



**MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Maine Swimming Athletes Committee**

**7 pm via Zoom**

**6/5/22**

**Mission Statement: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine Swimming**

**Vision Statement: You CAN get there from here!**

Present: Audrey Cohen, Brady Hale, Abby Hollis, Ethan Schulz, Lucy Shaw, Denali Wagstaff

Absent: Ali Bragg, Emma Farnham, McKayla Kendall, Elle Yarborough

Guest: Taylor Rogers

**Call to Order**

**Mission/Vision**

**Roll Call**

by Ethan Schulz

**Athletes Resources Website Is Live**

Ethan Schulz started the meeting by announcing that the website is up and running and being updated almost weekly.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Abby Hollis second by Brady Hale. Ethan Schulz added that Denali Wagstaff was absent but she was excused. All in favor.

**New Business**

**Volunteering**

Ethan Schulz said that he thinks it would be good to offer a few volunteer opportunities, maybe one in the north and one in the south. He then asked for suggestions and talked about the MDI open table event that happened earlier this year and the book drive at winter champs. Abby Hollis said that something she does pretty often is a beach cleanup. She said that we could do anything outside like a trail cleanup. Brady Hale said that he liked Abby's idea of some sort of outdoor cleanup. Abby Hollis said she wasn't sure what a good location would be for people to gather and she said that most of the beaches are pretty clean so there might not be a lot of work to do in comparison with volunteering at a soup kitchen. Ethan Schulz asked if people would be interested in a soup kitchen type of event and everybody said that they would be interested.



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Brady Hale said that doing multiple soup kitchens would allow people from different parts of the state to participate. Ethan Schulz said that doing them all on the same day would allow people to then all share their experiences together. Abby Hollis said that we could then post about both of the opportunities that MESI offered for volunteering. Taylor Rodgers then added in the chat that there are some summer camps that have camp cleanup that we could possibly help with. Ethan Schulz asked Taylor if she knew of any specific camps and she said that most outdoor camps begin preparing and cleaning up in early June. Ethan Schulz said that with a soup kitchen we would probably need to have older volunteers and with a beach cleanup we could have more younger swimmers involved. Lucy Shaw said that some of the younger kids might be away at summer camps and Abby Hollis said that we might not get as many numbers during the summer. Ethan Schulz said that we could set up a poll on instagram to see what people are interested in doing. Denali Wagstaff said that there are a lot of opportunities to clean up the trails around MDI and she thinks that there would be a lot of participation.

### **Committee Appointments**

Ethan Schulz said that many of the athletes' terms on committees will be ending in September and part of the Athletes Committees job is to recommend people to other committees.

- Officials Committee
- Senior Committee
- Banquet Committee

### **Increase Zone Participation**

Ethan Schulz said that Mary Ellen wants to increase zone participation and was wondering if we had any ideas in order to achieve that. Abby Hollis said that there are less people that swim in the summer but we could promote summer swim on our instagram. Lucy Shaw asked if there is a place where the information for zones is posted because it is helpful to plan ahead. Taylor Rodgers said that the signup is up for if you are interested but Mary Ellen is also working on transferring between calendars. Audrey Cohen said that we could spread more information about how the zone meet works and what the experience is like. Taylor said hearing us talk about it will help the younger swimmers and encourage them to also go to Zones. Ethan Schulz said that we could maybe use the apparel that was designed for Zones to advertise the meet itself. Audrey Cohen asked if there is a list of people who have qualified because they might not know that they



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did. Taylor Rodgers said that she thinks that Mary Ellen sent out an email to the parents but it might help to post a list somewhere.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Brady Hale second by Abby Hollis.

**To-Do List**

- Poll on social media about volunteering
- Post about zones on social media
- Instagram live talking about zones
- Post a list of swimmers who have qualified for zones