

MINUTES - MESI Board of Directors
May 18, 2020 via Zoom at 2PM

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

Present: Ali Bragg, Kristy Barry, Trevor Edmunds, Emma Farnham, Keli Gillespie, Holly Hatch, Stacy Kennard, Matt Montgomery, Jay Morissette, Brim Peabody, Betsy Perron, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Carrie Wood-Peabody,

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, TJ Willis
Absent: Marcel Da Ponte, Zack Mullin, Nicole Viele,

Mission Statement, Vision and Core Values read.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to accept the minutes from 5/11/20.
Motion passed unanimously.

College Athlete Forum –Mike Schmidt

The forum was held on 5/14 with 26 registered attendees and others watching on Facebook. Feedback from some attendees was that they would enjoy even more engagement and interaction with the panel if a similar forum were to be offered again.

Finance Report- Holly Hatch

The committee will be meeting during the week to finalize updates to the 900 policies.

Crisis Management Update – Taylor Rogers and Jim Willis

We are still in the early phase of the 30/60/90 day plan and hitting the established targets. The LSC-wide town hall was a success and teams are advised to hold individual town hall meetings with their membership before returning to the pool. Some teams are able to start swimming again as of June 1, while others will not be able to return until July or even later. Jim stated his YMCA is looking at July 1 and same for SEALs and PPSC. CCSC and DEFY hope to be before July 1. Jim said we should consider not sanctioning any meets before August 1.

Mary Ellen Tynan will create a Google sheet where coaches can upload their re-entry data.

Official's Report - Mary Ellen Tynan

Mary Ellen read a letter from Nicole Viele, informing the group that she is resigning her post as Official's Chair because she will be moving out of state. Henry Clausen will be transitioning into the role, with mentoring and administrative assistance of Menck and Mary Ellen Tynan. The Board is confident that he can get up to speed fairly quickly and Jim Willis will reach out to Henry.

Individual LSC's are responsible for determining official's training. Illinois has established a good on-line training platform that we could emulate. Online does not replace apprenticeships only the online work.

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Swimposium and Athlete Leadership Summit – Mary Ellen Tynan

The Athlete Leadership Summit will be hosted online. It is hard to imagine that we could host a day's worth of on-line Swimposium content; more than a 1-hour session would be a lot and would not likely draw a large enough audience. Mary Ellen Tynan will ask USAS if we can postpone the Swimposium until 2022. Instead of hosting a Swimposium this year, we could offer a virtual official's training and hopefully, Anthony Ervin can still come to do smaller in-person swim clinics. The athletes would still like Anthony to participate in the Leadership Summit as well.

Athlete Committee – Kristy Barry

The new Athlete Committee met for the first time. They would like to break the Leadership Summit into two days, with break-out rooms. They will need to choose a person in a leadership role to lead the Summit; Morgan at USAS can help with this. Since this will be an on-line event, the cohort could be expanded to more than the original 20 participants, though attendance should be kept at an intimate level and participation should be limited to those who are truly seeking to develop their leadership skills. There will be an application process.

House of Delegates Date – Jim Willis

The House of Delegates meeting will be on June 27 at 10:00. The Bid Meeting will be on the same morning, at 9:30.

Other Business

Taylor Rogers suggested that a BOD member be available to attend each team's town hall meetings. She will reach out to coaches to find out when the meetings will be held.

Logo – Matt Montgomery: USAS presented 2 logo ideas to the task force. We shared feedback with the USAS graphic artist and hopefully, they will return an option to vote on at the HOD meeting.

Next BOD Meeting

With the Memorial Day holiday next week, we will not have a meeting. The next BOD meeting will be on June 1 and will likely run longer than 1 hour. Material for the HOD will need to be approved at this meeting. The budget will be a priority discussion.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to adjourn.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MESI Secretary on May 26, 2020