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## **Maine Swimming Board of Directors**

**6/29/2020**

**8:00 pm via ZOOM**

Present: Kristy Barry, Ali Bragg, Marcel Da Ponte, Trevor Edmunds, Emma Farnham, Holly Hatch, Stacy Kennard, Jay Morissette, Zack Mullins, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Jim Willis, Carrie Wood-Peabody, Betsy Perron

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Absent: Henry Clauson, Keli Gillespie, Matt Montgomery,

Mission and Vision Statement read.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Stacy Kennard to accept meeting minutes from 6/15/2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Policy 907.3

**Motion** by Stacy Kennard, second by Taylor Rogers to change policy 907.3 to adjust the penalty for a late submission of sanction requests to a flat fee of \$50.00.

Discussion: Though the amount of \$50.00 is an unlikely deterrent, we do not need to impose sanctions very often.

Motion passes with 2 opposed.

### HOD Meeting

Elections may be done by voice, but should a private vote be needed, we will use the Election Buddy app. All attendees must register before the meeting.

Any alternative delegates must submit the appropriate forms.

All committees must submit reports.

The Bid Meeting will be at 9:30 am followed by the HOD meeting at 10:00 am.

### Crisis Management

With changes in Maine restrictions, we are beginning the “60 Day” phase of the crisis management plan. Per USAS, we are allowed to sanction meets beginning on July 1. Non-sanctioned meets are permitted, but times achieved at non-sanctioned meets will only be “official” within the LSC, but we can enter them on a national leaderboard.

Some teams are back in the water; most are swimming with 1/lane. Unless you have a local dispensation, it is recommended that you only have 1 swimmer/lane. Jim Willis is putting together a letter to the state requesting a loosening on regulations for pools. For

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teams that have restarted operations, please continue to maintain good social distancing practices and make sure that social media posts reflect these safety measures.

All board-run teams must register all of the members of their board of directors immediately. For coach-owned teams, there must be at least 2 coach members; all other teams are required to have 1 coach member, though 2 are recommended.

The TPC is working on an alternative meet schedule that will allow for both in-person and virtual meets. Championships are still a possibility in some form; at this time, we have Bowdoin available to us.

#### Coach Education Update

We are working out dates and hoping for an August event.

#### Athlete Leadership Summit

The Athlete Committee will post a JOT form application in August. If the summit is in-person, it will likely be in mid-Maine.

#### DEI Letter Update

Ali Bragg shared the statement that the athletes prepared about their position on Black Lives Matter.

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Zack Mullins to support the Athlete Committee statement.

Discussion: It is important to the athletes that they affirm that Black lives matter and that they make a stand against brutality. This is a statement from the Athlete Committee and not the adults and the adults reaffirmed their support and appreciation of the athletes' position. Some board members felt that the document might benefit from another round of editing and also requested that the athletes include an action plan in their statement. John Smith said that he would set up a meeting with Dane, the athletes and the DEI Committee to continue working on the statement.

Taylor Rogers withdrew her motion.

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette that the MESI Board of Directors will support the final Athlete Committee statement, as drafted by the athlete representatives, Dane and the DEI Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Other Business

Meet bids will be due by July 4, 2020.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Marcel Da Ponte to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MESI Secretary on July 30, 2020