

## Minutes MESI Coaches' Committees

Jan 17, 2022 at 5:00PM via Zoom



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Present: Dana Barrows, Matt Baxter, Marcel Da Ponte, Lia Langeveld (arrive late), Todd Larlee, Krystal Lavigueur, Matt Montgomery, Jay Morissette, Taylor Rogers, Brian Savage, Mike Schmidt, Jeff Ward, Marie Weferling, Jim Wills, Aaron Winslow

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, Andrew Cote

- I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review of Agenda
- IV. Champs Trials Meet: The University of Maine double booked the facility for the weekend of YMCA State Meet (March 12-13) so the Y League has decided to move its meet to March 5-6. This conflicts with the Trials Meet so the Bath YMCA would not be able to host the meet on the 5-6. Discussion regarding switching the Trials Meet to the 12-13 and keeping it at Bath. Clarification that entries would still be due on the regular deadline of March 8<sup>th</sup> and late qualifiers will be accepted from the Trials Meet.  
*Motion by Jay to move the Champs Trials Meet from March 5-6 to March 12-13. Second by Matt Baxter. Motion passes unanimously.*
- V. Champs Meet:
  - A. Discussion regarding UMO. Mary Ellen shared document showing 3.5 vs 3 day meet. Matt Baxter asked why we are waiting to make a decision. Jeff asked why we need a decision quickly if we know LRSC will be a guaranteed back at Bath. Marcel noted that LRSC can run a great meet. Dana said there is more room on deck and for spectators at UMO. Taylor clarified warm-up warm-down situation at UMO and said that the coaches Committee should come forward with a recommendation for TPC from this meeting even if it is no recommendation.  
*Motion by Marie to move the meet to the Bath YMCA. Second by Taylor. Motion passes with two abstentions (Jay and Jeff) and three opposed (Jim, Matt M and Dana)*
  - B. Discussion of three day format.  
*Motion by Jim to Matt the event three full days (Friday-Sunday) and second by Jay. Motion passes with one abstention (Dana). The 1000 free will move to Friday, the 11-12 400 IM will move to Saturday, the 13 -14 and Open 200 Medley will move to Sunday.*
  - C. Bonus Events: (Lia joins meeting).  
*Motion by Jim to make the bonus structure: if a swimmer has a qualifying time in a stroke, they can swim other events in that stroke. No bonus events will be longer than 200. If you have the 1000 you can bonus the 1650 and vice-versa. Matt M asked if these would count as bonus events and Mary Ellen clarified this would negate the 1-2, 2-1 bonus structure. Clarification that events made at Trial are not included in this bonus structure. Motion passes with Mike Schmidt abstaining. Jay did not this is very friendly for the 11-12 age group.  
*Motion by Matt Baxter the older swimmers bonus the 400 IM if they have the 200 IM. Motion passes with Mike Schmidt abstaining and Sponge against.**
  - D. Moving High School Swimming to the fall – Jeff Ward has talked with several coaches and would like to work with MPA to move the high school season to the fall. Before he moves forward with any conversations he will send an email to

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the coaches and get feedback about thoughts and relationships with high school coaches in the area. Jeff will send an email to Mary Ellen to send out. Taylor suggests that the most important people to ask are the athletes because some compete in fall and spring sports. Jeff will talk with Taylor and Mary Ellen on best way to do that.

E. Other items:

1. Jay would like to limit coaches on deck at meet as well as officials and timers. Jay suggested 2 coaches per team. Matt Baxter suggested we look at the formula from meets that use a formula for coaches at meets. Discussion regarding finances. Jay proposes (per session)
  - i. 1-10 athletes 2 coaches:
  - ii. 11-20 athletes 3 coaches
  - iii. 21 or more athletes 4 coachesSecond by Matt B. motion passes unanimously.
2. Jay would like limit officials – Henry on this
3. Jay asked if we could do 1 timer per lane – Mary Ellen and Marie both say no.

VI. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Taylor, second by Marie. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Tynan