

**MESI Crisis Management Meeting**  
June 18, 2020 via Zoom at 8:00PM

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Attendees: Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Absent: Kristy Barry, Maddie Buck, Marcel Da Ponte

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan (8:18PM)

Jim waiting to see what USA-S is putting together for Virtual meets.

Jim noted the email from USA S – all club board members must be USA-S non-athletes and by January 1<sup>st</sup> two coaches must be registered if no club board. May be a crisis in the future. Lindsay may have an issue. Really a coach just needs to pass all the stuff they don't always need to be coaching. Time and monetary commitment.

Jim noted there is only supposed to be one swimmer per lane. SEALs had pictures of more than that per lane. Also Open Water not following social distancing guidelines. Taylor said it might want to remind all teams of social distancing guidelines. Jim suggested MESI email Health Commissioner (Ms. Thompson) again to work with them to allow more per lane for competitive teams. IT's really hard with the kids. So happy to be with their friends again. Try to do stuff with siblings. Be careful of posting on social media. People don't know who are siblings and who are not. Lifeguarding using siblings as victims.

We have put the perfect schedule together but Jim pessimistic about outlook for meets. Really need a backup schedule on September 1. Virtual meet option in October and maybe dual meet options in November.

Mary Ellen joins meeting.

Jim notes chore for Mary Ellen. Re-inform the clubs that they need to follow the Maine guidelines of one swimmer lane in indoor pools as of June 17<sup>th</sup>. Document in the gyms and fitness center website checklist. Taylor noted that Westbrook had posted 5-6 per lane doing vertical sculling and kicking. Still not allowed and please don't broadcast on social media. Remind of insurance requirements to follow all state and local recommendations.

Mary Ellen reported that YMCA of Southern Maine kids are looking to transfer as the YMCA is not communicating any reopening plans. Indoor workout centers social distancing is 14 feet without masks and 6 feet outdoors.

Jim also wants to email the Health Commissioner and see if we can increase number per lane for youth sports. USA-S does not recommend anything because could be different for each LSC.

Calendar – if perfect schedule will not work we should have some structure to the calendar. Maybe do planned virtual meets or the third weekend of the month there will be a virtual meet for all of those interested and we will put all the results together and score it. Then possibility of single age group meets and to show people we have a plan if we have open communication. Discussed Schroeder YMCA starting meets. Start small and grow. Jim noted that he agrees with Taylor that we need structure and things for people to look forward to. Do not want to start the season cancelling meets. Or maybe we run D1, D2 run virtually if cannot happen in person. Would like to do something at Bowdoin the traditional weekend of the Bowdoin Open. May end up small senior meet. Mary Ellen will reach out to Brad. If colleges follow the schedule of August to Thanksgiving, what will happen with sports. Can athletes stay on campus?

Transfers from YMCA of Southern Maine – not sure how many swimmers other teams can take. Some transfers are coming through and being processed. Most teams only running 45 minutes – 60 minute workouts not limit kids at once.

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HOD meeting and voting – Jane supposedly send video on how to run a virtual HOD but Jim said not there. Mary Ellen confirmed and will reach out. Taylor did attend that webinar so she does have some notes. She said a lot of LSCs used separate platforms to use for voting. Need something that is anonymous. Don't expect anything contentious. Will run as regular Zoom meeting and teach people to raise their hand. Need to have protocol about who can speak as may be biggest HOD meeting ever since virtual. What to give people opportunities to speak but not monopolize. Mary Turner has instructions on how to use Zoom. Is there a document on Roberts Rules of Order and here is how meeting will take place. People can only speak once unless called back. Will stick with that and should pay attention at board meeting but HOD is different. Taylor said it is really important that everyone has typed up report but that everyone speaks very briefly about what we have done and what next year might look like. Important to show we are working hard during this time. Already have three At-Large athletes that will be attending. What to make sure they are informed on what they are voting. Do we expect nominations from the floor? John smith for General Chair potentially. Voting needs to be set up ahead of time so need multiple people working on things during the meeting. Also email to vote will be sent out in email so people will need to have multiple windows open to vote.

Holly asked about email regarding memberships. Jim addressed that club board members must be registered immediately. Mary Ellen and Carol Healey reviewed April minutes and it appears USA-S HOD still needs to vote on it in September and then it would be effective immediately. Mary Ellen had email Denise Thomas at USA-S if immediate meant now and who would be policing this. Then for having two coaches per team if not a club board may be a little hassle getting that second coach. Lindsay is main concern and then Collin Chamberlain.

NES is running their HOD meeting two weeks before MESI so will get feedback and insight from them..

Taylor and Holly mailing out Top Ten and record breaker certificates with key chains. Jim has bag tags for champs but they can go to head coaches for distribution.

Mary Ellen will send instructions to Suzi at CBS for HOD. Also Athletes and DEI working on statement. Mary Ellen will touch base with John. Jim said they said they were sending letter to Jim before sending out. Want to send to other people first for review.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan