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Present: AJ Rog, Jeff Ward, McKayla Kendall (7:30), Brady Hale, Collin Chamberlain, Nori Lund, Jim Willis, Margo Diamond

Absent: Dana Barrows, Marcel Da Ponte

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, Sponge Savage

- i. Roll Call
- ii. AJ suggested they set a monthly meeting time. Monday-Thursday suggested by Jeff at 7:15PM. Third Thursday of the month at 7:15PM. May cancel if we don't need but on the books
- iii. Summer Champs – estimates are 300 11 & over and 77 10 & unders based on coach guesses. How do we make 10 & unders a bigger number or entice them to go? Margo said MMD has not heard anything about the meet yet. Can also reach out to teams outside the LSC. Margo said she loves the SEALS King and Queen Meet. Makes it fun for kids or fun relays or prizes of some sort. Right now there are no qualifying times for the meet.

Warm-up/Cool down – it is a 9 lane long course pool. Options to swim 7 lanes and have one for warm-up/warm-down. If really crowded we can talk about other options.

Margo also concerned about parking. Dorm rooms should help with parking. Mary Ellen in process of Meet Information. There will be an early entry deadline for Maine Swimming at the end of June. Also if we need to cut kids would be nice to get them in the meet July 9th at MMD.

May limit the distance events to two heats of 15 & over and one heat of 13-14 of the 1500 and 800. Do we swim 9 lanes and not have warm-up warm-down. Jim recommends swimming them at 9 lanes. With the 10 minute break before the distance events warm-up should be ok. Nori asked how you choose who will swim. Jim said cut times. Jim said we have always had this rule in place but never had to use it. Sponge just reiterated that we should be very careful about cutting swimmers out of the meet as we try to rebuild. Jim said UMO never had more than 300 swimmers in all the years.

- iv. Summer Zones – Ithaca, NY August 3-6, 2022. Committee is charged with securing a coach. We have budgeted for one coach. Issue right now is the P & P says applications are due for the coach on July 15th. Need to change that to a general “application is due on the date noted on the form” or it needs to be earlier than July 15th. Need to recommend to governance or the Board of Directors. If more than one coach applies, need to have criteria for the decision making process. Collin had 8 swimmers last year all ages 11-14.
Considerations:
 - a. Longevity of coaching
 - b. Exposure to more athletes
 - c. Experience with Zone/travel teamCan interview if needed.

- v. Olympic Clinics (D1, D2....) – AJ was thinking of more like a training opportunity and relay meet so more kids could be involved. Margo has some friends who would come during the summer for unofficial events or something more official. McKayla said on BYB they used to



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do green and gold meets at the beginning of the season. Would be great if kids could be assigned to teams and older kids could come and help kids pick a team name and older kids could help and mentor the younger kids. Everyone participates. About the experience. Discussion on one day or two days. Matching swag would be great. Prize for winning teams. Maybe have older kids come up with team names so we could order caps ahead of time and they are assigned to teams. Do we try to have one in the north and one in the south for participation?

Mary Ellen said the committee needs to pick a weekend so it can get on the bid calendar. The weekend of the historical D1 meet weekend (the first weekend of November) could work. Teams will be asked to bid on hosting the meet during the bid process due July 1. Margo suggested MMD would be great place to have the event. Sponge asked how many attended D1 because if numbers are not high then not worth splitting up. Want to get things set so caps can get ordered and older swimmers can commit to helping out. Next meeting – Wednesday, June 8th at 7PM to hash things out. Need to think about finances and how much people will need to contribute.

- vi. Changes to next year's Winter Champs – there is talk of creating an open/senior meet (one set of qualifying times) and a 14 & under meet. Meets would be two different weekends. Senior swimmers have been very vocal that they want the Senior Meet the first weekend in March. McKayla asked about can swimmers compete in both meets. That would be decided but most likely yes. 11-12, 13-14 prelims then 10 & unders could swim at night with finals. Discussion on placement of the YMCA State Meet. Margo likes the idea of splitting the meets, McKayla agrees.
- vii. AJ will send the google doc out.
- viii. Adjournment –

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan