

Montana Swimming  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 20, 2014  
WebEx/conference call  
Approved - April 21,2014

**Present:**

Curt Jacobson - President  
Tony Popp - Admin Vice Chair  
Jade Sobek - Senior Vice Chair  
Craig Smith - Treasurer  
Tami Peters - Secretary  
Jenna Marsh - Sr. Athlete Rep.  
Hailey Jacobson - Sr. Athlete Rep.  
Andrea Schmidt - Jr. Athlete Rep.  
Sami DuVal - Jr. Athlete Rep.

**Absent**

Richard Allen - Finance Vice Chair  
Lisa Keyes - Age Group Vice Chair  
Jacob Byrne - Coach Representative

**Business**

1. President Curt Jacobson called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM
2. **Topic:** Mighty 2500 Workshop attended by Tony & Richard (aka R&T)
  - a. Reviewed 'synopsis' submitted by Tony from the conference.
    - i. There will likely be a proposal at the next HOD to adopt MT Swimming's Vision Statement as our new Mission Statement. Our Vision Statement was well received by USA Swimming representatives at the workshop, and this new adoption was recommended by them.
  - b. We now need to put to work some of the ideas R&T learned.
    - i. R&T's top 3 idea picks:
      1. Create a travel team at LSC expense to benefit the swimmers.
      2. Create and hold a strategic planning workshop to brainstorm ideas of the character and qualities for which MT Swimming wants to be remembered.
      3. Create an intra-squad meet: FOCUS - Keep the FUN in swimming!
        - a. Mix swimmers randomly with coaches onto different teams so swimmers get a chance to swim with other athletes in the LSC, as well as experiencing other coaches.
        - b. Colored caps to designate teams.
        - c. Location could travel around the state.
        - d. Possible timing: before or after normal SC & LC seasons.

- ii. A few other topics of interest to R&T: Inter-LSC meets, coaches' workshops, hiring a Sports Development Director, odd age group meets (switch up the age brackets).
  - 1. Jenna - All these ideas sound really great. Being a senior this year, it is really hard to remember to focus on the 'fun' of swimming instead of getting overwhelmed by the grueling aspect of the sport.
  - 2. Hailey - Intra squad meet sounds really cool!
  - 3. Andrea - Sounds like a Zones for Montana; getting to know other MT swimmers better.
  - 4. Sami - I really like it!
  - 5. Jade - Great idea!
- iii. Discussion on logistics of an intra squad meet.
  - 1. Location - Bozeman? Will have to check with the facility.
  - 2. Timing - Third or fourth week of April? Don't want to interfere with May Classic.
  - 3. Maybe a one day meet, have swimmers enter a couple events and two or three relays...sort of like high school meets.
  - 4. Another idea is go for a 25 yard pool in September when everyone is gearing up for short course. Where would be the best 25 yard pool to host this?
- c. IMX meets -
  - i. Great way for swimmers to track their times.
  - ii. Possibility of having IMX only meets/ attending IMX extreme meets?
  - iii. What if 3-4 meets took place around the LSC on the same weekend, with the same event order, and connect on meet mobile. Have awards combined.
    - > Virtual Meet
      - 1. Jenna & Sami brought up the difficulty of not having all the elite competition together to push each other.
  - iv. This idea will need some further discussion.
- 3. Curt called for athlete reps to serve on the Board of Review
  - a. Two of the athlete reps agreed to serve and will email Curt.
- 4. Approval of December 2, 2013 minutes:
  - a. Tony moved to approve, seconded by Jenna, motion passes.

Next Meeting - February 24, 2014

President Curt Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM

Submitted by Tami Peters - Secretary