



EASTERN ZONE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING **APPROVED MINUTES
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH 2020 12:00pm EST**

CALL TO ORDER 12:01pm

TECH COMMITTEE ROLE CALL

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| TRISTAN FORMON | CHAIR |
| JENN DIXON | ADIRONACK |
| GEORGIANN BARRY | ALLEGANEY MOUNTAIN |
| ELLEN JOHNSTON | CONNECTICUT |
| TOM HIMES | MARYLAND |
| JOHN YEARWOOD | METRO |
| MIKE RINDE | MID ATLANTIC |
| PATRICK JOHNSTONE | NEW ENGLAND |
| 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

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| MARCI CALLAN | 2021 EZ AG CHAMP MEET HOST NI SWIMMING |
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Not Present

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| MARCEL DA PONTE | MAINE |
| KIP HEIN | NEW JERSEY |
| WILL CHIDSEY | NIAGARA |
| STEVE HENNESSY | VIRGINIA |
| JAKE EASTMAN (NE) | ATHLETE |

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None
MSA

MINUTES

MSA



OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

LSC UPDATES: COMPETITIVE / WATER ACCESS STATUS

AD- no real pool time/very limited access

AMS- COVID cases are rising. Had a couple dual meets and one tri-meet.

CT- the state is at level 2.1. Restaurants have to close early. Identifying hot towns/hot spots and shutting towns down and becoming more rigid. Some in-house/dual meets.

ME- Aaron Zhu stated ME has shut down all youth sports

MD- staying above ground. Not too many pools are open. Primarily virtual meets.

COVID cases are rising and several counties have closed all recreational sports.

MR- some teams have folded. Sanctioned time trials, a handful of small invitational meets restricted to the local counties.

MA- NJ 8 pm potential restriction to essential businesses across the state dictated by county or municipality. PA- no changes yet. Still at 20% capacity. A lot of teams are outside. Very few meets.

NJ- 8 pm potential restriction to essential businesses across the state dictated by county or municipality. A few intra-squad meets have been sanctioned.

NE- OK at present. A number of meets, primarily intra-squad and/or 2-3 teams maximum. MA have restricted competition to just MA residents and athletes. VT have just announced the closing of all sporting activities. NE are hoping to offer 3 sites for and under champs.

NI- mostly shut down. There are a few pockets still swimming in a very restricted manner in the Buffalo and Rochester area.

PVS- MD and VA are status quo. DC are now limiting indoor gatherings to 25. A few teams have run 3 session meets with 2 teams per session to help out smaller clubs that don't have the officiating base. They are hoping to run one championship meets with prelims and finals but no bonus swims.

ZDC UPDATES: TIM/JERRY/GAVIN/AARON

Aaron and Gavin reported that there was an update on the US Open and primarily discussion revolved around new guidelines originating from the USA Swimming Board of Directors regarding meets and Zoom licenses for meets.

ZONE ATHLETES

Zone Athlete meeting- the consensus of the athletes is that they support what is best within the zone or for each individual LSC. LCSs are all in different places. Being able to train is the number one priority. The EZ Athlete committee has begun meeting, but does not yet have a fixed meeting schedule.

EZ WINTER AG TEAM ZONE CHAMPS



Marci Callan stated that there was incredible inequities across the zone. Currently Webster is open for the high school team and the club team but everything is very fluid. The club team is hoping to run a dual meet in January. The girls' high school section championships will be held at Webster and they will gain information about how to handle multiple teams on the pool deck at that time. That region is currently in the yellow zone- cautionary. The boys' high school season is currently slated to begin on December 7th and they are positive about the impending season. The age group meet is currently on hold. Marci and her team will investigate the concept of virtual and/or hybrid for the upcoming 20-21 age group zone championships. Webster High School have run a virtual high school invitational meet over multiple locations for 8 teams. Their team includes a good core group of technically savvy individuals and are considering options/conversation has started about how to best partner with the zone. One challenge/complexity is that this virtual meet will face as compared to the US Open/18&U Champs / Sectionals is the necessity for a consistent age up date due to the three age groups served.

EZ WINTER SECTIONALS

Will be addressed at the December Meeting

EZ SUMER AG LSC ZONE CHAMPS

Will be address in the New Year

NEXT MEETING DATE

Saturday December 20th 12pm

ADJOURNMENT

12:33pm

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.