

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 6, 2021

Present at the meeting were Matt Montgomery, Paul Monyok, Jack Pillsbury, Maria Saltysiak, Jim Willis and Mike Schmidt.

Absent: Sponge.

Update on Speakers: As a follow up to our last meeting, the question was raised as to when the best time would be to have a nutritionist give a presentation. Maria and Jack indicated that the best time would be shortly after the end of the winter season when interest is high in swimming, but schedules are freer. The plan will be to get a speaker for early May.

Update on Games: Kahoot, social media and the internet. Mike recommended that Jack and Maria should work with the Athlete Committee on this idea as they are far more likely to understand these things.

Maine Swimming Senior Scholarship(s): Background was provided on how the Senior Scholarship process from the last two years. Jim shared the status, process and concept of the Caras Scholarship. The committee voted (5-1) to recommend 2 scholarships, the Caras Scholarship and one Maine Swimming Senior Scholarship. Discussion was conducted on making sure the criteria for the two scholarships are separate and distinct. From what Jim shared it appears that the Caras Scholarship will be merit based. The committee will hold off on defining the criteria for the Senior Scholarship until the Caras Scholarship criteria has been published, but the committee's recommendation will be based upon the belief that the previously utilized essay contest can easily be directed to different criteria. In addition, Jim identified that the Caras Scholarship could, in theory, have years where there are no qualified applicants. Maintaining one of the Senior Scholarships will ensure that an award is presented every year, assuming swimmers are willing to write an essay or undertake the task decided to determine the award.

Senior Championship: Jim raised that the Senior Committee should make recommendations to the TPC regarding the conduct of any form of Senior Championship. Mike shared what was discussed at the last TPC and suggested that all members of the Senior Committee should submit any ideas or proposals to go to the TPC in writing. The date for submission is January 10th, at which time Mike will prepare a single document incorporating the information received for submission to the TPC.

Age Group Committee: Jim proposed that since Mike has been elected Age Group Chair that the Senior Committee propose to the board that it will act as Age Group Committee until such time as a new committee can be formed, or a replacement for Mike is found and the new Age Group Chair can establish a committee.