

**MSI COACHES' MEETING**  
**9/12/15**  
**Bath YMCA**

Present: John Williams, Brian Savage, Fritz Homans, Jay Morissette, Stephanie Perkins, Marie Weffering, Matt Cook, Taylor Rogers, Lori Lapointe, Lia Langveld, Matt Vogel, John Smith, Dan St. Pierre, Zach Gassaway, Leanne Gravel, Butch Babin, Zach Gray, Betsy Perron, Matt Baxter, Tom Manduca, Nicole Viele, Mary Ellen Tynan, Aaron Winslow, Matt Montgomery, Tom Green

**Should we combine the TPC and the coaches group?**

Would this lessen the number of meetings? It could cut some bureaucracy. Group could still meet every 6 to 8 weeks but not all coaches would need to attend. How many athlete reps would need to attend and would this be feasible for them? What is the position of USA swimming on combining the TPC and the coaches committee? Mary Ellen Tynan reports that the recommendation of USAS is to keep the groups separate; over 30 people will make the meetings unproductive.

**Budget**

Dan St.Pierre presented some budget proposal highlights to the coaches.

Raise Club Registration fees from \$100-\$200.

Seasonal team fees would be raised from \$70-\$140

Also: increase in athlete registration fees, single meet registration increase for open water events, increase of \$4 charge per event at meets, adjust swimmer participation fees for Developmental meets to \$5, JO Trials to \$10 , and JO's and MSI Invite to \$15. For meets hosted by the MSI, Maine Swimming will receive the participation fees and meet fees and will pay for pool rental and help organize officials. The host team receives concessions \$ and the gate fee.

Matt Baxter asked how do the budget increases match our mission statement? Are we cutting money from the budget or filling the hole?

Fritz Homans: Our mission includes education and we are investing more in continuing education and Zones. This is money not spent before. Our entry fees and participation fees are lower compared to other LSC's.

Motion by Leanne Gravel, second by Taylor Rogers: Accept the budget proposal.

Discussion:

Matt Baxter: Do we need to increase the outreach to \$10 if we are increasing fees?

Last year there were about 30 outreach kids in MSI. Other LSC's don't raise the outreach fees.

Motion passes 13 in favor; 6 opposed ; 1 abstaining

## **JO Cuts**

TPC recommends keeping the JO cuts the same for one more year with the plan to adjust the cuts every two years. The TPC would like to see how having the JO meet at Bowdoin College with the same cut times will affect attendance numbers in 2016. The plan is to announce the 2017 JO cuts right after the 2016 JO's, based on data from that meet.

Motion by Jay Morissette ,second by Taylor Rogers: Accept the proposal

Discussion:

Can we track who qualifies for JO's but doesn't attend?

Motion passes 13 in favor; 4 opposed; 1 abstaining

Motion by John Smith second by Matt Cook: Eliminate the bonus events at JO's.

Discussion:

John Smith: We should eliminate the bonus events at JO's and have a smaller meet at a smaller pool. Feels strongly that the structure and scheduling of championship meets should not be dictated by the facility.

Lia Langveld: With an increase in the surcharge, kids won't go if they only qualify for one event.

Fritz Homans: This is not unlike many meets across the country which have bonus events. Also this year, we can over-enter events and scratch down.

John Smith: Bonus events aren't offered at other LSC meets, only at the higher level meets like Sectionals, Junior Nationals, etc.

Motion fails: 5 in favor; 11 opposed; 2 abstaining

## **Bowdoin IMX Meet**

TPC recommends changing this meet to a 2-day meet with an Extreme IMX format.

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Matt Cook: Accept this proposal.

Motion passes 10 in favor ; 1 opposed; 1 abstaining

## **Include 11 and 12-year-olds in finals at JO's?**

TPC recommends including 11 and 12's in finals at JO's with one heat each for girls and boys in the 100s, 100 IM and 50's.

Motion by Jay Morissette ,second by Leanne Gravel to accept this proposal.

Discussion:

This would require having 11/12-year-olds there from the middle session through finals. This is probably not a wise move.

Motion fails 9 opposed; 6 in favor; 1 abstaining

## **Maximum number of events for 13 and overs at JO's**

The TPC recommends maintaining the status quo of a maximum of six events.

Motion by Jay Morissette, Taylor Rogers second: Accept this proposal.

Discussion:

Mary Ellen Tynan asked can you do time trials at JO's? Answer: yes.

Fritz Homans: Why restrict to three events per day?

Jay Morissette: Quality of racing and morale decreases with more races offered.

Motion passes 14 in favor; 4 opposed

### **JO's Format**

TPC proposes a 13 and over event format change, placing the 200 IM on Sunday and the 200 fly on Saturday.

Motion by Jay Morissette, second by Leanne Gravel: Pass this proposal.

Motion passes 17 in favor; 3 abstaining

### **JO Trials**

The TPC proposes adding 25's for the 8&under age group at the JO trials.

Motion to accept by Taylor Rogers, seconded.

Lia Langveld: Why would we offer 25's if we don't offer 25's for 8&U at JO's?

Jay Morissett: This would keep 8&U in the water longer in the season.

Motion fails 4 in favor; 12 against; 4 abstaining

### **DI Meet Format**

TPC proposes adding a 400 IM on Sunday.

Motion made, second by Taylor Rogers; Accept this proposal.

Motion passes 11 in favor; 1 opposed; 8 abstaining

### **DII Meet Format**

The TPC proposes opening the 200s to the 11& 12-year-olds

Dan St.Pierre motion to accept proposal Taylor Roger second

Discussion:

Dan St.Pierre pointed out that the swimmers need more opportunities to qualify in 200's.

Motion passes 14 in favor; 1 against; 4 abstaining

### **Qualifying Period For JO's**

The TPC suggests that there should be no qualifying period for JO's.

Jay Morissette motion to accept Taylor Roger second.

Motion passes

### **Awards at JO's**

TPC proposes awards for 13 & overs should be optional; it would be up to the individual coaches. Coches must declare their request for awards with meet entries.

Jay Morissette motion Taylor Rogers second: Accept this proposal

Motion passes

### **MSI Records**

The TPC recommends that NCAA swimmers can earn Open MSI records but not Age Group MSI records

Jay Morissette motion, Taylor Rogers second: Accept proposal.

Motion passes 12 in favor

**Should JO Trials be a closed meet?**

TPC recommends that JO Trials remain a closed meet to allow for growth of that meet within the state. Teams from other LSC's who wish to compete in Maine at that time of year would be allowed to compete at the DII meet.

Jay Morissette motion to accept proposal. Taylor Rogers second.

Discussion

Tom Manduca: would like to accept outside LSC entries.

Fritz Homans: are we oversubscribed at JO Trials?

Taylor Rogers: how would this affect qualifying for JO's if outside LSC swimmers attended JO trials?

Motion fails 4 in favor; all others opposed

Motion by John Smith second by Taylor Rogers: Place a statement in meet announcement for JO trials and Developmental meets that says, "At the discretion of the meet director, if this meet is undersubscribed, we will accept swimmers from outside the LSC."

Motion passes with majority in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MSI Secretary