

Minutes MESI Senior and Age Group Committees

Sept 27, 2021 at 8:00PM via Zoom



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Present: AJ Rog, Brian Savage, Jim Willis, Maria Saltysiak, Jack Pillsbury, McKayla Kendall

Absent: Henry Clauson, Matt Montgomery, Paul Monyok, Marcel Da Ponte

Non Committee: Mary Ellen Tynan, Ali Bragg, Ethan Schulz

Agenda Items:

1. Winter champs cut times, bonus, number of events for 13 & over
 2. Nov 7th - Meet Events and fee - Andrew Seliskar - max 75-100 swimmers
 3. Dec 4-5 Senior Meet - Sponge presenting thoughts on cut times, events and format
 4. Members of the Age Group and Senior committees - Jack athlete for Senior need one more. Maria and McKayla for Age Group (I believe) - coach rep should be on both.
 5. Anything else?
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1. Winter Championships:
 - a. Coaches' Committee recommends to keep cut times the same as last year. Maria originally emailed that times should be updated but now thinks they should stay same as last year because of lack of swims. Sponge noted we are rebuilding coaching, swimmer and even club base. Senior Meet can be the opportunity to raise the bar. Jack agrees with Maria. McKayla also on board. Motion to keep cut times the same by Jack and second by Sponge. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Coaches committee recommends removing B time standards for bonus. Now bonus standard just needs to be a provable time. Sponge confused over bonus swims. Mary Ellen clarified bonus structure from qualifying times at Trials meet. Coaches recommended that swims from Trials meet get a bonus event regardless of them making a qualifying time. Bonus structure 1:2, 2:1. Motion made by Sponge. Second by Jack. Passes unanimously.
 - c. Coaches committee recommends increasing 13 & Over events to 7 and keep 12 & under at 9 made by Sponge and second by Maria. Ethan wants to keep at six events. With relays it is a lot of swims. AJ notes this is an athlete driven question. The athletes are clear. Sponge also notes that for team points coaches would be apt to push swimmers to keep in more events even if they don't want to. Motion fails: Those opposed were Maria, McKayla, Sponge, Jack
 - d. No dropping bonus swims after entries are received – Jack motions to Table second by Jack. (for further discussion after full committees are set). Jim hopes to have Senior meeting in a month. Jim wants coach recommendations. Passes unanimously.
 - e. High School Times – Coaches committee recommended only allowing observed swims from HS Regional & State Meet – Tabled
 2. Nov Clinic/meet - events 200 free, 100 IM, 50 free, 200 IM w/Andrew S
Fees for this event will be set at \$100 (All in favor)

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3. Two day Senior meet Dec. 4/5. Cut times adjusted from 2019 Bowdoin Open. LRSC to send out final event list and cut times. Some events to include All 50's, all four 100s and all four 200s, 400 IM 1000 free. For 50 back, fly and breast, if you qualify for the 100 you qualify for the 50. Also 200 free relay Saturday PM and 200 medley relay Sunday AM. At finals – four heats of 50s, 3 heats of 100, two heats of 200s, 400 IM and 1000 timed finals in middle session. At this point accepting of time trials. Mary Ellen voiced a little concern with 16 events over two days – are there enough swimmers to adequately field these events. Sponge says first year probably not but that is ok. Cost to MESI is nothing. LRSC taking full risk. Ethan asked if it will fit in the 4 hour time limit. Still considering swimming 6 versus eight lanes, warm-up warm-down etc. Seeding with be mixed in AM and by gender at night. Ages 12 & over. Ethan asked about deck space. Can handle 360 on deck and 450 in stands and could possibly use the gym. Going to push event list and cut times out quickly since it is not MESI sponsored.

Mary Ellen reminded Jim and AJ to get committees to Taylor. Sponge motion to adjourn, Second by Jack. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan