

**MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 4, 1996**  
**Bozeman Library, Bozeman, Montana**

The 1996 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Bozeman Library, Bozeman, Montana, by General Chairman Larry Johnson. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, is found in Appendix A in addition to the Agenda. Those present are indicated by their signatures on the attendance sheet found in Appendix A. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded. Larry then asked those present to introduce themselves and state who they represented.

Following review of the Minutes of the October 1995 minutes, Rick Bartsch moved to accept the minutes as presented and summarized. Sandra Antonoilli seconded and the motion passed.

**Reports of Officers**

***Administrative Vice Chairperson*** - Brent DeBree had no report.

***Senior Vice Chairperson***- Rick Bartsch summarized his written report which can be found in Appendix B.

***Age Group Vice Chairperson*** - Mitch Crouse's report was verbal and he was assisted by Brent DeBree. On June 22 and 23 there will be a National Age Group Camp (2-day) and Racing Camp (1-day) in Billings, Montana. There will be age requirements and criteria established for the camp with the swimmer limit at 30. The details will follow.

***Secretary*** - Kim Luebke had no report.

***Treasurer*** - Tom Copley summarized his written report which can be found in Appendix C. Tom also added that the tax return has been completed and will be filed by May 15.

***General Chairperson*** - Larry Johnson had no report.

***Registration Chairperson*** - Bob Searles' report was verbal. Swimmer registration statistics are reflected on Appendix D. He explained that seasonal swimmers cannot register until June 1st, thus there are no figures available.

***Officials Chairperson*** - Randy Vook's report was verbal. The officials' badges will be a 3"x1½" State of Montana and will be purchased from Helena Stamp Works. The cost will be \$6/each for approximately 50. Prior to ordering he will need a current count of "certified officials" from each club.

***Coaches Representative*** - Janice Lopez's summarized her written report as found in Appendix E.

***Records Chairperson*** - Lowell Anderson's report was verbal. A copy of the Montana Swimming

USS Short Course Swim Records was distributed and can be found in Appendix F. He stated that 45 records were broken (23 girls/22 boys). He summarized the procedure for recording a record (complete application and send to Records Chairperson along with copy of finals sheet). His goal is to update the records meet by meet on the Internet. Larry Johnson also stated that at the conclusion of the meet the finals sheet should be mailed to several persons (i.e. Records Chairperson, Age Group Chairperson, General Chairperson and Treasurer) and that commencing this season, when the sanction is returned to a team the mailing information will be included.

**Safety Chairperson** - Jim Carlson's report was verbal. He reported that with the timing trailer there is an inventory sheet. There have been only a couple small items missing. He built a rack to hold 5 additional touch pads. There are two extra slots and Montana Swimming may want to consider purchasing 2 additional pads. Jim stated that it is interesting that one-half of all swimming injuries occur at swim meets, thus the importance and necessity of a Safety Chair in each club. The accidents reported this year were 2 or 4.

### **Committee Reports**

None.

### **Old Business**

**Officials' Rule Books** - Randy Vook reported that new officials receive small rules books for use on deck and that previously certified officials must pay for the small rule books. He ordered 60 more when he ordered DQ slips. Each club was given a packet of 250 DQ slips.

**Newsletter** - Last May it was decided that the Secretary would put out a newsletter 4 times a year (June 1, September 1, November and April 1). Kim Luebke stated she would be happy to do this with the first one coming out June 1st. Reminders for news deadlines will be sent out 7 days in advance of the deadline.

**Job Descriptions** - Officers, especially those going off this coming fall, were reminded to start right now to get their job description written up so that it could be passed on to their successor, thus making the transition easier.

**Certified Officials** - Randy Vook requested a list of all certified officials from each club.

**All Star Selection Process Used This Year** - The process was summarized by Larry Johnson. Mitch Crouse suggested taking the fastest two in the state, not just in the 13-18 age group. Rick Bartsch suggested having the All-Star Team as the Zone Team and combine the money for the 2 purposes, thus the All-Star Team money would go to Zones, possibly providing relays in each age group. Jarrett Wheeler stated that it is nice to get together more than one time in the year. The possibility of dispensing of the All Star Team and putting the money into zones will be discussed at the fall meeting. Janice Lopez expressed her concern of opening up it up to the fastest swimmer because of chaperoning of younger swimmers. (Note: There were only two girls and no boys in the 13-14 age group.) A possibility may be to have a younger All Star Team and put something together with Wyoming. Tom Copley stated that by having the selection of the All Star Team at the state swim meet he believed it enhanced the competitiveness of the

meet. Janice Lopez suggested making known the exact location of the meets where the team will be going at the state meeting because where the location is makes a big difference. Brent DeBree stated that he did not like the selection of the All Star Team at the state meet and would like to have the swimmers swim together against each other. There was a proposal to bring this subject up at the fall meeting.

***Swim-A-Thon Chairperson*** - Beverly Rukstad is stepping down. Any interested person should let Larry Johnson know ASAP. The Swim-A-Thon Chairperson is necessary at a state level in order to receive information regarding Gold Medal Clinics.

***Jarrett Wheeler Incident*** - Larry Johnson advised the House that at the Short Course State Championships an altercation took place between Jarrett Wheeler and his brother, Brian, wherein MSU security was involved. Jarrett and his brother were taken home by their father and voluntarily removed from the remainder of the state meet. The Executive Board met and took what they considered proper action by removing Jarrett Wheeler as athlete representative of Montana Swimming and Larry Johnson subsequently advised Jarrett Wheeler of the Board's decision. Jarrett Wheeler wrote a letter of apology and advised the board that he would like to appeal the Executive Board's decision at the May meeting.

After an apology from Jarrett Wheeler and a personal account of his actions Jarrett Wheeler left the room. The House then voted by ballot on whether to uphold the board's decision. The House voted to not uphold the Executive Board's decision and Jarrett Wheeler was subsequently reinstated as Athlete Representative.

At this point the meeting was recessed for lunch break and called to order again at 1:15 p.m.

### **New Business**

***Out-of-State Records*** - Lowell Anderson stated that in the process of bringing the Montana Swimming Records current he questioned maintaining OSRs (out-of state record for out-of-state swimmers who had swam in Montana) because they have not been kept up, who cares, etc. No discussion. Lowell Anderson made a motion that we cease keeping out-of-state records. Mitch Crouse seconded and the motion passed.

***Senior or Open Category*** - Lowell Anderson reported that this category is for kids who are no longer in the 17-18 age group. It is very hit and miss as far as reporting and there is confusion of what needs to go in that category. Lowell Anderson made a motion that we create a new 19+ records and those swimmers who are registered Montana swimmers would be eligible, thus doing away with the present senior/open records. Rick Bartsch seconded and the motion passed.

***Records Not Listed*** - Note. There are not records listed for some events in the 15-16 age group, e.g. 200 Free Relay, 400 Medley Relay. It was mentioned that although swimmers swim 15-18 they can get these records if they put together relays consisting of 15-16 year old swimmers.

**Clothing for Zone Swimmers** - Rick Bartsch stated that Peg Filiaggi is working on the clothing aspect for Zone swimmers, i.e. lined windbreaker (navy), T-shirt, shorts and two caps for a total cost of 46.00 - 60.00. Lee Frey stated she was more inclined to do away with the coat and go with more T-shirts but would like the chance to ask other All-Star Team members since the majority of them will also be on the Zone team. The All-Star Team will also be asked for their assistance in the design.

**Zone Application** - Rick Bartsch, Janice Lopez, Mitch Crouse and Brent DeBree will draft a Zone Application form which would be sent to the coach(es) and will be due after the Butte/Sidney meet. This would mean that the only things that would have to be done at the state meet would be to add new events and accurate times.

### **Proposals**

There were four written proposals submitted and discussed at the Saturday, May 4, 1996 session:

Proposal #1 - submitted by Rick Bartsch

"The female and male athlete representative to Montana Swimming shall be chosen on a rotating basis and shall be for a two-year term" will remain the same. The change would be as follows:

*The selection process will take place at the Long Course State Championships each year, so that person can take over responsibilities immediately. At the long course meet each August, coaches from the various clubs will bring forth a name(s) for consideration. The swimmer will be elected by a vote of the House of Delegates of Montana who are in attendance at the meet. Coaches will be encouraged to bring forth names of swimmers who are going to be 10th or 11th graders that Fall so that the swimmer can fulfill a two-year term. Each coach that has a nomination can provide the House of Delegates with a verbal biography of the swimmer prior to the vote. Rick further stated that either coaches or house of delegates would vote OR team captains come together and submit names and choose that way.*

This motion was amended by Rick Bartsch as follows:

*Move the election process to the long course meet in August and election process be determined by two swimmer representatives from each club. Establish a deadline for nominations to be submitted to the club's athlete representatives. Call for additional nominations at the time of voting but at least some names would be there. Advise 2-year position. Both Athlete Representatives would go out in 1997 and one would be elected as a 1-year term. Mitch Crouse seconded and the motion passed.*

Proposal #2 - submitted by Janice Lopez

*For state championship meets, run one session 8-under through 17-18 for prelims, i.e. do not run split sessions.*

Brent DeBree will work with Janice and the other coaches to manipulate the schedule to accommodate the problem and bring a proposal to the October meeting.

Proposal #3 and # 4 - submitted by Janice Lopez

*Change state qualifying times to BB time standards and allow swimmers that qualify for the State Championships one splash per one qualified swim up to two splashes for two qualified swims. Mitch Crouse seconded. Amended to accept the BB standards in 1997 or the new name. Brent DeBree seconded. Further amended to allow one splash per one qualified swim up to two splashes for two qualified swims at the Long Course State Championships only with the new time standards to take effect in the 1997 short course season. Rick Bartsch seconded and the motion passed with a few abstaining.*

The final version of Proposals #3 and #4 should read as follows:

*Change state qualifying times to BB time standards in 1997 (or the new name) and allow swimmers that qualify for the State Championships one splash per one qualified swim up to two splashes for two qualified swims at the Long Course State Championships only with the new time standards to take effect in the 1997 short course season.*

Proposal #5 - submitted by Janice Lopez

*For state championship meets if there are not enough touch pads running for 25-yard or 50-meet races, reseed those events so that the available pads can be used. Rick Bartsch seconded and the motion passed and will take effect the summer of 1996.*

The following proposals were not submitted in writing:

Proposal #6 - submitted by Bob Searles

The background to the following proposal is as follows: U.S. Swimming registration fees for non-athletes and clubs are staying the same, however Regular Athlete Registration is going up \$5.00 (to \$35.00) and Seasonal Athlete Registration is going up \$2.50 (to \$17.50). Montana Montana Swimming retains \$10.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

*To allow Montana Swimming to collect \$4.50 from Seasonal Athletes thus making their fees \$17.00 instead of \$17.50. Randy Vook seconded. Amended to allow Montana Swimming to collect \$5.50 thus making Seasonal Athlete Registration \$18.00. Randy Vook seconded and the motion passed.*

**1996 Long Course Meet Schedule and 1997 Short Course Meet Schedule** - are set forth in Appendix G.

Proposal #7 - submitted by Sandra Antonoilli

*Allow Butte to use the timing trailer for their meet on July 20 & 21, 1996. Janet Lopez*

seconded and the motion passed.

**Fall Meeting** - Will be October 5 and 6 in Helena, Montana.

Proposal #8 - submitted by Jim Carlson (absentee)

*There are two extra slots for touch pads in the timing proposal and it is requested that we purchase two additional pads. Rick Bartsch seconded the motion. Amended to purchase one pad per year for the next two years. Sandra Antonoilli seconded and the motion passed.*

**U.S. Swimming Annual Convention** - Is in Orlando, Florida, September 8-15th. Those planning on attending should let Larry Johnson know ASAP. *Note: Because only so much money is allotted those attending will probably have to pay some of their expenses.*

Proposal #9 - by Lowell Anderson

*To replace console and scoreboard over next two years. Motion tabled. Larry Johnson and Tom Copley will research amounts and send out and get a voice approval prior to the fall meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned and seconded by Brent DeBree.

Respectfully submitted,

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### ***1996 Long Course Meet Schedule***

June 7, 8 & 9	Bozeman
June 15 & 16	Havre
June 22 & 23	National Age Group and Racing Camp, Billings
June 28, 29 & 30	Missoula
July 13 & 14	Kalispell
July 13 & 14	Big Sky Games, Billings
July 20-21	Butte
July 20-21	Sidney
August 1-4	Age Group Regionals - Federal Way, WA
August 1-5	Junior Nationals - Santa Clara, CA
August 2, 3 & 4	Long Course State Championships - Helena
August 13 - 17	Western Zones Championship - Gillete, WY

### ***1997 Short Course Meet Schedule***

October 26 & 27	Billings
November 9 & 10	Missoula
Unscheduled	Great Falls
December 7 (possibly 14th)	Bozeman
January 11 & 12	Butte
January 25 & 26	Missoula
January 31 & February 1	High School State
February 8	Helena
Unscheduled	Billings
March 7, 8 & 9	Short Course State
March 14, 15 & 16	Age Group Regionals - Federal Way, WA