



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | TECHNICAL PLANNING MEETING Thursday, April 7, 2022 | 7:45 PM (VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Reading of Mission, Vision & Core Values

- a. MISSION: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.
- b. VISION: Maine Swimming - You CAN get there from here!
- c. CORE VALUES: Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

2. Roll Call

- a. members present
 1. Paul Monyok – Chair
 2. Marcel Da Pointe – Coaches rep
 3. . Jim Willis – Senior Chair
 4. Ethan Schultz – Athlete
 5. Ali Bragg – Athlete
- b. members absent
 1. Henry Clauson – Official’s Chair
 2. AJ Rog – Age Group Chair
- c. guests present
 1. Mary Ellen Tynan
 2. Sponge Savage

3. Summer Champs –

- a. Mary Ellen reported that Canada is available for \$12000. Beverly YMCA for 2.5 days and pay by the lane, Colby \$5000 per day. Senior Committee voted to go to Colby. Discussion on cost of Colby. May be additional for lifeguards. Timing system and video feed included. In the future they will have dorm rooms available but in the future would be three meals a day plus bed for \$60/day. Motion to approve going to Colby College made by Ethan, second by Jim. Ethan took a poll of the Athletes Committee today and it was 11-1 for Colby. The one against wanted to go to Colby for nostalgia. The others wanted to attend because it is a nice facility, cheaper for families and easier for everyone to get to. Jim noted it won’t be cheaper for families in the long run because hotels are expensive, but it would be really hard to tell MESI members we are not going to Colby when we have the opportunity to go there. Paul asked about vaccination requirements. There may be others too. At this time, Colby has not mentioned vaccination requirement. Paul asked if we have the ability to back out if things change down the line. Marcel noted a lot of people have been waiting to use the pool at Colby. We need to look at long-term relationship with Colby. Motion passes unanimously. Meet can now be put on the calendar.
- b. Mary Ellen asked if the meet would be open to teams outside of the LSC. Paul likes the idea of opening to all like the Canada meet has been historically. Jim reported that there was an out of state cut of date very early which worked well. We need to have an idea of how many we can handle before that. Do we want to use the same format as in the past or do an all-day format? Want to be careful that it is not too big. Marcel liked the idea of out of state participation. Mary Ellen reported we have never had qualifying times for this meet. Do we want to institute some baseline cut times. Sponge asked how many Maine Swimmers were in Canada the last few times. About 220 from Maine with 100 from NES and Canada. Mary Ellen clarified that this meet is the same weekend as the NES Senior meet so may have interest from non-Senior qualifiers. Sponge said we need to be really careful not to get too big. Mary Ellen said we could do an early date for Maine teams and then open up.
- c. Decisions for tonight: (1) what are the approximate numbers we would like (2) 3 day meet or a 4 day meet or 3.5 day meet. Sponge would like the meet to not end on Saturday to give people the weekend off from their jobs for this meet would be better. We had 460 at



LRSC for Winter Champs we should be able to handle 450 at Colby. Presently we run a two session per day meet. Mary Ellen looked up past timelines. Prelims lasted nearly five hours. Most people were done by noon.

- Discussion of event orders and move distance around. Relays morning or night discussion. Relays start off the night. Distance right after prelims. Mary Ellen shared screen with 2019 timeline.
- If you move relays to finals it would add another hour. Do we limit relays?
- Mary Ellen will send Jim all the details and he will look at it over the weekend.
- Mary Ellen will reach out to teams to get estimates for attendance. If we did reach out of LSC, KING-NE always supported the meet in Canada.
- Mary Ellen clarified that it was two heats at night for all the age groups and 10 & Unders swam at night. Ali likes relays at night and Ethan agreed at the beginning is the way to go and then swimmers could leave.
- Next question: How many lanes? Colby is a 9 lane pool. We would race 7 lanes and leave and empty lane and leave lane 9 for warm-up. Try to run 8 at night and put in breaks.
- Mary Ellen reinforced early entry date for MESI. Estimates will be due from teams by April 30th at the latest. Jim is guessing 300. Mary Ellen thinks it could be a little higher.

4. Next Season Championship Meet

Jim said Senior Committee consensus was to keep the meet together and move it earlier. Need more time before Sectionals and YMCA Nationals. Ethan said the close turn around was terrible. Ethan suggested pushing to mid-April or do it immediately after high school states. Marcel would like three weeks in between. 2023 Sectionals are March 23-26th which is pretty early. Mary Ellen said if you separate Senior and Age Group you could run Senior meet first week of March then YMCA States meet and then do an age group meet the third weekend. Also consider doing YMCA State meet the last of the three. Discussion on moving a senior meet to early February. Sponge said it would be great for the Seniors to be separated out with one set of cut times and A-B-C finals. Then age group meet 14 & Under timed finals and could loosen cuts a little.

Marcel leaves the meeting.

5. Next Meeting to finish this discussion

Monday, April 11 at 6PM before the BOD meeting.

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Jim
- b. Second – Ethan

VOTE - Unanimous