

**MESI Crisis Management Meeting**  
July 16, 2020 via Zoom at 8:00PM

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**Vision:** Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

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Attendees: Marcel Da Ponte (8:20), Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Absent: Kristy Barry, Maddie Buck,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Jim reported that Maine updated their pool usage. Three per lane when going one way. Taylor agreed with Jim's interpretation and clarified it is only three per lane for organized youth sports activities. Old Town YMCA is keeping it at one per lane. Jim said Shana from USA last week said you can take a lane line out and you can have almost three people in a lane because you are six feet away. Jim thinks he can get 15-18 people in his pool at once. Jim asked if teams should be interpreting themselves. State is only recommending so really is up to the teams.

At the meeting last week, USA Swimming will continue to make decisions on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for next month.

Mary Ellen reported that people liked the virtual HOD. Very efficient.

Jim noted today high schools announced no sports until at least the day after Labor Day. Jim feels there is a good chance we won't see high school swimming. As for colleges, Bowdoin tentatively has the dates set for us but if they don't take any breaks they won't want to hold the meet if they are in session. Mary Ellen reported that colleges are petitioning to have swimming moved to a spring sport. We may not be able to get on a college campus until May.

USA-S put the virtual competition together. Need to use our imagination. We might only be able to have virtual competition. KVV and other teams LRSC (?) held time trials and were counting pool records. Henry Clauson does not feel this is appropriate. Mary Ellen told Henry it is not in our jurisdiction. Times will not be counted for MESI for anything.

Marcel joined the meeting

Jim asked how virtual meet works. Mary Ellen would create file and send out and then merge results when done.

Jim confirmed how many swimmers per lane. Marcel using one per lane. Discussion on three swimmers per lane. Really is open to interpretation. One per lane indoors and go up to three per lane for organized sports. Locker rooms can be used. Marcel said Locker rooms still closed but handicapped bathroom is in use.

Discussion on schools for the fall. Still no decisions. Kids won't have gym most likely so opportunity to partner with swimming. Kids are getting a lot less activity. Marcel's own kids are just getting 30 minutes every other day.

Marcel just hoping there are no outbreaks linked to a pool or swimming anywhere in the county. Jim pessimistic about not having meets. Maybe have single age meets with the club in the next town. Marcel tries to have conversations with facility people but he does not see letting anything happen. Taylor is hope for November or December. Could do time trial meets. Taylor's team looking at other activities. They are doing a 5K, etc.

Jim noted Brendan Hansen wants to talk to people in the LSC. Might be good for him to talk to Taylor.. Taylor will reach out.

Marcel noted that Peacock TV is free.

Taylor asked for a Board Meeting the first Monday of August. Need to figure out meet schedule. TPC should put together a schedule for a virtual meet for if and when it could happen.

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Mary Ellen reported that Bob Menck is in the hospital in very serious condition. She will keep everyone posted. Also lots of phishing emails posing as Jim and Mary Ellen. Need to be careful.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan