

## MSI Coaches Meeting 4/30/11

Members in Attendance: BYB – Eric Palmer, CBRY – Dan St. Pierre, LRSC – Jay Morrisette, MMD – Tim Lecrone, MDIY – Jim Willis, NYCY – Lia Langeveld, PBAY – Fritz Homans, SYT – Mardie LaRiviere, TCST – Tom Manduca

Members Absent: BBYD, CCSC, CMA, DEFY, HSC, KVY, PTSC, PRY, PPSC, SSC, WCY, SEAL, WCCU

### Bowdoin Open

Jay & Leanne met with Brad to discuss the 2011 Bowdoin Open. It was recommended to put 15-16 AA cut times in. Maine kids will get a one week deadline before others teams are allowed to enter. Does MSI want to be more involved with this process? How important is this meet to the schedule? The timing is good as far as training wise. The first meet of the HS schedule is typically on the Friday night before so some high schoolers only get a Sunday swim. Would the MPA consider changing the PVAC relay carnival date?

The process last year with entries for Bowdoin was not level for all teams. Dan has a good relationship with Brad and would be willing to talk to him throughout the year as to see how the meet is being set up.

For Maine Swimming, it is a great chance to get some out-of-state competition without going out of state & It's good for the kids to be able to compete against different swimmers. Bowdoin is the best facility in the state. It would be good to have someone within the MSI hierarchy talk to Brad. Every other LSC holds a big Championship meet so it's good for MSI to have a stake in this meet. Fritz volunteered to help in some capacity with talking to Brad.

### Bronze Meet

If the senior portion were to come out of the meet and run events on Saturday and Sunday. If you have an entry time that makes MSI Champs, there will be no awards. There will be awards for the top 6 that do not make the cut. Swimmers get charged more to get into this meet. In previous years, there have been large numbers of swimmers in the bronze portion of the meet. To keep integrity of the bronze meet, there should be no time trials or meets allowed after that meet. We discussed having Bronze as the last meet to qualify for Champs. The medals at the meet are a big motivator for some of the kids. It was discussed to have a deposit put on the meet or have everyone fill out surveys to make sure that the meet is run well. We discussed changing the name to the Bronze Classic. Demographically attendance has been better in the south. Because it's an MSI meet, BOD and other members could step in to help run the meet.

### MSI Champs

The 3rd weekend of UMO is currently reserved for MSI Champs. It may be a problem to get enough people up to the pool to put the bulkhead in. The possibility of going to Bowdoin was also discussed.

### Anything Else?

We discussed having a website for different questions for coaches to share their knowledge. There could have a monthly feature on a different coach. We could do a retreat weekend, workshops, coaches hot seat, icebreakers, etc. It was discussed that at the Fall 2011 clinic that there would be some educational component for coaches. Jay suggested to get a big name swimmer and stroke specific clinic. It was suggested that we get dates together, names together of who we would like and send it to USA Swimming. Jim will do this.