

MESI Crisis Management Meeting
May 14, 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

Attendees: Kristy Barry, Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Jim Willis

Absent: Taylor Rogers,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Jim called to order.

Asked Mary Ellen about what she had heard about MMD and use of therapy pool. Is it allowed? Mary Ellen doesn't think so at this point.

Marcel said one of his pools with not open until September 1st and the other pool confirmed to a CMA coach that will plan to open July 1 after initially saying June 1. Jim reviewed the June 1 opening plans with more details to be out May 20th. He sent an email to the Governor. Fitness Centers 1:1 and up to 10 outside. MMD starting today with parking spot designated per athlete. Up to 50 congregating on July 1. Marcel asked his board if he could do in person dryland and his board concerned over 10 and fewer guidelines and finding a location could be tough. Jim said MDIY opening on June 8th but pool not included. Mary Ellen had sent an email to head coaches to get outline of plans. KVV opening June 1 and Mike submitted plans for team and hopes to start two weeks later. PBAY and DEFY planning on June 1. PBAY not with swim team, DEFY with swim team soon after.

Jim reported from USA-S meeting:

1. Tom Avischious said some indoor pools not opening because of HVAC . Jim doesn't see as big problem with 6-8 swimmers at once.
2. Update on Regional meets: 17 sites all regional for Sectional cuts or above. No meets in June (no sanctions). July expecting sanctions for dual and virtual meets in July.
3. Insurance: COVID not an accident so a swimmer cannot claim on an accident. Maybe on general liability. Comply with state and local regulations. Do not intentionally break rules.
4. Safe Sport- must follow, safety training getting extended. If you can get certified, bring a family member to be the victim. Most teaching will be web-based until the skills.
5. Swimming should be the sport that everyone looks at as a model. Build for the future
6. Grant closed Friday – 318 teams 53 out of 59 LSCs applied not sure of Maine
7. Officials Training – shadowing cannot be replaced. Mary Ellen will look at Illinois and other websites to get ideas. Always should have two presenters both in person and online. Will look to set some up as fall goes on. Make sure people are actually listening and paying attention.

Jim will check with coaches at coach forum tonight about MMD and Mike and what others are doing moving forward. Jim said they need to wear mask and shields at his YMCA when they open. Jim said YMCA insurance group did not say that shields are mandatory. Marcel said Speedo coming out with team face masks. Jim said gators recommended for kids. You are supposed to coach with a face mask. Everyone inside should have a face mask on.

SWIMPOSIUM – will be virtual. Athletes will meet Saturday at 6PM to discuss Athlete Leadership Summit. We can do officials virtually. Anthony might come out to do an in person. USA Swimming not sending others out and do we need Jane to do another virtual event.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday May 21st at 5PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan