

# Coaches' Meeting 5-2-2014

Attendance: Tom Manduca, Marie Weferling, Arlene McDonald, Butch Babin, John Smith, Matt Baxter, Susan Cooney, John Matzen, Taylor Rogers, Matt Montgomery, Dan St. Pierre, Leanne Gravel, Fritz Homans, Zach Gray, Lia Langeveld, Jim Willis

Tom will run the meeting for Maride.

## 1. Summer Champs

The TPC met for ideas to improve on the meet. Several out of LSC teams have asked to come to the meet and advantages and disadvantages were discussed. By the end, we agreed that if done properly, it was a good idea as long as it was managed well. We changed the name of the meet and MSI would allow them to participate as full participants. TPC felt that initially the limit would be 150 LSC swimmers and charge them more per entry. Teams have offered officials and volunteers. Maine numbers have been relatively static since the meet started. TPC talked about eliminating and combining some events to help the timeline of the meet and the facility. Trials/Finals for 11 and up and 10 and unders swimming in the evening. Benefits include revenue, increased competition and increased help. It was recommended that MSI should work with NE swimming. The name discussed was Maine Swimming International Invitational. TPC also discussed being able to choose entries and not run the meet on a first come, first served meet.

### Discussion:

Usually cut times are associated with meets to keep timelines for meets. Are we trying to increase numbers or competition? MSI could consider cut times for out of state teams to increase competition. Cut times for distance events for in and out of LSC was discussed. For distance events, what if Maine swimmers get cut out of those events because of the increased competition? The events should be more competitive and all Maine swimmers have other events that they could swim. MSI could make sure that everyone gets their events instead of being cut out of events.

One of the things that was discussed was to add some excitement to the meet. Meets in New England are very, very full. With this being the first year, there are some unknowns. MSI could also make it the top 16 in each age group, regardless of LSC. If you are cut out of the event, you get into another event. What about converted times? Yes, they should be allowed. What is the goal for the summer meet? What if families have one that makes time and one that does not? There are only cut times for distance events and not any other event. There are limited opportunities to swim in timed final events and usually times are seeded in long course meters first, then short course and then yards.

A question came up about the Canadian season. The hotel availability would be different if there were different deadlines. How does this affect the timeline? Are the bleachers fixed? Hotel blocks are already set this year. Were relay numbers discussed? No. The night timelines were not a problem. Could there be exhibition relays? Coaches are fine with this. Point scoring would be the same as Winter JOs.

Based on the name, MSI is trying to encourage other teams from Maine to attend and understand that it is an invitational. That gives MSI the power to control and do what makes sense for Maine. What about Maine Swimming JO Invitational? The winter meet was changed to JOs because MSI thought that name was not allowed. The summer meet can be anything. The word International will make it attractive to out of LSC teams.

How is MSI determining who is getting into the meet? Who is on that meet committee?

Meet package could be out **May 10th** and entries up to **June 1st** and Maine teams will have a separate deadline.

The meet director, meet ref, general chair, athlete rep and coaches rep is the meet committee.

Meet packet will be sent to Leanne, Marie and Lia to review and they will get corrections back.

Secretary will send to interested teams and NE website.

1st name - Maine Swimming International Invitational

2nd Name - Maine Swimming Junior Olympic Invitational

Vote - 7 to 3. 1st name wins.

For all intents and purposes, this is a Championship meet.

An informal show of hands showed all in favor with one opposed.

Jim talked about points of the meet:

200 Fly/200 Br/200 Bk would be 11-14 and 15 and over events for timeline standards.

11-12s 50s of strokes would be timed finals at night for timeline

Cut 800 Free Relay and move 400 Free to Friday night

Limit the meet to 150 out of LSC swimmers - Goal is about 400 swimmers in the meet. Maine numbers average 250-260 each year.

MSI needs to tell out of LSC swimmers by **June 1st**. MSI needs an official number of swimmers. The entry deadline will be approximately **May 21st**.

Name: Maine Swimming International Invitational

10 and unders \$4/\$8 and \$5/\$10 for trials/finals. Relay prices would be the same.

Relays would be 200 Free 1st **on Thurs**, 400 Med last, 400 Free last Fri and 200 Medley 1st **on Friday** - all relays at night. All 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under. 400 Medley cut for 12 and unders. 12 and unders limited to one relay per day.

## 2. Election for Coaches Rep

Nomination and election of coaches rep. Mardies term expires on 8-31-14. Nominations from the floor:

Dan St. Pierre  
Butch Babin

The admin vice-chair will direct the election and it will be secret ballot. Dan is elected.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor.