



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Safe Sport Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2021 at 8PM

Location: zoom

MISSION | Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

VISION | Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

CORE VALUES | Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

January 13, 2020 8:05pm

Attendance: Matt Montgomery, Karin Tonello, Kyle Bauer, Nick Partridge, Maddie Buck.

Absent: Todd Gorsuch

This was the first meeting of the Safe Sport Committee. Most of the talk centered around what the goals of the committee should be. A few common ideas were shared:

1. Help spread the message* and importance of Safe Sport to the membership.

* To better educate and prevent abuse within the sport and to provide the best possible experience for its members, in the safest possible environment.

2. Provide assistance to clubs trying to complete the Safe Sport Recognition Program.

We talked about how we might be able to engage the membership, particularly the athletes, in helping spread Safe Sport information through the use of social media, and team events. We discussed how we could encourage Safe Sport messages to be included in events, like the Athlete Instagram Takeovers, as opposed to strictly Safe Sport events.

Kyle shared how MMD and PBAY held a [trivia team challenge](#) and Safe sport inclusive questions could be incorporated in this style of event. Maddie is going to research some of the LSC Safe Sport Instagram pages to see what they are doing to share Safe Sport content with athletes. We are not currently looking to create our own page, simply include content in what is already established.

Karin offered to be an additional contact person for clubs seeking help completing the Safe Sport Recognition Program.

Matt is going to reach out to Mike Schmidt, Senior & Age Group Chair, regarding adding Safe Sport content to any of the events that are put together (virtual or in-person). Nick (who is learning this as soon as he reads this) will reach out to Kristy Barry, Athlete Committee Chair, about including Safe Sport content in their events (Instagram takeovers...).

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Montgomery