

**Minutes MESI Crisis Management**  
September 24, 2020 at 8PM 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: Kristy Barry, Marcel Da Ponte, Holly Hatch, Taylor Rogers, Jim Willis

Absent: Maddie Buck,

Guest: Kyle Bauer, Henry Clauson, Brian Savage, Mary Ellen Tynan

Taylor calls to order at 8:05PM. Mission, vision and core values read.

Competitive Aquatics Advocacy Update: Taylor has reached out to Amy etch and Paul Butler who want to work with us. YMCA coaches met yesterday and took vote to standardize guidelines. Also included Sabrina from Bath YWCA as she has an existing relationship with the DEC. Jim is concerned about the team sports classification. Taylor clarified that they are trying to get away from team classification and just get "competitive swimming and diving" classified as low risk. Henry noted that the indoor situation will be the sticking point. They want all the same rules and guidelines for USA, YMCA and high school. Taylor will get a formal draft done this week. MPA is in winter sport discussion now so good time.

D1 Update – Marcel

Plan now is to move forward with a virtual meet. Kristy agrees that virtual is better for the athletes than nothing. Ten day window to hold the meet at a facility. Even unsanctioned would give kids a reason to register with MESI so results can be uploaded into the non-sanctioned part of SWIMS. Marcel will work on event list for BOD meeting.

Officials – Henry

Will not have too many shadows available this season though a few may be possible. All other requirements must be met before the shadow. Also discussion on YMCA officials becoming USA. They still need test and clinic and then shadows will be considered on a case by case basis based on experience and recommendation from other officials.

Suggestion by Taylor of virtual meet every month on alternate weekends from the YMCAs

Jim has reached out the DEC last week but was informed they are not involved with discussions about group sports. Makes this unclear as to who we contact next.

Mary Ellen reported that John Smith is retiring from swimming in mid-October and resigned from DEI. How will that affect Westbrook pool use. With Keli gone and Betsy Perron moving, SEAL is losing their established coaching. They have brought on some new coaches who they should have up to snuff soon and then looking at national search. Could be good timing.

Taylor asked Holly for a finance meeting to look at budget with virtual meets. Mary Ellen report survey results. We should be down in athletes and revenue by about 38% which would be about \$5000. Will monitor as registrations come in. Bowdoin Open will hurt a lot. Travel should be down.

Holly motion to adjourn, second by Marcel.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Tynan