



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | TECHNICAL PLANNING MEETING
Sunday, January 23, 2022 | 7:00 PM (VIA ZOOM) MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Reading of Mission, Vision & Core Values

- a. MISSION: Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.
- b. VISION: Maine Swimming - You CAN get there from here!
- c. CORE VALUES: Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

2. Roll Call

- a. members present
 1. Paul Monyok – Chair
 2. Marcel Da Pointe – Coaches rep
 3. . Jim Willis – Senior Chair
 4. Ethan Schultz – Athlete
 5. Ali Bragg – Athlete
- b. members absent
 1. Henry Clauson – Official’s Chair
 2. AJ Rog – Age Group Chair
- c. guests present
 1. Mary Ellen Tynan
 2. Sponge Savage
 3. Emma Farnham,
 4. Taylor Rogers,
 5. Holly Hatch

3. Reading & Approval of Minutes

- a. Ask for motion on minutes from 12/21/2021 to review/approve
- b. Motioned by Marcel
- c. Second by Ali
- d. no comments
- e. approved

4. Reports

Noted an email from Henry Clauson on his opinions related to Winter Champs.

Marcel indicated that the he would like to do whatever we can to make this a great meet for the athlete’s since its been two years since the last true Winter Champs with all teams under one roof.

Holly Hatch spoke on behalf of the finance committee. The finance committee did not provide a report or a recommendation either way. She wanted to make note that the finances related to holding the meet at University of Maine were purely speculative. The finance committee did not yet have a contract in hand. The university was waiting on COVID protocols from Maine swimming. However based on cost from past years and the reduced number of athlete’s this year, it was probable that Maine Swimming would take a loss bigger than years in the past. Maine Swimming does have the money to cover it but many wonder if its fiscally responsible to take such a loss with other options available.

Ali noted that the difference between Bath and Orono is not significant to many of the athletes. Bowdoin would be different will all the cool down lanes.

A. Coaches Report



1. a report was received from the coaches meeting with recommendations related to winter champs, see report attached to these minutes.

Item 1 – move dates. Flip with Y states weekend since that meet has changed

Motion-Marcel

Second- Ethan

Discussion – Holly has a question, is Y states moving if the sportman’s show is cancelled. Jim notes that most likely Y has changed and that won’t be an issue.

VOTE: Approved- unanimous

Item 2 – move the meet to Bath

Motion – Marcel

Second – Ali

Discussion – Jim noted that he is not worried about losing money and is not totally in favor of moving the meet but also knows water is water

Ali mentioned that Bath has control whereas we are at the mercy of UMaine.

Marcel concurred.

Jim noted that he thought Plan A was Orono and Plan B was Bath in the event we had to.

Mary Ellen noted that hotel reservations and planning needed to be done so making the call sooner was in the best interest of all involved.

Kyle noted that he believes Bath is a great pool and we would have a good meet.

Ethan concurred

One item of note, Orono is no spectators, Bath is at least one spectators.

Sponge noted that the plan might be one spectator per athlete. No voucher plan but using the honor system and first come first serve.

Sponge noted that the meet will be as good as they possible can unless shut down by the state.

Previous meets this season had spectators in the gallery.

Bath hopes to have a new timing system in place as well.

Seals meet was also noted as a successful meet with participants and spectators. The on-deck spectators did not cooperate with rotating off deck so a confrontation with the marshall shut that opportunity down.

VOTE: Jim is opposed; all others FOR

Item 3 – make Winter Champs a full 3-day meet

Discussion: Mary Ellen pulled up events.

Jim noted the minor changes to previous year’s event order.

Some discussion occurred around the 400IM and when it should be placed. Jim noted his recommendation was in line with USA swimming.

Motion – Jim

Second – Marcel

VOTE: Approved

Item 5 – allow times prior to official’s form

Motion – Jim

Second – Marcel

Discussion: None

VOTE: approved unanimous

Item 6 – coach distribution formula

Motion – Jim

Second – Marcel

Discussion: number of kids for session not for the meet entirely

VOTE: approved unanimous



Item 4 – Bonus event formula

item a- remove the current structure approved

Motion – Jim

Second – Marcel

Discussion: removed structure to open up for more competition.

VOTE: approved unanimous

item b – swim all events of stroke if one cut made

Motion - Jim;

Second – Ali

Discussion – Marcel noted that a 100 flier won't necessarily be good at the 200 fly

Jim noted that although true, 200 fly and other distance events should be encouraged

Mary Ellen noted an optional bonus allows a sprinter who made the 100 fly swim another 100 sprint rather than a 200 of the stroke.

The athlete's bonus structure was discussed.

Jim pulled his motion and made a new motion.

Event qualifying of 1-3 (make 1 get 3 bonus) 2-3; 3-3.

Marcel second

VOTE: approved unanimous

Item C – 200 or 400IM you get the other

Motion Jim

Second Marcel

VOTE - approved unanimous

Item D – if you make 1000 or 1650, you get the other.

Motion – Jim

Second – Marcel

Discussion – have a bonus event qualifying time.

Ethan stated Athlete's discussed but passed on that.

Item E – Bonus formula does not apply to trials qualifiers who get 1-2 unless they make the cut

Motion – Jim

Second – Ali

Discussion – None

VOTE - approved unanimous

B. Athlete's Report

1. a report was received from the coaches meeting with recommendations related to winter champs, see report attached to these minutes.
2. Athlete's report is inline with the coaches recommendations except for the bonus structure

5. Unfinished Business

- a. No Unfinished Business

6. New Business

- a. Discuss Winter Champs – Plan B – see discussion under reports
- b. Mary Ellen had some questions for the meet announcements



(1:08) For champs trials, Jim noted he likes finals separated by age and gender. Kyle noted combined saves time. Kyle also noted that he likes combined events to foster competition. Mary Ellen and Jim noted that 1-2 at winter champ trials allows swimmers to know who they are competing against for one of those two spots. Kyle asked Emma her thoughts she stated it makes sense.

Jim motion that top finals heat of a timed finals is separated into gender and age
Marcel second

Discussion – Mary Ellen asks if there is time in the meet timeline for these separation
Ethan makes a friendly amendment to exclude the 500.

Jim seconds the amendment

VOTE one amendment passes unanimously

Mary Ellen asks for clarification. Jim notes only the top 8 in each event swim against each other. A bunch of NT, lets Hy-tek decide who makes the last final.

VOTE on the main proposal passes unanimously, Ali abstains from vote.

Mary Ellen notes a similar situation on Winter Champs. Feedback from a few years back, people did not like the 200's combined.

Jim discusses 11-12's 200's of stroke. Jim suggests combined events except for the final heat that would be segregated.

Jim made the motion

Marcel and Ethan second the motion

If the event has only 4 boys and 4 girls, it would be okay to combine.

VOTE – motion passes unanimously

Set event as combined. The top heats are manipulated after the seeding process.

Mary Ellen notes that it would include 400 IM.

Entries are due on the 8th or the Monday after the meet if one is attended outside of the LSC.

(1:26) Marcel asked about relay swimmers.

Mary Ellen indicated there is no participation fee. She also notes the formula in the packet.

Marcel wants to have a swimmer do a relay even if they didn't qualify individually.

The answer was yes and Jim covers the formula.

Positive check-in was discussed.

Mary Ellen wants to know if we want to leave it up to the officials or if we should do the scratches online the night before. At least for the morning events. So that the heat sheets go out.

Jim mentioned that a special one page heat sheet could be produced.

Added language that scratches must be received by start of warm up.

Admission and programs are discussed.

Mary Ellen asks Sponge about the programs and pricing.

Long Reach (Sponge) agrees to the pricing, with the exception of the group rate discount for buying all session programs.

There will be concessions at winter champs and at trials. Trials may not be "full spread" that occurs at the regular winter champs.

Long Reach (Sponge) agrees to the pricing for winter champs program and admission.

"Doing it up" for winter champs. Where and when does that happen.

Taylor mentions that it falls under the meet director, Holly.

Sponge has offered to help as well.



7. Announcements

- a. No announcements

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Marcel
- b. Second – Ethan

VOTE - Unanimous