

MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 6 and 7, 1996

Jorgenson's, Helena, Montana

The 1996 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 1996, at Jorgenson's, Helena, 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.

It was moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chairperson - Larry Johnson's report was verbal. This past year Montana swimmers have become more competitive with surrounding states and at upper levels of competition, i.e. Zones, Senior Regionals, etc. Montana Swimming has taken many steps to bring this level up. The new Bylaws we are required to modify and adopt will hopefully help the structure of Montana Swimming.

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. The National

Age Group Camp and Racing Camp scheduled for June did not proceed because of lack of interest. Zones went very well with 40 swimmers attending. There were 21 finals swims, 7 relays and 3 "Top 16" Times.

Secretary - Kim Luebke had no report but did remind those present that she does need help with information for the newsletter.

Treasurer - Tom Copley summarized his written report which can be found in Appendix C.

Registration Chairperson - Bob Searles' report was verbal. Coaches' accreditation has been slow. The legal consequence of no insurance was discussed, specifically the recent Havre incident. Swimmer registration statistics are reflected on Appendix D.

Officials Chairperson - Randy Vook's report was verbal. There were a few controversies about calls. Larry Johnson added that our officials do a nice job of keeping up a high standard and congratulated those who do the work.

Coaches Representative - Janice Lopez's report is found in Appendix E.

Records Chairperson - Lowell Anderson was not present and no report was given.

Safety Chairperson - Jim Carlson was not present and no report was given.

Senior Athlete Representative - Lee Frye's report was verbal. She stated she corresponded with club's a month ago and had nothing to report.

Technical Planning - Charlene McCoy was not present and no report was given.

Club Development - Pam Copley was not present and no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

All Star Selection Process Used This Year - The process was reviewed with the general consensus it worked well. A motion was made that age for the selection of the All Star Team be determined by the swimmer's age on the first day of the meet. The motion carried.

All Star Team Activity - The activity for the All Star Team will be determined by the Senior Vice Chair along with Athlete Representatives. A couple possibilities are a United States Olympic Training Center (USOTC) visit and a swim meet in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

Quadrennium 2000 Time Standards - Effective the 1998 season, the Age Group Time Standards are being replaced by the Quadrennium 2000 Time Standards which represents a larger population of swimmers across the country. Montana Swimming will need to adopt one of the Quadrennium 2000 Time Standards at the May 1997 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals

Proposals were submitted, discussed and voted for recommendation at the Saturday, October 6, 1997, session. Those proposals that were recommended are as follows:

Proposal #1 - submitted by Candy Vook

To amend the State Qualifying Times to one BB time standard and the remaining allowed swims have to meet the B time standard. This motion passed.

Proposal #2 - submitted by Mitch Crouse

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

Proposal #3 - submitted by Brent DeBree

Regarding Zones - Change the 60% practice requirement to 85%. This motion passed.

Proposal #4 - submitted by Brent DeBree

Hire a company to put the Montana Swimming logo on the sides and back of our timing trailer (within the discretion of the Treasurer, if funds are available, and the Executive Board). This motion passed. Jim Carlson volunteered to handle it.

Proposal #5 - submitted by Bob Searles

To purchase and install 4 additional meg of memory at a cost of approximately \$75.00 to upgrade the Registration Chairs computer. This motion passed.

Proposal #6 - submitted by Mitch Crouse

To discontinue the "Top 6" Awards. After an extensive reasoning and discussion this motion passed. The discussion continued to Amend the Top 6 to be limited to 12 & U swimmers for Montana meets. This motion did not pass.

The Senior Vice Chair will develop something to replace the "Top 6 Award" for 12 & U swimmers.

Female and Male Athletes of the Year

Nominations took place to select these top swimmers. The results are:

Female Athlete of the Year

Diane Moer - Helena

Male Athlete of the Year

Peterson Anderson - Bozeman

Phillips 66 Award

Nominations took place to select the top volunteer in Montana Swimming. Erna Crouse was unanimously named as this year's recipient.

At this point the meeting was recessed for lunch break and called to order again at 1:10 p.m.

The review of the bylaws was continued from the previous day. Motion was made to adopt the bylaws in the form discussed. We will check on getting the bylaws on

the Montana Swimming home page, along with meet schedule, Montana Swimming officers and officers of each club.

Election of Officers

Elections were held to fill expired terms as set forth in the Montana Swimming Bylaws. All positions are 2-year terms. The new officers are:

Records Chairperson - Lowell Anderson

Officials Chairperson - Randy Vook

Age Group Chairperson k/n/a Program Development Vice Chair - Brent DeBree

Treasurer - Tom Copley

Administrative Vice Chair - Rick Bartsch

Program Operations Vice Chair (previously held by Rick Bartsch) Mitch Crouse indicated a willingness to accept this position. Unless any other persons come forward prior to October 15, Mitch Crouse will be appointed effective October 15.

General Chair - Larry Johnson

Coach's Representative - Dave Berkoff (by volunteer)

Male Athlete Representative is vacant. Larry Johnson will appoint a new male athlete representative to assume fill out the remainder of the term which is Long Course 1997. October 15 is the deadline for any willing persons to come forward.

1997 Short Course Meet Schedule and 1997 Long Course Meet Schedule - are set forth in Appendix F.

Resolutions and Orders

It was moved, seconded and passed to destroy the ballots from the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the decisions of the Executive Board from the past year.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by General Chairperson Larry Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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