



Mission: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

Vision: Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

Core Values: Sportsmanship, Excellence, Leadership, Fun

Maine Swimming Technical Planning Meeting

11:00am 4/24/2020

Via ZOOM

Present: Marcel Da Ponte, Caroline Mahoney, Brian Savage (Sponge), Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Marie Weferling

Absent: Kristy Barry, Matt Baxter,

Guests: Taylor Rogers, Mary Ellen Tynan,

Agenda – Meet Bid Policy **of note- after the meeting it was learned this (Article M3) was not the most updated policy – newer policy 600-MEET SCHEDULE - was updated as appropriate**

1. Is there a need for a scheduling sub-committee? Jay was the subcommittee? Subcommittee is really TPC.
2. Discussion on timing on bids being do. Seven days vs 14 days. Not a ton of conflict. Keep at 7.
3. Discussion on season dates based on changing season dates to end April 15th instead of April 30th. Do we need two separate seasons since it is the calendar for the year? Agreed not to separate seasons.
4. Simplify process to allow TPC more authority it selecting meets when conflicts as opposed to having to accept the team with more splashes. Tentative event lists will help in adding variety to meets.
5. Conflict of dates 7-14 days in policy to notify teams of the meetings. Notice can be satisfied by posting on the website, not to particular teams. TPC meetings should be posted and meet that requirement.
6. Change wording to teams must submit bids “on the form designated for this purpose.
7. Update to Meet Directors must have successfully completed MESI Meet Director’s Training.
8. In 3.3, remove all the specifics about splashes and meets run and running reports. Mary Ellen has never run reports as such in 5 years. John noted we need to make sure teams need to be able to successfully run meets. Give TPC the power to evaluate this. (3.3). focus on needs of Maine Swimming.
9. Update to 3.4 wording like 3.3, TPC evaluates bids not BOD. TPC will establish date for meet.
10. Add statement about adding meets to the schedule after the schedule has posted in Section 3.1.

Mike asks for process. What’s next? Does it have to go back to Governance and submitted as part of their changes. Mary Ellen clarified old numbering but Taylor confirmed wording was the same (*this is amended as wording was different in policies*)

Marie asks that when we are establishing a meet schedule are we establishing the types of meets we want run? Marcel says falls in scope of TPC, but Taylor confirms it falls under 3.3 in evaluating the needs of MESI. Teams have a right to say what events they want to make for a profitable meet. Marie just asked if we can have some input. HSC runs same meet all the time and they run every single event which makes for a long meet. Can TPC suggest event changes to get age groupers in and out. Sponge says we may have the ability but need to be careful how we execute. Taylor said “based on needs of Maine Swimming covers it. Mike notes for P & P want to leave flexibility. Better directed to TPC meetings preceding the bid process as



Mission: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

Vision: Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

Core Values: Sportsmanship, Excellence, Leadership, Fun

opposed to putting in a policy which may not make sense in the future. Mary Ellen suggests we tell teams to please present order of events with your Meet Referee before submitting event list.

John asked about non-traditional events like 50 fly for older swimmers. Mary Ellen clarified we already do this and have records. 100 IM for older kids can be fun.

John makes a motion to accept all the discussed changes. Second by Mike Schmidt. Passes unanimously.

"Article M3: Schedule.

3.1 Schedule.

MESI shall establish and publish an annual swim meet schedule of all meets. Responsibility for planning and monitoring this schedule may be assigned to the Scheduling Subcommittee of the Technical Planning Committee. All clubs must be notified of the process to be used consistent with Section 3.3. Teams may request additional meets throughout the season as per policy by contacting the Technical Planning and Sanction Chairs and submitting the appropriate form for approval. Available dates for the schedule shall be between September 1st and August 31st.

3.2 Scheduling Subcommittee.

The Scheduling Subcommittee shall be chaired by the Technical Planning Chair.

3.3 Review and Approval.

Teams in good standing with MESI must declare their intention to bid to the Technical Planning Chair by submitting the form designated for this purpose 7 days prior to the bid meeting and include the type of meet, location of the meet, a facility description, tentative event list and other information as determined by the Technical Planning Committee. The Technical Planning Committee will evaluate the bids based on the facility, experience and ability of the club to host the meet, and the needs of MESI. The Technical Planning Committee will develop the annual schedule of swim meets for presentation to and/or modification and ratification by the House of Delegates at the Spring House of Delegates Meeting. The approved annual meet schedule will be posted on the MESI website. All coaches and representatives of clubs requesting meet dates will be invited to attend the Scheduling Subcommittee meeting. Notices of upcoming meetings shall be posted on the MESI website no later than 14 days prior to such meetings.

3.4 MESI Sponsored Meets

MESI will sponsor championship meets, qualifiers, and other meets, such as Opens and All Star Meets. Teams in good standing with MESI must declare their intention to bid to the Technical Planning Chair by submitting the form designated for this purpose 7 days prior to the bid meeting and include the type of meet, location of the meet, a facility description, tentative event list and other information as determined by the Technical Planning Committee. The Technical Planning Committee will evaluate the bids based on the facility, experience and ability of the club to host the meet, and income to MESI. The Technical Planning Committee will establish the date for the meet and the event list, including the number of sessions. Notices of upcoming meetings shall be posted on the MESI website no later than 14 days prior to such meetings.



Mission: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

Vision: Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

Core Values: Sportsmanship, Excellence, Leadership, Fun

600 MEET SCHEDULE

MESI shall establish and publish an annual swim meet schedule of all meets. Responsibility for planning and monitoring this schedule is assigned to the Technical Planning Committee. All clubs must be notified of the process outlined below. Available dates shall be between September 1st and August 31st.

601 - Review and Approval - *Teams in good standing with MESI must declare their intention to bid to the Technical Planning Chair by submitting the form designated for this purpose 7 days prior to the bid meeting and include the type of meet, location of the meet, a facility description, tentative event list and other information as determined by the Technical Planning Committee. The Technical Planning Committee will evaluate the bids based on the facility, experience and ability of the club to host the meet, and the needs of MESI. The Technical Planning Committee will develop the annual schedule of swim meets for presentation to and/or modification and ratification by the House of Delegates at the Spring House of Delegates Meeting. The approved annual meet schedule will be posted on the MESI website. All coaches and representatives of clubs requesting meet dates will be invited to attend the Scheduling Subcommittee meeting. Notices of upcoming meetings shall be posted on the MESI website no later than 14 days prior to such meetings.* Any changes to the calendar after posting must be requested through the Technical Planning Chair

602 - MESI Sponsored Meets and Events - *MESI will sponsor championship meets, qualifiers, and other meets, such as Opens and All Star Meets. Teams in good standing with MESI must declare their intention to bid to the Technical Planning Chair by submitting the form designated for this purpose 7 days prior to the bid meeting and include the type of meet, location of the meet, a facility description, tentative event list and other information as determined by the Technical Planning Committee. The Technical Planning Committee will evaluate the bids based on the facility, experience and ability of the club to host the meet, and income to MESI. The Technical Planning Committee will establish the date for the meet and the event list, including the number of sessions. Notices of upcoming meetings shall be posted on the MESI website no later than 14 days prior to such meetings.*