

**MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 2 and 3, 1999**  
**City Center Motel, Bozeman, Montana**

The 1999 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, October 3, 1999, at the City Center Motel, Bozeman, Montana, by General Chairman Carl Berger. 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 Spring 1999 minutes as written. The motion passed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

***General Chair*** – Carl Berger’s report was written and oral. A copy of his report can be found in Appendix C.

***Administrative Vice Chair*** – Kim Luebke’s report was written and oral. She reported on the National Convention. A copy of her report can be found in Appendix D.

***Program Development Vice Chair*** – Sherri Kenney had no report

***Program Operations Vice-Chair*** – Janice Bell’s report was written and oral. It was a recap of Zones and the Montana All Star Meet. Montana had 42 swimmers in attendance, 10 were 12 and Under. The athletes swam very well. Montana placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams and came home with the Spirit Award. She thanked the coaches and chaperones. A copy of her report can be found in Appendix E.

***Finance Vice-Chair*** – Dave Ferris was not present and no report was given.

***Secretary*** – Jodi Peretti’s report was oral. She asked representatives present to make an effort to make the newsletter and any other Montana Swimming correspondence readily available to all members of Montana Swimming

***Treasurer*** – Larry Johnson’s report was written and oral. He discussed his information under the annual budget.

***Coaches’ Representative*** –David Berkoff was not present. His report was written and read by Kim Luebke. It was be found in Appendix F.

***Athlete Representatives*** - Senior Athlete Representative Allan McCallum's report was oral. He reported on the athlete's meetings at the USA Swimming National Convention. Junior Athlete Representative Gina Fettig had no report.

***Safety Coordinator*** – Brian Robinson's report was verbal. He reported that Montana had only one injury since May. He emphasized that he would like to see clubs use the touch pads at both ends of the pool when hosting a meet so that the 8 & Unders don't have to start in the shallow end of the pool. He also reminded clubs to have a designated safety officer for their meets.

***Technical Planning Chair***- Rich Hartl's report was verbal. USA Swimming has entered into a partnership with Youth Sports.com. They are offering free websites to all swim teams and LSC's. It is easy to update and anyone can do it. He has information if anyone is interested. If Rich could get e-mail contacts for each team, he will forward that to the contact at Youth Sports.com.

***Membership/Registration Coordinator*** - Bob Searles' report was written and oral and can be found at Appendix G. Registrations were up in 1999 from 1998. We have 1054 athletes registered. There is also one new club in our LSC. The new registration chairman should have the packets out shortly.

***Officials' Chair*** – Jim Carlson's report was verbal. The number of officials is down in western Montana. He reminded clubs that they should have one official for every 10 swimmers. He also reminded everyone that there are a number of rule changes, most significant is the starting procedure. It is effective May 15, 2000 and is the use of the whistle system. All new rules can be found on the USA Swimming website under Official's Forums.

***Records Coordinator*** - Lowell Anderson's report was verbal. We had a few new state records this year. The records are on the Internet at mtsplash.com. He handed out hard copies for the coaches.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Finance Committee***- An annual budget was presented to the House. The annual budget was amended to replace the category All Star Functions with Age Group Development. A motion was made to accept the amended budget. A copy of the budget and cash flow sheets can be found in Appendix H.

## OLD BUSINESS

***Policy and Procedure Manual*** –Kim Luebke’s report is included in her report on the National Convention- appendix D. She would like to have the manual ready to approve at the Fall 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting

***Convention Report***-this was addressed in the individual reports of those that attended.

***Seasonal Ranking Booklet***-Carl Berger is still looking for a volunteer to take on this task, which would be included with a swimmer’s handbook.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Proposals

Proposals were submitted, discussed and voted for recommendation at the Saturday, October 2, 1999, session. Those proposals are as follows:

Proposal #1-submitted by Jim Carlson

*When a club (or high school in the case of H.S. state) applies for a sanction of a meet for which it plans to use the timing system, the Club shall submit a \$100.00 equipment deposit in addition to the sanction fee. The deposit shall not be returned to the club until such time that the treasurer and official’s chair are sent a copy of the inventory sheet signed by a representative of the host club and a representative of the club taking the trailer after the meet. Any missing or damaged equipment shall be subtracted from the deposit before the club is reimbursed and, if missing or damaged equipment exceeds the \$100.00, the host club shall be billed for the equipment. This motion passed.*

Proposal #2-submitted by Rich Hartl

*Change the Montana State Championship event order to have all 8 & Under events during Saturday and Sunday, the 400 Freestyle relay on Friday, and the 200 Freestyle relay on Sunday at all Montana*

*Swimming Championship meets.* This motion passed.

Proposal #3-submitted by Rich Hartl

*All 10 & Under events will be timed finals at all MT Swimming Championship meets.* This motion did not pass.

Proposal #4-submitted by Rich Hartl

*Individual entries at all MT Swimming Championships be limited to six individual events and three relay events, with a maximum of three individual events per day.* This motion passed.

Proposal #5-submitted by Rich Hartl

*Eliminate All-Star functions and redirect funds to Age Group Development programs.* This motion passed.

Proposal #6-submitted by Carl Berger

*8 & Under events swum at short course state championships be 50 yard distances.* This motion did not pass.

Proposal #7-submitted by Carl Berger

*Montana Swimming adopt a regional format within the state with emphasis placed upon more dual/triangular meets and culminating in a Regional Championship meet prior to the State Championship meet.*  
This motion was tabled.

Proposal #7b-submitted by the membership

*A committee be formed to develop a regional format as stated above in proposal #7 consisting of Susan Huckleby, Lloyd Hopes, Neil Virtue, Rich Hartl, and Sherri Kenny. They will have a report at the Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting in May 2000.* This motion passed.

Proposal #8-submitted by Carl Berger

*Teams failing to comply with post-meet record-keeping requirements*

*within the times specified by USA Swimming shall be assessed an additional fee for their next meet sanction, an amount to be determined by the board of directors. This motion was amended to read: Teams failing to comply with post-meet record-keeping requirements within the times specified by USA Swimming shall be assessed an additional fee double the current sanction fee for their next meet. The amended motion passed.*

Proposal #9-submitted by Larry Johnson

*Add \$200. to the per swimmer fee for entries in meets- go from \$4.00 without the use of timing systems to \$6.00 and from \$5.00 with use to \$7.00. This motion passed.*

Proposal #10-submitted by Larry Johnson

*Add Junior Athlete Rep as a delegate to the National Convention. This motion was amended to include: Due notice was given on this proposal. A mail vote, including internet, will be taken no sooner than 30 days. The amended motion passed.*

Proposal #11-submitted by Carl Berger

*Hold the election of the athlete reps at Short Course State instead of Long Course State. This motion was amended to include: Due notice was given on this proposal. A mail vote, including internet, will be taken no sooner than 30 days. The amended motion passed.*

Proposal #12-submitted by Merle Gunderson

*Montana LSC teams shall inform all team members of all meet contracts received and may not penalize or discourage any swimmer from competing in a sanctioned Montana meet. Failure to comply shall result in loss of reimbursement from Montana Swimming to all members of the club for state subsidized competition during that season plus the following season (SC and LC being regarded as separate seasons). This motion did not pass.*

Proposal #13-submitted by Janice Bell

*All teams appoint a liaison for their swimmers to the Program*

*Operations Chairman.* This motion passed.

Proposal #14-submitted by Lee Willing

*Montana Swimming combine the 15-16 and 17-19 age groups at the State Championships to a 15 and Over age group. The BB time standards for the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups will be used for qualifying times in their respective age groups. Swimmers 19 and Over must qualify using the 17-18 times. The age groups will be awarded and scored separately: 15-16 year olds and 17-19 year olds. There will be not points or awards for swimmers 20 and over. Finals and consolation finals for the 15 and Over age group will be combined. This motion passed.*

### **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:

Program Operations Coordinator- Janice Bell  
Secretary- Mike Dougherty  
Membership Registration Coordinator- Jodi Peretti  
Safety Coordinator- Brian Robinson  
Technical Planning Chairman-Rich Hartl  
Finanace Vice Chairman- Lenny Duberstein

Nominating Committee (one year terms)- Jim Carlson, Larry Johnson, Lloyd Hoopes, Eileen Rose, Dennis Bauer

Board of Review (one-year terms)- Neil Virtue, Julie McDonald, Lloyd Hoopes

### **Other New Business**

***1999 Short Course Meet Schedule and 2000 Long Course Meet Schedule*** - are set forth in Appendix I.

***Western Zones Co-host***-Larry Johnson discussed the possibility of Montana Swimming co-hosting a western zone meet in Mesa, Arizona along with San Diego and Arizona. There was a show of hands that we are interested in trying to co-host this meet. Larry will continue to pursue the possibility.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

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 Carl Berger.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 1999-2000 SHORT COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

October 30	Billings (BY)
November 6	Great Falls
November 13 and 14	Missoula
December 11	Bozeman
January 8 and 9	Butte
January 22	Hardin
January 22 and 23	Kalispell
January 29 and 30	Missoula Y
February 12	Helena
February 18,19,and 20	Billings (BAC)
February 25,26 and 27	Short Course State Championships, Missoula
March 2-5	Sr. Regionals, Boise
March 17-19	Age Group Regionals, Federal Way, WA
March 21 - 25	Juniors Nationals, Anchorage, AK
March 28-April 1	Nationals, Federal Way, WA

## 2000 LONG COURSE MEET SCHEDULE

May 6 and 7	Kalispell
May 19,20,21	Bozeman
June 23, 24 and 25	Missoula
July 8 and 9	Butte
July 14,15 and 16	Big Sky State Games, Billings
July 22 and 23	Helena
July 20-23	Sr. Regionals, Federal Way
July 28-30	Long Course State Championships
August 1-5	Juniors Nationals, San Antonio, TX
August 3-6	Age Group Regionals, Wenatchee, WA
August 9-16	Olympic Trials, Indianapolis
August 15 - 19	Western Zones, Fresno, CA
Sept. 1-23	Olympics, Australia