

MAINE SWIMMING

MINUTES

Committee: Technical Planning

Held On: September 24th, 2019

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Via Zoom online

1. Roll Call

- Present: Marcel Da Ponte (chair), Matt Baxter (PPSC), John Smith (Seals), Sponge Savage (LRSC)
- Absent: Mike Schmidt (KVY), Caroline Mahoney (athlete), Kristy Barry (athlete), Marie Weferling (UN)

2. No previous minutes. This was the first meeting for the 2019/20 season.

3. New Proposal for 2020/21 Championship meet qualifying times

- Vision.

Marcel suggested that the group discusses the vision that this committee will have for the next four years at Maine Swimming. John and Matt mentioned that they would like to see Maine Swimming offering two levels of championship meets in the spring. Marcel and Sponge concurred. The group discussed the possible elimination of the Winter Champs Trials Meet in favor of two championship meets. A more encompassing Age Group Championship Meet to include age

groups 10/u, 11/12, 13/14, 15/18. And a more competitive Senior Championship Meet (possibly named the Maine Senior Open) which would be “open” to all age groups.

Sponge suggested that the meet could be open to out-of-State teams in order to increase competition.

John asked Sponge whether both meets could potentially be held at the Bath Family YMCA. Sponge said that this would definitely be an option.

It was discussed that the two meets would flip flop to the current order on the calendar. The Senior Meet should be held early in March with the AG Meet being held towards the end of March. This would accommodate the sectional meets better.

Marcel said that there should be medals for the top 3 (to include relays), ribbons for 1-8 as well as high point awards for the AG Meet. The Senior Meet would have medals for 1-3 (including relays) plus male/female high point.

- **Qualifying times.**

Sponge suggested that we consider the USA motivational 17/18 “AAA” time standards for the senior meet.

The group went through a rough exercise of assessing how many qualifiers Maine would have. After assessing, the group decided to use the 15/16 “AA” motivational time standard.

Marcel said that Jim Willis’ proposed qualifying times for the AG meet should be used. All agreed.

We discussed the outline of what we were going to propose and all agreed.

The meeting ended just before 1:00pm.