

Minutes MESI Technical Planning Committee Minutes

Sept 8, 2021 at 7:30.PM via Zoom



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Present: Paul Monyok, Marcel Da Ponte, Brian Savage, Jim Willis, Ali Bragg, Ethan Schulz, AJ Rog

Absent: Henry Clauson

Non Committee: Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers

Topic: 2021-2022 MEET CALENDAR

Presentation of submitted bids. Fewer bids than usual. BYB bid on D1 Meet with a fee of \$2500. Mary Ellen noted that is higher than the past. Depending on the team it has been \$500 to \$1500. Paul will go back and discuss with the YMCA. Sometimes we condense into one day which could be cheaper. We need to have a contract upfront.

SSC Meet in October. AJ still working with the high school to see if it can happen. Small sprint meet. SEAL November 13-14 and January Meet

Thoughts on replacing the Bowdoin Open with something for Seniors. Marcel reported that once the Bowdoin Open was cancelled, CMA planned to go to Florida but they still might have some swimmers attend who are not going to Florida. PPSC is going to Florida too. Sponge talked about have a meet that weekend at their pool. It would be super fast, limited kids. He wants it quick and fast. Would entertain swimmers from out of LSC. Taylor would love this. Fast meet to set the bar and expectations. This could be a great meet for New England swimmers trying to qualify for New England Seniors. Same weekend as Bowdoin tentatively (Dec 10-12, 2022). Ali and Ethan both on board. Suggestion made to add potential for a competitive championship meet at Bath in December made by Marcel. Add to coaches' meeting agenda. Mary Ellen can pull out teams that have attended Bowdoin and invite them. Make it challenging.

Sponge asked Marcel why no meets hosted by CMA. Marcel said they are short on officials and some things with the pool not worked out. Marcel may add one later. Didn't have what he needed to put in a bid. Also Kyle didn't put in any bids. AJ noted D1, D2 have not really taken off. Sponge noted D1 in Bangor would get attendance but no one will support D2 at Husson. Mary Ellen noted HSC is not a team right now, they have no certified meet Director or officials. Henry told Mary Ellen that D1 will be in the north and D2 should be in mid or south. CMA interested in hosting D2. Many YMCA meets in the north are not in the water this early. Taylor noted that now we are hosting more dual and tri and smaller meets, do we really need D1 and D2? So Marcel asks, why are we having them? Not close to achieving what they are supposed to. Sponge suggested clinic Saturday and meet Sunday. Mary Ellen noted it could be modelled after Ian Crocker Clinic in 2017. Clinic in AM and Meet in PM with Olympian. Ali makes a motion to change D1 to an Olympian Clinic Meet (someone substantial). Before making motion Sponge suggests we do same for D2. What can we charge? Athletes can be \$5000-\$10000 or more. AJ asked if YMCAs are open to everyone. Schools are afraid of COVID. We need to promote that no contact tracing of outbreaks has been traced to pools. Sponge asked for who to contact at CMA pool.

Discussion on Colby Mary or June Bowdoin style meet. Paul and athletes prefer June. AJ noted school is also out around that time. Mary Ellen said Tom Burton is trying to decide if he wants to start his own club. Marcel asked what colleges are looking for the new year. Colby said May, Brad at Bowdoin doesn't know yet. Taylor said UMO is good and open for rental. Sponge not super pumped about a long course meet the weekend before LRSC Sprint meet. Also is big three-day meet a little too big to start with? Will need to do some kind of test meet before end of season long course meet. Want this to be high level meet. Tom still needs to figure out how much he will charge for rental, etc. Are there hotels in Waterville?

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July end of season meet. Our current dates conflict with YMCA nationals. All the swimmers would want champs before or after YMCA Nats not the same weekend. Is champs July 13-15 too early. July 21-23 is YMCA Nationals (early this year). If weekend before YMCA Nationals, will Nats swimmers come anyway? What about the weekend after? Discussion regarding an end of season meet for those swimmers who wouldn't attend the LCM big meet like we did at MMD last season. Ethan would want meet on July 13th and that gives him time to train and get geared up for Futures. If end of season is July 13, SEALS would need to move their meet.

Motion to make the MESI long course schedule tentative made by Marcel and second by AJ. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan