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To: Minnesota Swimming Board of Directors

From: Rebecca Binder, Safe Sport Chair

Re: Safe Sport Report as of November 2018

In October, we received our first two requests for in-person Safe Sport education from the Mantas and Alexandria Swim Clubs! I spoke with parents and board members at both clubs as well as to a wonderful group of swimmers in Alexandria. I am excited to be traveling to Rochester this month to work with their swimmers. I have heard rumors of other clubs presenting Safe Sport for the first time (or first time in a while) as well. Kudos to those teams! If you are interested in an educational session for your club – parents, board, athletes, coaches – please let me know. I’m here to help!

The latest committee meeting was held on November 1st. We have had additional inquiries from clubs for information on Safe Sport. This is great news! We’re looking forward to helping clubs implement more Safe Sport practices and principles into their normal routines.

Planning has begun for possible activities and swag to be available at the winter championship series of meets. More information will be coming soon.

In addition to planning for the winter championship meets, we are also putting together a presentation for the House of Delegates in April. The presentation should take about an hour and includes a couple of activities to get discussion started. We **need** to be talking Safe Sport - talking about how we provide our kids, coaches, officials and parents the knowledge and tools to handle tough situations. This is incredibly important as those tough situations – dealing with a bully, understanding boundaries and consent - will occur throughout our lives and the lives of our children. Once we get the discussion going, we can start to make real progress in educating and being proactive instead of reactive.

The next committee meeting will be held on December 6th at 8:00 PM. Call in details are posted on the MSI website. Please join us!

Respectfully submitted,

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