

**MAINE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2018
via ZOOM**

Present: Maddie Buck, Lia Langeveld, Lindsay McMahon, Jay Morissette, Zach Mullin, Betsy Perron, Mike Schmidt, Taylor Rogers, John Smith, Olivia Tighe, Marie Weferling, Jim Willis, TJ Willis,

Absent: Emily Ecker, Matt Montgomery

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan (Office)

Mission and Vision Statements were read, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Tom Manduca.

Motion, second by Taylor Rogers: Table 4/22/18 BOD Minutes.
Motion passes unopposed.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Zach Mullin: Donate \$1000 in Tom Manduca's memory to the Lewiston-Auburn YMCA Aquatics program.
Motion passes unopposed.

Betsy Perron proposed that MSI inaugurate the *Tom Manduca Lecture*, an annual lecture, workshop or panel discussion for the coaching community, held as a tribute to Tom's spirit that focuses on the "dry side" of our profession - our calling to inspire, influence and affect the lives of the children we coach. Betsy will write up a proposal.

Open Board Positions

Age Group Vice Chair: Matt Cook will be taking a leave of absence this summer. Mike Schmidt, the Senior Vice Chair, will take care of Matt's MSI responsibilities while he is away.

Administrative Vice Chair: A committee (Jim Willis, Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers, Olivia Tighe and Marie Weferling) will nominate a person to fill this role.

Convention Details1:

Taylor has reserved three rooms and is looking into flights. Mary Ellen Tynan, Jim Willis and Marie Weferling will attend. We will also send one Athlete Rep, preferably Olivia Tighe, since she also attended last year. Olivia will let the BOD know if she is available to attend by July 31. Our athlete rep will room with the rep from New England Swimming or USAS can help organize a rooming arrangement with an athlete from another LSC.

Summer Championships:

Awards and bag tags have been ordered.

We will sell t-shirts and have polo shirts for officials.

If there is no objection, a local vendor will sell suits and equipment outside of the venue. (There was no objection.)

TJ Willis thinks he can live-stream the meet; Taylor Rogers has volunteered to help out with the computer.

Alan Sanders is the meet operator.

Jim will forward information to Taylor so she can place an order for the Hy-tek license.

Only one NES team has committed to competing in the meet (about 30 athletes); there are some Canadian teams interested in participating.

Winter Championships1:

Jim has contacted an acquaintance, Lynn Coutts, Senior Associate Director of Athletics at UMO, to request use of the pool during their Spring break week (March 21-24th). She will let him know by July 15th if the pool is available to us.

LCM Zones Policy Update and Clarification

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Mike Schmidt: Change MSI policy to state that an MSI swimmer must have achieved at least an AA time in an event in order to compete in that event at LCM Zones.

Discussion:

Currently, any Maine swimmer with an AA time in an event may apply for LCM Zones. It has been the practice that Maine swimmers attending LCM Zones have been permitted to swim “bonus” events that don’t meet the AA cut.

Jim Willis suggested that we should use our discretion. If a swimmer is very close to an AA cut in an event, they could swim it as a bonus event or if the athlete meets the LCM Zones cut in one event, they might be able to compete in a bonus event in the same stroke, regardless of their time.

Olivia Tighe felt that, since the AA cut times do not actually meet the qualifying times for LCM Zones, an AA event is already a “bonus” event and that we should mandate that swimmers must have at least an AA cut to compete in an event. Maddie Buck shared that from her personal experience, she and other Maine swimmers have not been very competitive in those “bonus” events and she agreed with Olivia’s position.

Taylor: LCM Zones is not an MSI All-star meet and should be for Zones-level swimmers only.

Motion passes with one opposed.

Coach Education Event Update

John Smith, Jay Morissette, Matt Baxter and Matt Montgomery, and Betsy Perron formed a committee to plan this event. They would like to focus on topics that include club development, assisting new/young coaches, and positively affecting the lives of our swimmers (Tom Manduca Lecture).

They have invited several guest speakers to participate, but at this point George Kennedy is the only one who has responded that he is available (Betsy, Jim and Jay have all heard him speak at ASCA and found him to be an excellent presenter, especially on the topic of building team culture). USA Swimming will be holding regional coaches' clinics on that date and suggested that we push the event back to October. MSI would like to keep the September date to avoid scheduling conflicts with meets, etc.

Some BOD suggestions for presenters include:

Chris Plumb, Ian Murray or a coach (TBD) from another Mighty 2500 LSC with similar demographics to MSI who has built a successful program.

The committee can spend up to \$5000 on the event.

Butch Babin offered to host the event at Husson College (per discussion at HOD 5/18)

Office Update

Board members need to take the Board Orientation on-line course ASAP so that Mary Ellen can apply for LEAP in the Fall. She has emailed BOD members with the details.

Membership cards will now be available for a fee of \$10 and can be ordered at the time of registration. If you do not purchase a membership card, you can access it digitally via Deck Pass instead.

New membership options will be added to the website.

TPC-Meet Committee Job Clarification

Taylor Rogers will write up a proposal for a formal job description for the Meet Committee. Generally speaking, the MSI Meet Committee is responsible for the management of all MSI meets.

There was some discussion of the role of the TPC and its relationship with the Coach's Committee and the MSI Meet Committee.

Jay Morrissette would like there to be less bureaucracy, would like to have the Coaches' Committee combine with the TPC.

Mary Ellen stated that traditionally the Coaches' Committee should meet (more often than they have met in recent years) and that the Coach's Rep should bring the committee's concerns and ideas to the TPC.

Taylor stated that after an MSI meet, the Meet Committee should convene and review the meet, put recommendations in writing and submit them to the TPC for consideration for the following year's meet.

Taylor also mentioned that a function of the TPC is to bring together coaches, officials, athletes and administration.

Other

Next BOD meeting is August 13, 2018

Pre Registration for Zones is due by July 8th. We have no coach attending, so MSI swimmers will be paired up with NES. We have 5 swimmers interested at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MSI Secretary. June 19, 2018