, second by Marissa.
	Motion passes unanimously.
	Mary Ellen nominates Lindsay McMahon – DEI Chair, second by Jim. Motion passes
	unanimously
	Mary Ellen nominates Audrey as Safe Sport, second by Jim. Motion passes
	unanimously.
	Jim asked for clarification as to who will be on first terms. So far all but AJ.
	Treasurer – Mary Ellen brought up the idea that the Treasurer become a paid position
	instead of a voting Board Member. MESI Treasurer has never really done the full
	job. Marissa asked if we had the budget. Motion by Mary Ellen not to fill the
	Treasurer position, second by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.
	Official's Chair – Henry had expressed interest in filling a additional term. No one else
	was nominated or showed interest. Mary Ellen reported Amanda might be ready
	in a year or two. Motion by Mary Ellen – Henry Clauson as Officials Chair. Second
	by Jim. Taylor reports that she has concerns with this committee nomination
	Henry given he has not held an Official's Committee meeting since November of
	2021 (policy says committees must meet quarterly), he has not attended BOD
	meetings due to conflicts but has not even submitted reports to be presented.
	He can be nominated from the floor but this group would not be doing their due
	diligence by putting him forward. Carrie asked if there is anyone else. Mary
	Ellen said Marie would be the most experienced. Jim agrees with Taylor. Mary
	Ellen noted that Sponge even spoke to Henry about these issues and nothing has



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changed. Audrey asked which is better, a vacant chair or someone not doing anything. If we don't put forward a nominee and no one is nominated from the floor, the General Chair can appoint the position. Marissa asked if Henry does the day to day stuff and the response was no. Mary Ellen pulls her motion. Mary Ellen makes a motion to not fill the Official on the slate, second by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Article 5.1.7 – Treasurer on the BOD. Mary Ellen makes a motion that the Treasurer becomes a paid position and non-voting member of the BOD. Jim seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
6. Jim asks if there is a date for HOD. Mary Ellen spoke to Sponge – tentatively June 25 at 1:30PM at Colby. Jim asks if that is OK since supposed to be held in the spring according to our By-Laws. Taylor read the By-Laws and it should be OK.
7. Taylor reminded the committee that we also need the Governance Committee members for the slate.

Carrie left the meeting.

Last year, Mary Ellen, Kyle and Marissa were elected. Audrey will run again. Mary Ellen nominates Audrey, second by Marissa. Motion passes unanimously. Mary Ellen nominates Olivia. Second by Marissa. Motion passes one abstention (Olivia). Mary Ellen nominates Jim, second by Marissa. Motion passes unanimously.

Marissa asked about Strategic Planning. Taylor said we will start in September.

Jim motions to adjourn. Second by Marissa. Motion passes unanimously

Respectively submitted,

Mary Ellen Tynan

Governance Committee To-Do List

Adoption of [December Minutes](#)

Strategic planning

Job Descriptions

USA meet participation requirement for champs (times in SWIMS) or general how to increase participation in Maine Swimming



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