

**MINUTES - MESI Board of Directors**  
May 4, 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, Zack Mullin, Brim Peabody, Taylor Rogers, Mike Schmidt, John Smith, Jim Willis, Carrie Wood-Peabody,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan, TJ Willis

Missing: Nicole Viele,

Mission, Vision and Core Values read.

**Secretary Report**

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to approve the 4/27/2020 minutes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Recognition**

Currently recognizing senior athletes on Instagram, going alphabetically by team.

**College Forum**

4/28 forum was very successful; at least 115 athletes participated. On 5/14, there will be a second college forum, featuring MESI collegiate swimmers.

**Finance Report**

Club Aid - the task force will be meeting during the upcoming week to finalize the application process.

Books have been reconciled for April. There is approximately \$147,000 in the bank. Outstanding payables have gone out.

**Crisis Management Update**

The committee are formulating a 30-60-90 day plan.

Focus areas to include member engagement and training. There will be an emphasis on making sure all stakeholders - parents, athletes and coaches - are well informed about re-entry best practices and expectations. MESI will reach out via bi-weekly coach meetings, athlete webinars, town hall meetings, etc.

Dryland training is a potential topic for annual coach education. Iain Murray has offered to share his expertise.

There will be no competition for the first 30 days. Looking at a normal September -March season, but will put contingencies in place.

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Marcel Da Ponte to cancel all currently scheduled summer meets with the assumption that we will re-introduce meets as deemed appropriate and safe.

Discussion: The TPC will be able to approve meets; it is likely that any meets over the summer will be virtual and/or dual meets.

Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Montgomery would like to have some recommendations for re-entry.

The State of Maine has indicated we may hold our HOD meeting virtually.

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*USAS Re-entry Plan*

The plan mentions issues to consider though there are not a lot of specific best practices included. There are helpful presentations on the ASCA web site that do address specific issues.

Matt Montgomery suggested that Y coaches contact the Maine YMCA governing body to share guidance for safe re-entry for competitive teams that enables more than one swimmer per lane at a time.

Phase I USAS grant applications due 5/8/20.

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to extend the Season I membership through August 31. Motion passed unanimously.

Memberships beginning June 1 (including Outreach and FLEX) will extend through 12/21. The membership rate may increase by \$2.00.

*MESI Town Hall*

Tuesday May 12 at 6 pm. Jane Grosser from USAS will attend. Registration is on the MESI web page.

Marcel Da Ponte has written to the Maine Commissioner of Economic Development to encourage that pool re-opening is included in the Phase II plan as opposed to Phase 3.

*Coach Of The Year Update*

Congratulations to Marcel Da Ponte (CMA) for winning Coach of the Year and to Colin Reeve (HSC) for winning Assistant Coach of the Year!

*Governance*

By-Law Updates (see appendix)

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Holly Hatch to approve changes to by-law items 4.5.6 and 5.2.

Jim Willis requested to pull 5.2 for clarification. After clarification, motion passed unanimously.

Policy & Procedure Updates (see appendix)

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to approve Policy and Procedure updates as written.

Items 502.4, 504.9, 702, 708, 709.3, 1002.7, 1201 pulled for discussion. All other items passed unanimously.

502.4

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to accept the policy with rearranged sentences for clearer interpretation.

Discussion: This mostly affects teams with Sectional (and faster) swimmers. The understanding is that if the LSC is investing in these clubs, the clubs should, in turn, be vested in the LSC.

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Motion passed with a majority vote.

504.9

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to pass amendment as written.

Discussion: How do you define “in good standing”? Answer: You are in good standing if there are no alerts on SWIMS. If you have an alert your registration is not valid.

Motion passed unanimously.

702

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to pass amendment as written.

Discussion: John Smith needed clarification on the process for certifying a meet director.

Motion passed unanimously.

708

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette to accept the amendment as written.

Discussion: clarification requested.

Motion passed unanimously.

709.3

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to pass the amendment as written.

Discussion: How does this affect open water competition?

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to table until further information is available.

Motion passed unanimously.

1002.7

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Jay Morissette to pass amendment as written.

Discussion: clarification requested on difference between “15& O” and “Open”.

Motion passed unanimously.

1201

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by Matt Montgomery to accept the amendment as written.

Discussion: clarification on tiers requested.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** by John Smith, second by Jay Morissette to reconsider the recently adopted Outreach Travel Assistance policy as follows:

***Outreach Travel Subsidy:***

***Applications - Application for reimbursement must be made on the form designated for this purpose within 30 days of the event. Outreach Athletes may receive up to the IRS per diem allotment for the location in which the meet is held.***

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***Additional criteria: Athletes must compete in at least three individual events a day in all meets except open water competitions, the Bowdoin Open and the Winter Championship meet/s.***

Motion to reconsider passes unanimously.

**Motion** by Taylor Rogers, second by John Smith to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron MESI Secretary May 9, 2020