

MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 4 and 5, 1997

City Center Inn, Bozeman, Montana

The 1997 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, October 5, 1997, at the City Center Inn, 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 B. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair - Larry Johnson summarized his written report which can be found in Appendix C.

Administrative Vice Chair - Rick Bartsch summarized his written report which can be found in Appendix D. In addition Rick explained the minor changes in the officiating handbook regarding the breast stroke and back stroke and that the 1998 motivational times were published thus solving the "state qualifying time" dilemma.

Program Development Vice Chair - Brent DeBree's report was verbal. The committee formed in May to establish a new set of state qualifying times will not have to because of the publication of the 1998 motivational times. He is trying to find a reward system for 12 & U swimmers to replace the "Top 6" awards

previously given; he has visited with neighboring LSCs, US Swimming and parents.

Three of those ideas are an All Star Meet with clinic, social and dual meet; balloting system with banquet on weekend of Montana Swimming meeting; or have clinic for 4 swimmers from each age group and send to central location for clinic.

Program Operations Vice-Chair - Mitch Crouse's report was verbal. It was a recap of Zones. Montana swimmers broke 20 state records, had two 1st place swims, 90% of the swims were "best" times, Montana Swimming placed 8th among 17 LSCs, 1998 Zones are in Federal Way, Washington and 1999 Zones are in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Finance Vice-Chair - This position is vacant.

Secretary - Kim Luebke had no report.

Treasurer - Tom Copley's report was written and can be found at Appendix E. The same report will be generated at year end in place of the 9-month report and approval will take place over the phone.

Coaches Representative - Dave Berkoff's report was verbal. Continued areas of concern and work are communication (share ideas, gripes, experiences--positive and negative); education of parents, helping parents become better swimmer parents and ideas for motivating kids. He feels we had a great state meet and the time standards are good state time standards.

Athlete Representatives - Senior Athlete Representative Amanda Hartman's report was written and can be found at Appendix F. Junior Athlete Representative Jacob Copley had no report.

Safety Coordinator - Jim Carlson's report was verbal. He reported that Montana clubs are doing a good job at reporting injuries. He is sending a form to each club for a list of up-to-date safety officers. It is difficult to identify safety marshals at meets. Safety Marshals are a necessity and it is the meet manager's responsibility. The meet referee should not start a meet without one. Only 5% of swimming time is at meets yet 60% of the injuries occur at meets.

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

Membership/Registration Coordinator - Bob Searles' report was written and oral and can be found at Appendix G. He reminded clubs of the Outreach program which is explained in detail in the May 1997 minutes and that the new registration packets are available.

Officials Chair - Randy Vook's report was oral. Changes are as follows: officials will be evaluated by Ed Hartl, Lanny Logan or Randy Vook about once a year and sent in to the Randy Vook as Montana Swimming Officials Chair; required officiating was raised from 3 meets to 5 meets; dress change from all white to white top and blue shorts or pants. All of these changes will be communicated to each team.

Records Coordinator - Lowell Anderson's report was verbal. 33% of long course records were broken; 30% of short course records broken. Copies of updated records are available. Reminder of the Internet site - "mtsplash.org. Of the 101 state records broken only 10 records applications were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Montana Swimming Internet Site - Rich Hartl talked about Montana Swimming's Internet site and that each club can have a web site attached. It is \$50 per year. BAC has had 172 hits in a little over 2 months. It is a cheap way for swimmers and clubs to communicate. If anyone is interested please contact Rich.

E-Mail Address List - Larry Johnson circulated a list for anyone willing to share their e-mail address. This list will be circulated among Montana Swimming clubs.

Montana Swimming Newsletter - Kim Luebke talked about the lack of assistance from Montana Swimming clubs, officers and swimmers in the newsletter. The possibility of going to being published two times per year versus four times per year will be explored under New Business.

10 & U Swimmers at Age Group Regionals - 10 & U swimmers will be allowed to swim at AGR however they will be swum as time finals in prelims.

Records - It is necessary to submit the paperwork to the Records Chair for a record to be recorded.

Timing System - Efforts are underway to approach First Interstate Bank and Montana Power for contributions to purchase new timing systems (or parts thereof). Montana Swimming is still in need of an individual who is knowledgeable in writing up grants or requests to obtain funding from foundations. It was suggested that the

Administrative Vice Chair establish a committee to keep track of who is approaching whom for funding.

State Qualifying Time Standards - Because the Age Group Motivational Times were published for 1998 we do not need to adopt new state qualifying time standards.

Bozeman Hosting Short and Long Course State Meets - This motion was withdrawn by Rick Bartsch.

NEW BUSINESS

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:

Programs Operations - Mike Dougherty

Secretary - Jodi Peretti

Membership Registration - Bob Searles

Safety - Jim Carlson

Technical Planning - Rich Hartl

Finance Vice Chair - Ed Hartl

Board of Review (term) - Mitch Crouse (1), Dave Berkoff (2), Mark Marty (1), Bob Searles (2), Sandra Antonolli (2).

Nominating Committee (all 1 year terms) - Tom Debree, Randy Vook, Jim Carlson, Neil Virtue, Sandra Antonolli.

Policy and Procedure Manual Committee - Rick Bartsch, Kim Luebke, Ed Hartl and Tom DeBree.

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

Female and Male Athletes of the Year

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

Female Athlete of the Year	Lee Frye - Bozeman
Male Athlete of the Year	Jacob Copley - Missoula

Phillips 66 Award

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

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals were submitted, discussed and voted for recommendation at the Saturday, October 4, 1997, session. Those proposals that were recommended (or were because of discussion of old business) are as follows:

Old Business Proposals

To publish the Montana Swimming Newsletter twice yearly on November 1st and June 1st. This motion passed.

Zone Proposals

Proposal #1 - submitted by Janice Bell

Proposal that the 12 & U Zone Swimmers be given more consideration into the inclusion of zone team functions, i.e., hotel rooms at the same hotel, team meetings (at a decent hour), eating together at the same restaurant, etc. This motion passed.

Proposal #2 - submitted by Jo Marie Anderson

Zone swimmers are allowed to travel and stay with their parents, and still receive funding from Montana Swimming. This proposal was amended to include the following: Swimmer could be reimbursed up to the deadline set by the Program Operations Vice Chair. The amendment passed, however the original motion did not pass.

Proposal #3 - submitted by Rick Bartsch

For the All-Star and Western Zone meets there will be one chaperon chosen for every twelve (12) swimmers. The chaperons will be chosen by the General and Program Operations Vice Chairs of Montana Swimming. The chaperons shall not be the coaches chosen to represent the teams. This proposal was clarified -- it applies to 13

& O swimmers only. This motion passed.

Proposal #4 - submitted by Rick Bartsch

For the All-Star and Western Zone meets the chaperons chosen shall be reimbursed for transportation and housing costs. Transportation costs will be reimbursed at the lowest possible fare to and from the meet. This proposal was amended to include Transportation will be arranged by the Program Operations Vice Chair. This motion passed.

Proposal #5 - submitted by Mitch Crouse

Montana Swimming shall add one age group coach to the Western Zones Team if the number of 12 and under swimmers is between four and twelve. If more than twelve swimmers qualify, another coach will be selected at the discretion of a committee consisting of the General Chair, Program Operations Chair and coach's representative. This motion passed.

Proposal # 6 - submitted by Larry Johnson

It is proposed that should a Zone or All-Star swimmer violate the Swimmer's Code of Conduct as determined by the chaperons and/or the coaches, the swimmer will be subject to the following penalties:

1. *Forfeiture of all Montana Swimming funding for the Zone meet or All-Star event they are involved in at that time. Failure to reimburse Montana Swimming will result in banning from all Montana USS meets*

for the next season.

2. If the infraction is severe enough, the swimmer shall be sent home immediately at his or her own expense (this penalty shall be determined by the chaperons and coaches on site).

3. Elimination from the next years "chaperoned" All-Star Team and "chaperoned" Zone Team.

The first paragraph of this motion was amended to say "*may be subject*". This motion passed conditioned upon approval of United States Swimming.

Other Proposals

Proposal #1 - submitted by Jim Carlson

That Montana Swimming trade in its existing timing console and purchase a new console and start unit from Colorado Timing (\$3,320).

This motion passed.

(Because money is often an issue with purchasing a new timing system, it was suggested that perhaps money should be allocated differently between the Zone Team versus a new timing system which would benefit more Montana Swimming swimmers.)

Proposal #2 - submitted by Jim Carlson

Propose that Montana Swimming do a six month fund-raising drive to purchase new timing equipment and determine the cost for a new system and trailer. After six months a fee shall be set in place to generate money to fund the remaining finance requirements needed to purchase the timing system and trailer. The complete system and trailer need to be financed by the beginning of short course 1999.

This motion was passed. There will be a committee formed under the Administrative Vice Chair for equipment purchases. The "Equipment Purchase Committee" will work with the Finance Vice Chair on any equipment purchases.

Proposal #3 - submitted by Jim Carlson; amendment by Larry Johnson

Propose that the awards ceremony at state championship meets be used for 12 and under swimmers only. The placing for the 13 and over swimmers will be announced over the P.A. system and the awards will be given at the awards table. This proposal was amended as follows: The names for the Finals swimmers will be announced after the event has begun and the awards be given at the conclusion of each stroke. It was moved to strike the portion of the amendment as follows: "The names for the Finals swimmers will be announced after the event has begun and". The overall motion and amendment passed except that portion as noted.

Proposal # 4 - submitted by Brent DeBree

Eliminate State funding for Age Group and Senior Regional swimmers.

This motion passed.

Proposal # 5 - submitted by Brent DeBree

Allow 19 year olds to compete at the Montana State Swimming Championships as per rule number 204.7 of the 1997 USS Rule Book.
This motion passed.

Tabled Proposal - submitted by Brent DeBree

A swimmer who qualifies for the Western Zone Championships must have an 'A' time (according to the 1997 USS Time Standards) in "non-qualifying" events that the swimmer wishes to compete in at the zone meet.

1998 Short Course Meet Schedule and 1997 Long Course Meet Schedule - are set forth in Appendix H.

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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1998 SHORT COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

October 25 and 26	Billings (BY)
November 8 and 9	Missoula
November 15	Great Falls
December 13	Bozeman
January 10 and 11	Butte
January 24 and 25	Kalispell
February 6 and 7	High School State, Missoula
February 14	Helena
February 20, 21 and 22	Billings (BAC)
February 26 - March 1	Sr. Regionals, Boise, ID
March 6, 7 and 8	Short Course State Championships, Missoula
March 20, 21 and 22	Age Group Regionals, Federal Way, WA
March 24 - 28	Jr. Nationals, Grand Forks, MN
April 1 - 5	Sr. Nationals, Minneapolis, MN

1998 LONG COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

May 15, 16 and 17	Bozeman
May 30 and 31	Kalispell
June 13 and 14	Havre
June 20 and 21	Helena
June 26, 27 and 28	Missoula
July 11 and 12	Butte
July 16 - 19	Sr. Regionals, Federal Way, WA
July 18 and 19	Big Sky State Games, Billings

July 31, August 1 and 2	Long Course State Championships, Bozeman
July 31, August 1 and 2	Age Group Regionals, Federal Way, WA
August 1 - 5	Jr. Nationals, San Jose, CA
August 11 - 15	Sr. Nationals, Clovis, CA
August 11 - 15	Western Zones, Federal Way, WA