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Maine Swimming Finance Committee Meeting

05/21/2020 10:00AM

Via Zoom

Present: Holly Hatch, Stacy Kennard, Taylor Rogers, Brian Savage, Olivia Tighe, James Wells, Jim Willis,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tynan

Mission and Vision statements read.

Motion: Vote Stacy Kennard in as the official secretary of the Finance Committee by Holly Hatch

Second by James. Motion passes unanimously.

Section 900 Swim Meet Fees policy/procedure review: Presented proposal put together by Holly and Taylor.

Accountability and transparency key in new fee schedule: assure members we are collecting fees for designated initiatives; revamp proposed options of meet/swimmer surcharge to better align with transparency; also useful as fundraising tool to show to potential donors that we collect money towards our outreach initiative and athlete travel program. Hope is to fund DEI initiatives and bring in money to cover some of athlete travel fund, MESI spends between \$15,000-\$18,000 per year in athlete travel.

As written proposal splits amount for DEI travel and athlete travel, reminder by Mary Ellen that we have just voted in \$1.00 athlete travel fund that will go into effect in September (\$1.00 athlete travel surcharge per swimmer not splash). Change to one line item for athlete travel surcharge at \$1.00, keep as internal split between outreach and athlete travel.

Jim wanted to be sure clubs are able to make enough money to run meet, without MESI taking too much away from them. Clubs retain all of swimmer surcharge, instead of paying 15% back as in the past. Host teams can also petition to MESI BOD for higher surcharge per swimmer to cover higher facility fees at pools like Colby with higher fees. Getting rid of 15% surcharge will give clubs more freedom on what they charge- host teams have flexibility in how much they charge up to maximum amount, with maximum amount also being raised to give clubs opportunity to raise more money. Brian noted no need to show minimum fee, won't ever charge minimum fee. James suggested we rename the minimum fee and label it what it is, the LSC surcharge because the whole minimum fee would go to MESI (LSC entry fee surcharge goes into general fund).

Discussion by Jim to return swimmer surcharge for Developmental Meets 1 & 2 back to the host team with entry fees to MESI for incentive for clubs to run the meet; teams would be more likely to bid if they got a portion of the entry fee.

Mary Ellen noted we are already paying pool rental fees for those meets so we would lose money if we gave that back.

- Add flat fee for swimmer for non-calendar sanctioned meets (virtual meets/dual meets/tri meets/invitational) - \$1.00 to athlete travel surcharge, \$1.00 to LSC General Fund – try it for a year and see how it goes. Host teams can charge up to \$20 swimmer surcharge per swimmer with no per splash entry fees.

- Get rid of paper entry forms fees, not used any more.

Motion by Brian to adopt the three policies and the fee chart (attached). Second by James. Motion passes unanimously.



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Motion to adjourn made by Taylor Rogers, second by Brian.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Kennard



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CATEGORY	MAX SWIMMER PARTICIPATION FEE	ATHLETE TRAVEL SURCHARGE	MAX. ENTRY FEE	LSC SPLASH FEE SURCHARGE
Club Run Sanctioned/Approved Calendar Meets				
Timed Finals	\$5.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$5.00	\$1.20
Timed Finals - Relay			\$15.00	\$3.60
Trials/Finals	\$5.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$1.20
Trials/Finals - Relay			\$21.00	\$3.60
MESI Non-Championship Meets				
Timed Finals	\$5.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$5.00	\$5.00
Timed Finals Relay			\$15.00	\$15.00
Trials Finals	\$10.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$7.00
Bowdoin Open				
MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$5.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$8.00	\$0.00
MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals	\$15.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals			\$10.00	\$0.00
MESI Athletes - Relay			\$21.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Relay			\$30.00	\$0.00
MESI Championship Meets				
MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$5.00	\$5.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$8.00	\$8.00
MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals	\$15.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$7.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals			\$10.00	\$10.00
MESI Athletes - Relay			\$21.00	\$21.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Relay			\$30.00	\$30.00
Club Run Sanctioned Non- Calendar Meets				
Per Athlete	\$20.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI		\$1.00 per swimmer

POLICY: Swimmer Surcharges: Host teams may impose a maximum surcharge per swimmer of \$5.00 to defray the cost of the pool facility for sanctioned calendar meets. Host teams may petition the MESI Board of Directors for a higher surcharge per swimmer to cover more expensive facility rental fees.

POLICY: Time Trials: Host teams may charge up to 3 times the maximum entry fee for any Time Trial events.

POLICY: The following fees shall be charged for MESI non-calendar sanctioned meets [virtual meets, dual meets (2 teams), tri meets (3 teams), and invitationals]. \$1.00 Athlete Travel Surcharge, \$1.00 LSC General Fund. Host teams may impose a maximum surcharge per swimmer of \$20 for non-calendar sanctioned meets. [virtual meets, dual meets (2 teams), tri meets (3 teams), and invitationals]. Host teams may not charge per-splash entry fees for non-calendar sanctioned meets.

POLICY: Teams will bid on the D1, D2 and WC Trials meets by submitting a fee that deem acceptable to run the meet. MESI will no longer be "reimbursing pool rental". The pool rental and all other fees should be incorporated in this fee to run the meet. MESI will keep the swimmer participation fee and meet entry fees, but the bidding team should include a profit margin in their bid and they will continue to keep concessions, admissions and programs.