

TPC Meeting 1/23/2020

- Present: Marie Weferling, Marcel Da Ponte, Mike, John Smith, Sponge Savage, Matt Baxter
- Meeting started promptly at 12:30pm.
- Marcel started by summing up his conversation with Amy Albiero from Kentucky Swimming. Spoke about what they did to aid the performance growth that they have experienced. Also spoke about the specific structure of Kentucky Swimming's championship meets and qualifying times.
- John Smith spoke about getting more of the faster swimmers to compete at the local Maine meets. Mike mentioned Lack of facilities. Lack of trials/finals meets.
- Some discussion around what the financial impact of not having a Winter Champs Trials Meet would be. Sponge is on the finance committee now and the TPC feels that this will be a great benefit for the committee.
- Sponge to inquire from the finance committee, what the various incomes for the meets are.
- Discussed coming up with a formal proposal for the meet season in order to present to the BOD.
- We voted to offer a AG State meet and Senior State Meet as opposed to Champs trials and Champs meet. There was a unanimous vote of approval for changing to 2 champs meets.
- We discussed the possible meet structure for the 2020/21 season. This could consist of setting up 5 Maine Swimming meets for the season. 3 developmental meets and 2 championship meets. The progression would mean that the third developmental meet would be a trials/finals meet with awards and will be named the Maine Swimming regional

championships. This meet would effectively replace the current Winter Champs Trials Meet. This meet would also cater to those that do not meet the more stringent QT's for meets 4 & 5.

- 1st meet open to any swimmer - 50s and 100s - 1 day.
- 2nd meet 200s, 500 and 400 IM - 2 days.
- The regional meet could potentially be 2 or 3 days.
- The TPC seems to be in agreement that with these potential structures, MESI would be catering to a very wide array of athlete levels, which is critically important!
- Meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.