

MINUTES - MESI Board of Directors

May 11, 2020 via 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

Present: Kristy Barry, Ali Bragg, Marcel Da Ponte, Trevor Edmunds Emma Farnham, Keli Gillespie, Holly Hatch, Stacy Kennard, Matt Montgomery, Jay Morissette joined at 2:49PM), Zack Mullin, Brim Peabody, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Jim Willis, Carrie Wood-Peabody,

Absent: Nicole Viele,

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan, TJ Willis

Mission, Vision and Core Values read.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Matt Montgomery, second by Mike Schmidt to accept the minutes from May 4, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

College Athlete Forum

About 39 people have registered. Athletes will publicize on social media.

Financial Update

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Mike Schmidt to accept the MESI Covid-19 Club Financial Support Policy as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy and Procedure Article 1806

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Stacy Kennard to amend policy 1806.3 on mileage reimbursement.

Mileage will be reimbursed for those traveling on behalf of MESI business at the current IRS charitable mileage rate based on the GPS or Google Maps mileage for shortest travel time. Contractors will be reimbursed at the current IRS business mileage rate.

Discussion: Do we need to define "MESI business"? No, 1806.1 clarifies this issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Currently MESI has approximately \$148,000 across its various accounts. Reward points and interest income have doubled since this time last year.

Crisis Management Update

The Maine Swimming Town Hall will be held on Tuesday May 12th.

The Coaches' Forum will be held on Thursday May 14th. The agenda includes scheduling a dryland presentation for coaches, and submitting a letter to the state of Maine advocating for pools to open during phase 2.

Jim Willis has sent letters to his Senator and Representative. He received a reply that no policies are in place yet for pools. YMCAs are counted as fitness centers and plan on opening their pools when the buildings reopen. Schools might not allow people back on campus until mid-August or September.

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There is no downside to sending a proposal to the state with USA Swimming guidelines attached. Individual teams should also send letters and proposals to local and state representatives. Taylor Rogers has Kentucky Swimming documents to share with anybody who is interested in reading an example letter.

Membership Update

Motion by Taylor Rodgers, second by Mike Schmidt. Do not offer Season 2 memberships this year.

Discussion: Matt Montgomery perhaps offering Season 2 memberships will be beneficial, leaving options open for any type of income. Is there any harm in offering Season 2 memberships?

Reply: Year-round membership registrations after June 1st will be the best bargain because they will last for one and a half years but other than being confusing, there is no other drawback to offering Season 2 memberships .

Motion failed by majority vote.

Dates for the Season 2 membership will be dependent upon USA-S opening policies and will extend 150 from the first date..

Athlete Committee

Seventeen athlete's applied for a position on the Athlete Committee. The Athlete Representatives selected five of the applicants, representing the Northern, the Central and the Southern part of the state. The new members of the Athlete Committee are Keegan McKenney, TJ Willis, McKayla Kendall, Ethan Schulz, and Sadie Woodruff.

Marcel Da Ponte commended the athletes' involvement in Maine swimming governance. Taylor Rogers appreciated the fact that the committee is made up of a good balance of males and females, YMCA and USA swimmers, geography, and new athlete involvement.

Governance Committee

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to amend policy 503.5. to allow for a single meet membership for open water events.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Marcel Da Ponte to remove policy 709.3.

Discussion: It is an unnecessary policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

New England/MESI Open Water championships is not scheduled to be in Maine this year as Nicole Benson is hoping to run them again after her first try last year, but hopefully next year we will be hosting it.

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Marcel Da Ponte to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron MESI Secretary, May 17th 2020.