

**MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 16, 1998**  
**Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana**

The 1998 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 1998, at the Bozeman High School, 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. Their signatures on the attendance sheet found in Appendix B indicate those present. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

Following review of the Minutes of the October 1998 minutes, it was determined that not enough members present had read the minutes in order to approve them. Everyone present was asked to review them, and we would vote to approve them at the fall meeting. Ed Hartl had one correction on page 4, which lists him as being on the Policy and Procedure Manual Committee. It should have been Rich Hartl.

**Reports of Officers**

**General Chair** - Larry Johnson had no official report.

**Administrative Vice Chair** - Rick Bartsch was not present and no report was given.

**Program Development Vice Chair** - Brent DeBree had no report.

**Program Operations Vice-Chair** – Michael Dougherty’s report was verbal. It was a recap of the All Star Team’s trip to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs (22 participants for three days).

**Finance Vice-Chair** – Ed Hartl had no report.

**Secretary** – Jodi Peretti’s report was verbal and requested information for the Newsletter. The deadline is May 24.

**Treasurer** - Tom Copley' was not present and no report was given.

**Coaches’ Representative** - Dave Berkoff was not present and no report was given.

**Athlete Representatives** - Senior Athlete Representative Amanda Hartmann’s report was written and presented by Neil Virtue. Refer to Appendix C. Jr. Athlete Representative Paul Copley was not present and no report was given.

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

**Technical Planning Chair** - Rich Hartl had no report.

**Membership/Registration Coordinator** - Bob Searles' report was verbal. Swimmer registration statistics are reflected in Appendix D. Great Falls and Missoula Y did not renew their memberships this year. There will be a new system for assigning membership numbers next year. They will be explained in detail in the June issue of *Splash*.

**Officials’ Chair** - Randy Vook’s report was verbal. The official’s evaluations are going pretty well.

He reminded everyone that he needs a copy of the evaluations after each meet.

**Records Coordinator** - Lowell Anderson's report was verbal. Everyone was reminded of the form that needs to be filled out for state records and the information that is necessary for verification. Only 20% of the records set are following the correct procedure for submitting records. It is imperative that each club takes on that responsibility. Larry said that an effort would be made to have the record forms available at all meets. 99 new state records have been set since last May. A copy of the current records can be obtained via the Internet at [mtspash.org](http://mtspash.org).

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee**-Ed Hartl presented the budget for approval to carry us through long course 1998. This is usually done at the fall meeting, but we did not have an active committee at that time. The budget can be found in Appendix E. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**MPC Corporate Sponsorship Proposal**- Jodi Peretti reported that she spoke with MPC Marketing Director Steve Dee and he asked to contact him in three weeks. MT Swimming's proposal is now at the top of their list to look at, but he needs to see where they are with their budget.

**Policy and Procedure Manual**- Kim Luebke reported that she is in the process of going through the old minutes to pull out information needed to put together the manual. She hopes to have a rough draft for the fall meeting.

**Number of Splashes allowed at Zones**- Brent asked to table this proposal until we get last summer's zone results.

### **New Business**

**National USS Convention** - The National USS Convention is the first weekend of October 1998. Our fall meeting is scheduled for the same weekend. Larry proposed that we move our fall meeting to the second weekend in October. It was moved and seconded to move the fall meeting date to October 10 and 11, 1998. The motion passed. The meeting will be held in Helena.

**Zones**-Michael Dougherty reported that he has 25 rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn in Federal Way. They will rent 15-passenger vans to drive. Four chaperones will be sent. If anyone is interested in being a chaperone they should send letters to Michael Dougherty.

**State Meet Conflict**- Larry Johnson mentioned that we will again have a conflict with Senior Regionals and our state meet next March. We will discuss moving the state meet at the fall meeting.

**National Convention**- Larry Johnson has information on the USS National Convention for anyone interested in attending.

**Elections**- Fall elections are coming up. The election committee should be working on filling the following open positions: General Chairperson, Administrative Vice-Chair, Program Development

Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Records Chairperson, and Official's Chairperson.

### **Proposals**

There were five written proposals submitted, distributed (Appendix F) . Randy Vook moved that we table all proposals that were submitted after the deadline until the fall meeting. The motion passed.

Proposal #1 - submitted by Marie Cook

*Allow disabled swimmers to compete at the Montana State Championships.*

The motion was amended to read: *Allow disabled swimmers to swim at the Long Course State Championships if they have qualified for the National USS Disabled Meet.* The motion passed. Marie Cook will send a copy of the qualifying times to the state meet manager. Marie was asked to come up with time standards that could be used in the future. She will present them at the fall meeting.

### ***Announcements-***

Brent DeBree requested that everyone send him a backup disk of their meets so he can see how the Top 16 times program works. Larry suggested that he send a letter to each club.

Rich Hartl discussed the Non-qualifiers meet for senior swimmers put on by Pacific Northwest Swimming. He would like feedback from teams to see if they would be interested in sending swimmers. The ages are 15 and over.

Ed Hartl announced his plans to move to Kansas this summer. His family will stay in Billings for a while, then join him. He will resign his positions with Montana Swimming.

***1999 Short Course Meet Schedule*** - Attached as Appendix G.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ***1998 Short Course Meet Schedule***

October 31, Nov. 1	Billings (BY)
November 7 & 8	Missoula
December 12	Bozeman
January 9 & 10	Butte
January 23 & 24	Kalispell
February 13	Helena
February 19-21	Billings (BAC)
March 4-7	Senior Regionals
March ??	State Short Course Championships (date and location determined at the fall meeting)
March 16-20	Junior Nationals-Federal Way, WA
March 26-28	Age Group Regionals-Federal Way, WA
March 28-April 1	Senior Nationals-Long Island, NY