



EASTERN ZONE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING **APPROVED MINUTES
SATURDAY DECEMBER 19th 2020 12:00pm ET**

CALL TO ORDER

12:03 pm ET

TECH COMMITTEE ROLE CALL

TRISTAN FORMON	CHAIR
GEORGIANN BARRY	ALLEGANEY MOUNTAIN
ELLEN JOHNSTON	CONNECTICUT
MARCEL DA PONTE	MAINE
JOHN YEARWOOD	METRO
MIKE RINDE	MID ATLANTIC
PATRICK JOHNSTONE	NEW ENGLAND
WILL CHIDSEY	NIAGARA
EVAN STILES	POTOMAC
AARON ZHU	EZ ATHLETE DIRECTOR
GAVIN FORMON	EZ JUNIOR ATHLETE REP
NICHOLAS POULOS (MD)	ATHLETE
TJ WALSH (NJ)	ATHLETE

GUESTS

TIM HUSSON	ZONE DIRECTOR
JERRY ADAMS	ZONE DIRECTOR
MARY ELLEN TYNAN	
RICK LEWIS	
MARCI CALLAN	2021 EZ AG CHAMP MEET HOST NI SWIMMING

NOT PRESENT

JENN DIXON	ADIRONACK
KIP HEIN	NEW JERSEY
TOM HIMES	MARYLAND
STEVE HENNESSY	VIRGINIA
JAKE EASTMAN (NE)	ATHLETE
ISABELLA DONATO (AM)	ATHLETE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

MSA



MINUTES

MSA

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

LSC Updates: Competitive / Water Access Status

AD- 3 to 5 teams swimming inside. High school swimming occurred. No meets.

CT- No groups larger than 4. 1 athlete per lane. Skills and drills clinics permitted through January 19th.

NE- MA only open to MA residents. RI in brief lockdown. VT shut down. NH active but no out of state. NE ran two 18 and under champ meets with approximately 60 athletes on deck at a time. About 6 intra-squad meets per weekend.

PVS- No changes. Most teams are in but to an abbreviated degree. They ran one 18 and under meet with a total of 156 bodies permitted inside the facility including staff, volunteers, officials and athletes.

AMS- Went back into lockdown. No swimming, no dual meets, no sanctions until January 4th. One team has been consistently traveling out of state for competition.

NI- No changes as such. Various regions and areas are in lockdown. There are some intra-squad meets in the Buffalo area.

MR- Meets are on the regular schedule. There are some intra-squad meets and time trials being run. Whereas they have not been shut down yet, all neighboring states have increased restrictions and they are anticipating shut downs.

ME- They had scheduled an LSC meet on November 8th but it was announced that the state would shut down on November 6th so that meet did not run. After a two week shut down, teams returned to practice with 3 athletes per lane but have subsequently all been shut down again.

MA- PA suspended until January 4th. NJ suspended until January 2nd. DE still somewhat open but only a handful of MA teams in DE. Due to the shut downs in NJ and PA, the 18 and under champ meets were quickly rescheduled for Thursday and Friday to occur prior to lockdowns.

NJ- All indoor youth and adult sports suspended including practice and competition. Anticipating potential extension of the restrictions through January 19th which would be 3 weeks after the holidays and after MLK weekend.

ZDC Updates: Tim/Jerry/Gavin/Aaron

Aaron reported that the ZDC had been reviewing admin procedures. The SZ are almost completed and will share those documents as templates with the other zones. Athletes will be connecting with athletes within their respective LSCs to gain insight and input from the athlete perspective on the current state of affairs affecting the nation. There



was a review of the 18 and under champs provided by Joel Shinofield and a suggestion that LSCs focus on LSC champs at this point. At the next meeting potential sectional funding will be discussed. Gavin reported that CZ is similar to EZ, WZ varies with parts open and CA closed, and SZ is pretty much operating as normal.

EZ Winter AG Team Zone Champs Covid19 Taskforce

- Tristan Formon (EZ Tech Chair)
- Marci Callan (EZ AG Champ Meet Host)
- Gavin Formon (EZ Jr Athlete Rep)
- Jake Eastman (NE, athlete)
- Nicholas Poulos (MD, athlete)

EZ Winter Sectionals Covid19 Taskforce

- Tristan Formon (EZ Tech Chair)
- North Region SCY Sectional Meet Host (NI)
- South Region SCY Sectional Meet Host (VA)
- LCM Super-Sectional Meet Host (NI)
- Aaron Zhu (EZ Athlete Director)
- TJ Walsh (NJ, athlete)
- Isabella Donato (AM, athlete)

Tristan will follow up with the meet hosts to convene this group and commence dialog.

EZ Summer AG LSC Zone Champs and Super Sectional Champ Covid19 Taskforce

- Tristan Formon (EZ Tech Chair)
- Mary Turner (EZ AG / Super Sectional Champ Meet Host)
- TBD Athlete
- TBD Athlete
- TBD Athlete

Tristan will follow up with Aaron and Gavin to provide athlete appointees.

Still no changes at Webster. High school swimming is ongoing but no club competition. There is general discussion revolving around the concept for a 2021 Winter EZ AG champs, the concept of a leaderboard and/or collation of results from LSC champs to populate the "EZ AG champs podium". However, it appears some LSCs are considering pushing winter LSC champs into April or even May. Marci Callan will meet with the management at Webster in the coming week and the EZ Winter AG Team Zone Champs Taskforce will convene to discuss a recommendation for the EZ Technical Committee to consider.

USA Swimming Updates: Brendan Hansen



Not present. Brendan assisting in NI Swimming's LSC Select Camp. A zoom recording was to be provided to Brendan per this request following the Tech Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

1/9/2021 12:00 pm EST

ADJOURNMENT

12:47 pm EST

MSA

The mission of the Eastern Zone is to develop a unified organization designed to work in cooperation with the LSCs to support and promote the Eastern Zone Swimming Membership.