



**EZ TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2021 12:00pm ET**

CALL TO ORDER

12:03pm

TECH COMMITTEE ROLE CALL

TRISTAN FORMON	CHAIR
JENN DIXON	ADIRONACK
GEORGIANN BARRY	ALLEGANEY MOUNTAIN
ELLEN JOHNSTON	CONNECTICUT
MARCEL DA PONTE	MAINE
MIKE RINDE	MID ATLANTIC
PATRICK JOHNSTONE	NEW ENGLAND
WILL CHIDSEY	NIAGARA
STEVE HENNESSY	VIRGINIA
EVAN STILES	POTOMAC
AARON ZHU	EZ ATHLETE DIRECTOR
GAVIN FORMON	EZ JUNIOR ATHLETE REP
NICHOLAS POULOS (MD)	ATHLETE
TJ WALSH (NJ)	ATHLETE
ISABELLA DONATO (AM)	ATHLETE

Guests

TIM HUSSON	EZ NON COACH DIRECTOR
JERRY ADAMS	EZ COACH DIRECTOR
RICK LEWIS	CONNECTICUT
JEN LYMAN	CONNECTICUT
MARY ELLEN TYNAN	MAINE
MARCI CALLAN	NIAGARA
MARY TURNER	VIRGINIA
BRENDAN HANSEN	USA SWIMMING
KAITLIN PAWLOWICZ	USA SWIMMING

Not Present

TOM HIMES	MARYLAND
JOHN YEARWOOD	METRO
KIP HEIN	NEW JERSEY
JAKE EASTMAN (NE)	ATHLETE



ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

MINUTES

MSA

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

EZ 2021 Winter Sectionals Christiansburg VA

There was extensive discussion among the Technical Committee surrounding the format and structure of the EZ 2021 Winter Sectional Meet to be hosted in Christiansburg, VA. The Ithaca and Buffalo Sectional Meets have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. In order to maximize competitive opportunities to athlete members of the Eastern Zone, and to meet all COVID-19 protocols in the State of Virginia, the following were **MSA** (Motioned, seconded and approved) for the 2021 EZ Super Sectional March Meet:

MSA TWO THREE DAY MEETS **provided there is sufficient interest:**

Meet A: Friday March 26 – Sunday March 28

2 Sessions Friday, 3 Saturday, 3 Sunday

Meet B: Tuesday March 23 - Thursday March 25

3 Sessions Tuesday, 2 Wednesday, 3 Thursday

MSA TIMED FINALS ONLY

MSA NO RELAYS

MSA TIME TRIALS: TBD once meets close

MSA MEET STANDARDS: [USA Swimming's MAX Sectional Standards](#)

MSA BONUS STRUCTURES: Make 1 Swim 4, Make 2 Swim 4, Make 3 Swim 4, Make 4 or more no bonus

MSA NO BONUS STANDARDS: (Must have 1000 to bonus the 1650 and vice versa)

MSA ENTRY QUALIFICATION WINDOW: 11/1/18 through meet entry deadline

MSA MEET CLOSED TO EASTERN ZONE REGISTERED ATHLETES

A Meet Announcement and order of events will be forthcoming.

OME will be set up for the Friday – Sunday meet, March 26th – 28th. Payment for entries will be by check only. Once the athlete cap is met (based upon the date and time entries are submitted), the second meet will be created and all teams will



be notified as to their status for the meet. Teams that don't "make the cut" for the first meet will be contacted as verify their interest in participating in the Tuesday – Thursday meet, March 23rd – 25th. If they choose to participate on those days, the entries already submitted through OME will be automatically entered into the meet. Again, acceptance into the Tuesday – Thursday meet will be based upon the date and time entries were originally submitted.

All teams planning to come to the meet should enter the Friday – Sunday meet. If the number of entries is sufficient to warrant a second meet at the beginning of that week, teams can specify their preference of meet, either Friday – Sunday or Tuesday - Thursday.

EZ 2021 Summer Super Sectionals Richmond VA

The USA Swimming Senior Development Committee announced a number of long course spring meets. One will be held in Richmond, VA, hosted by Swim RVA finishing Sunday May 2, 2021. USA Swimming Winter Junior National Standards will be utilized for this meet. Two weeks later, the Eastern Zone 2021 Summer Super Sectional Meet is scheduled to be hosted by Swim RVA. It is hoped that the addition of the spring meet in late April will alleviate overwhelming demand for the super sectional meet.

EZ 2021 Open Water Champs Middlebury, CT

Jen Lyman, Meet Host, reported that presently in Connecticut multi-team competition is not permitted nor out of state competitors permitted. There was discussion regarding the potential to move the Summer Open Water Championships into August or September and/or accept an alternate bid and/or an additional bid from the Southern section of the Eastern Zone. Mary Turner reported that Virginia Swimming is hosting an open water event on June 26, 2021, the same date scheduled for the Connecticut Open Water Championships. The Zone Directors will confirm whether the unutilized funding for the Eastern Zone championships for 2020 would potentially be available should a second meet host be identified and awarded. There will be further discussion at the March tech meeting.

Open Water Task Force

Jen Lyman will chair a task force to develop open water opportunities within the Eastern Zone. The following recommendations were made to serve on the task force: Nick Poulos, Kaitlin Pawlowicz, Jamie Platt, Maddy Crippen and Tristan Formon. This task force will continue to build upon the efforts that commenced under the purview of Bob Menck.

EZ 2021 Winter AG Zone Champs Leaderboard



Tim Husson reported that the Leaderboard will be updated weekly, commencing this coming Wednesday. The leaderboard will be located on the EZ website.

LSC Updates: Competitive / Water Access Status

Rick Lewis, CT, reported that Connecticut has begun practicing again and will be permitted to begin running meets again this weekend.

Steve Hennessy, VA, reported that Virginia Swimming have sanctioned 140+ meets. Most of the LSC is fairly open with 55-60% of teams running regular practice schedules.

Marci Callan, NI, reported that NI have paid a lobbyist and experienced good progress in the Buffalo area with school district pools opening and are hopeful that the benefits of these efforts will begin to spread across the LSC.

ZDC Updates:

Aaron Zhu, EZ Athlete Director, reported that at the recent meeting, there was a strategic planning session.

USA Swimming Updates:

Brendan Hansen reported that the summer US Open will likely be split into an eastern and western region meet. As mentioned previously, there will be a number of LCM opportunities for 18 and unders utilizing USA Swimming Winter Junior Standards at the end of April/beginning of May 2021. The 2021 virtual zone workshop will be hosted Friday April 30- Saturday May 1. Presently, the USA Swimming National Convention is planned to be hosted in a hybrid format (virtual and in-house) September 23-26, 2021. Physical copies of rule books will be distributed 1 per club and 1 per LSC. Virtual copies will be available and additional physical copies may be purchased through swimoutlet.com.

NEXT MEETING DATE

A meeting date will be determined around upcoming March Meets. The meeting may move to a weekday to avoid meet conflicts for the month of March.

ADJOURNMENT

1:55pm

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.