

Minutes MESI Crisis Management
January 11, 2021, 2020 at 2:15PM 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: Henry Clauson, Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Brian Savage, Jim Willis

Absent: Kristy Barry, Kyle Bauer, Maddie Buck,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan, Karin Tonello

Taylor calls to order at 2:15 PM.

Taylor discussed top times. Start thinking about ideas.

Eastern Zone Technical met Saturday. Going to run a virtual Winter Age Group Champs in March and in person Spring later in April or May.

Sanctioning Guidelines:

1. Meets in yellow counties. Teams want to do virtual meets with one club. It should be fine within practice groups
2. Dual meets in yellow counties – Taylor does not think we should be missing teams in yellow. Marcel said his team is only starting back up again now. High schools still not practicing. Marcel said if high school back at practice they will run virtual meets so club teams should be able to do the same. Marcel said he will probably start travelling out of state soon.
3. Henry said we don't need to do anything stricter than the state guidelines. Just comply with what the state is doing at this time. Henry ok with meets in yellow if not mixing practice groups. Facility must be OK with it.
4. Capacity still at 50 and must be enforced. Ideally officials should not be travelling distances to cover meets but we do need to coordinate officials.
5. KVV running approved and sanctioned intra-squad meets
6. Henry said guidelines need to be updated to comply but nothing major. Making the guidelines a little less detailed to allow facilities
7. Discussion regarding non-sanctioned vs sanctioned meet. Henry said if they keep sessions within cohorts we should easily be able to make it work really well.

Henry makes a motion that we will allow intra=squad, sanctioned and non-sanctioned meets in green and yellow counties. Marcel seconds. Jim opposed. Sponge abstains. Motion passes

Currently need to revise guidelines to match the state guidelines for dual meets. Suggestion by Taylor for dual meets in green counties only within same geographical area. Not a full team again a full team. Must be from same cohorts or practice groups. Sponge suggested we hold off on in person deal meets due to increased numbers. State will be doing more revisions for Friday. Been about three weeks since an update.

YMCA Approved meets – in general two USA officials required for an approved meet but under covid restrictions one usa official

Relays: High school allowing them. Sponge said YMCAs are not doing relays yet. Henry thinks it is a facility and club decision about relays not the LSC. Henry noted that if it is the same group of kids at practice why not allow relays.

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Holly – motion to amend guidelines to allow relays for virtual intra-squad meets and practices. Marcel seconds. Passes unanimously.

Instagram – Athlete Takeovers – We had an athlete doing a takeover who is not registered with Maine Swimming. Coach of previous team has reached out with concerns. Taylor believes if they are not registered athletes of MESI they should not be representing on social media. Holly makes a motion that athletes representing MESI on social media need to be registered members of MESI. Second by Sponge. Passes unanimously.

Do the updated guidelines need to go back to the BOD? Does need to go to Board. Can do email vote. Henry said we should eliminate specific plans regarding locker rooms, etc and just say to follow facility guideline.

Motion to adjourn by Marcel. Second Holly. Pass unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan