

Minutes MESI Crisis Management
November 16, 2020 at 2PM 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: Kyle Bauer, Henry Clauson, Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Absent: Kristy Barry, Maddie Buck, Brian Savage

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Taylor calls to order at 2:04 PM.

Taylor discussed the press conference Friday. Press conference talked about ASPEN. Taylor will reach out to Joel. ASPEN says public pool is moderate risk which conflicts with guidelines.

The athletes received a generic response to the letter from the Governor's office.

Kyle had a meeting with high school and they plan to run out of his facility.

Taylor reported she gives swim lessons to kids from all different schools. It makes no sense. Do we need an attorney? Mary Ellen asked about the lobbyist from the YMCA as most states who have made progress have used lobbyists. Marcel noted that club sports were targeted. Michigan just shut down all sports for three weeks starting Wednesday.

We need to get classified as low risk for the future. Mary Ellen asked about hiring an attorney to represent Y and MESI.

Mary Ellen noted that swimmers from at least 2 MESI times plan to attend the ISCA meet in early December. Taylor noted she educated everyone to swim unattached. We need a unified front with all club sports around Maine. Mary Ellen asked about why gymnastics is low risk and it appears that it is because there is no high school gymnastics in Maine.. Next steps:

1. Coach clinic – maybe with Leanne? How to coach virtually?
2. Swimmer travel – try to discourage – records will be acknowledged but not celebrated.

Henry said hiring an advocate won't do any good at this point. State may need to rescue USA club teams – may want to communicate needs for later, save money to help support our teams.

Suggestion for a donation pool to protect coaches. Jay should host a coach meeting.

Next meeting in 2 weeks at 2PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan