

MESI Crisis Management Meeting
May 28, 2020 via Zoom at 4:30PM

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, Taylor Rogers, Holly Hatch (4:53PM), Jim Willis

Absent: Maddie, Buck

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Jim called to order at 4:33PM.

Recap of USA-S Meeting:

1. Club Grants – 317 clubs all received grants. Will find out if any MESI by Friday
2. Crawl Walk Race
3. 10-12% of teams are back in the water
4. Trying to decide how times for any July meets will count
5. Aquatic Coalition
6. Marketing Tool Kit
7. New website soon
8. No one knows what the future will hold
9. .Can numbers in the fall be handled
10. New elearning platform - Absorb

Marcel mention there is some confusion over Crystal Lake and whether or not it is closed. Some CMA swimmers have gone and another group. Website does not indicate that that swimming is not allowed.

Jim will discuss pool openings tonight at coach forum. Jim plans to start his team July 6th.He will ask the coaches to update spreadsheet tonight with their plans.

Jim is concerned about net season and competition. His team will not want to travel and stay overnight.

Marcel noted that the SWIM COACHES IDEA EXCHANGE Facebook Group has a lot of great shared ideas. New model for swim teams. Being a smaller LSC helps us for many reasons. Focus on dual and tri meets to keep competition here.

Holly joined meeting.

We are 24 teams – need to work together. Have to make swimming financially feasible. One swimmer per lane will not accomplish that.

Taylor brought up an issue that some facilities are telling their lifeguards not to do more than throw floatation device as a rescue. So check with facilities and teach life guards on duty to provide care. Jim said there should be a Bag Valve Mask on site.

June 1 gatherings increase to 50 but Taylor reports a number per sq foot. Need strategies and consider open water

TPC meeting Friday focus on:

1. Regular schedule
2. Flexible schedule

Next meeting: Thursday June 4th at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan