

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2000
Jorgensen's Motel, Helena, Montana

The Fall 2000 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2000, at the Jorgensens Motel, Helena, Montana, by General Chairman Carl Berger. 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.

It was moved to accept the Spring 2000 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Reports Of Officers

General Chair - Carl Berger read a letter to the body. That letter is attached.

Administrative Vice Chair - Kim Luebke was not present and had no report.

Program Development Vice Chair - Sherri Kenney's report was verbal. She shared information on her visit to Orland, FL. She showed the body an application for MT Toolbox and encouraged all clubs to fill out and submit. She reported that our LSC did not get our Top 16 times submitted. She discussed changes being made to insure that does not repeat. She reported that she had additional information on team-building that she would distribute to teams. She reported that USASwimming had dramatically increased the funding for advertising, and reported on a number of ways this money is being spent.

Program Operations Vice-Chair - Janice Bell's report was verbal and written. She displayed the 6th place trophy from Zones to the group. A written report was provided by the Zone coaches.

Finance Vice-Chair -Lenny Duberstein had no report.

Secretary - Michael Dougherty's report was verbal. He queried the group on the need for a newsletter, and suggested that the newsletter was usually just a rehash of the minutes. A member of the body pointed out that up-to-date information was usually available on the LSC web site. The consensus was that the newsletter was not necessary. Michael advised the body that unless there were any objections, he would no longer do a newsletter. There were no objections.

Treasurer - Larry Johnson's report was written. His report is attached.

Coaches' Representative - Dave Berkoff's report was verbal. He raised a discussion of Team Big Sky. He presented the idea of offering a cash reward to long term swimming commitments of athletes. He reported on the discussion of the divisional meet concept.

Athlete Representatives - Senior Athlete Representative Alan McCallum had no report. Gina Fettig reported on her trip to the convention in Orlando. She provided a written report which is attached.

Safety Coordinator - Bryan Robinson had no report.

Technical Planning Chair -Rich Hartl's report was written and verbal. A copy of his report is attached. He advised the body that there was currently not a standing technical committee. He informed the body about youthsports.com.

Membership/Registration Coordinator - Jody Peretti's report was verbal and written. She reported that registration forms were online at the web site. She reminded coaches to update credentials. She awarded the "non-athlete first to register" to Jim and Cathy Carlson. Larry Johnson reported that he would ask Jodi to post coaches with expired credentials.

Officials Chair - Jim Carlsons report was verbal. He reported that the earlier officials's meeting was well attended from around the state. He reviewed the proposal to revise officials certification. He recommended that head timers should take test and be certified. He also pointed out that computer operators be certified as clerk of course. He advised that a 1:10 ratio of officials to swimmers per club be observed. He recommended that a "no recall" rule be made a part of every meet contract. He advised the body that the inventory sheet from the trailer needs to be sent to both the Treasurer and the Officials Chair. He reported that he had delivered certification packets at the meeting.

Records Coordinator - Lowell Anderson's report was verbal. He advised the body that the records are up-to-date on the web site. He reported that 25% of state records were broken this year in the long course season. In the short course season 30% of the boys and girls records were broken. He reported that as a result of USA Swimmings emphasis on longer swims, he would add additional distances to the records. The consensus of the body was to only go back one year on these new distances.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - An annual budget was presented to the body. Larry Johnson proposed that \$3,500 be moved from the operating fund to the equipment fund. His motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to accept the amended budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

National Convention - Larry Johnson gave the first report. He discussed the short course sectionals and said that the hosts were required to make certain that their meet was a higher level meet than the Sr. Regional Meet. He reported that the national meets are now allowing some LSCs to do online entry. That will eventually expand to all LSCs. He reported that the Grant Program had been put on hold for one year for evaluation. He reported that the Northwest Sectionals will have a data base of times online for verification. He emphasized that all host teams should send meet results to Lyle Campbell at Northwest Sectionals. He reported that a discussion was held on full body suits with no changes made. He reported that USA Swimming would select two events from a hat for the next Olympics. If a swimmer breaks a world record in that event, the swimmer will receive \$1 million and the swimmer's coach will receive \$500,000. USA Swimming will purchase an insurance policy to cover that risk. Larry announced that the Patricia L. Zorne award was awarded to Erin Popovich. He presented the award to Erin's coach, Marie Cook. Mitch Crouse added to the report with his report on his attendance at the Club Development meeting. He pointed out the need for a mission statement for our LSC.

New Business

Proposals

Proposals were submitted, discussed and voted for recommendation at the Saturday, October 21, 2000 session. Those proposals are as follows:

Proposal 1-submitted by Peter Antonioli: Earmark an additional \$1,500 (for a total of \$3,000) to be used for Age Group development swimming in Montana. A committee will be formed to work with the age group development coordinator to allocate funds. This Motion Passed.

Proposal 2-submitted by Peter Antonioli: Develop a means whereby those swimmers who seek funds from Montana Swimming for attendance at Zones be required to attend three (3) Montana Swimming meets, one of which must be the Long Course State Meet. This motion passed.

Proposal 3-submitted by Rich Hartl, Neil Virtue, Susan Huckleby, Sherri Kenney, and Lloyd Hopes: Montana Swimming will hold two regular season ending divisional championship meets. Said meets will be held two (2) weeks prior to the State Meet. Said divisional championship meet would be a two day format, timed finals only, with individual and team awards in each division. All other meet guidelines will be in accordance with Montana Swimming and USA Swimming rules and regulations. The meet venue will be awarded on a rotating basis. This motion passed.

Proposal 4-submitted by Rich Hartl, Neil Virtue, Susan Huckleby, Sherri Kenney, and Lloyd Hopes: Montana Swimming will consist of two divisions, hereby designated as the East division, and the West division. The purpose for dividing the state into two divisions is to host two divisional swim meets - one in each division — prior to the state championship meet.

1) The East division will consist of the following clubs: Billings YMCA, Billings Aquatic Club, Ashland, Hardin, Bozeman, and Sidney (summer) and any registered unattached swimmers from those areas.

2) The West division will consist of the following clubs: Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Havre, Missoula Aquatic Club, Missoula YMCA, and Kalispell and any registered unattached swimmers from those areas.

Montana Swimming will enter any new teams that join the Montana Swimming LSC into the appropriate East/West division. This motion passed.

Proposal 5-submitted by Rich Hartl, Neil Virtue, Susan Huckleby, Sherri Kenney, and Lloyd Hopes: Montana Swimming athletes will qualify for the State Championship meet by swimming a qualifying time standard, as established by Montana Swimming, in at least one individual event. In addition, each qualified swimmer will be awarded one splash (non-conforming time) event for each individual qualifying event, up to a maximum of three splashes per swimmer.

All other policies and procedures will remain unchanged from what has previously been established from this date by Montana Swimming. The current qualification is a BB time. This motion passed.

Proposal 6-submitted by Jodi Peretti: Under rule 302.4, Montana Swimming impose a \$20.00 fine per event against a member coach or a member club representative signing a document which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA Swimming for a meet when that swimmer is not properly registered. This will be enforceable by the MT Swimming Membership Chair. Montana Swimming will be entitled to the fines imposed. All registrations for athletes entering the meet should be mailed to the LSC registration chair by the entry due date for the meet. This motion passed.

Proposal 7-submitted by Jodi Peretti: Montana Swimming Membership Chair may request membership reconciliation at any Montana Swimming Sanctioned competition. This motion passed.

Proposal 8-submitted by Jodi Peretti: Montana Swimming grant meet sanctions only if the club has current USA Swimming Club Membership for the year the meet is to be held. Club membership includes having registered coach member and one registered athlete member. (Reference is MT Swimming Bylaws 602. 1A) This motion passed.

Proposal 9-submitted by Jodi Peretti: Montana Swimming require a host club to include a registration confirmation in their meet contract before a sanction will be granted. The signed confirmation must be returned with meet entries. This motion passed.

Proposal 10-submitted by Marie Cook: Under the authority of Section 202.2.13 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Montana Swimming adopt the following policy to encourage disabled swimmers to participate in Montana Swimming Meets:

1. In regular season meets disabled swimmers need not have achieved the qualifying time standards (if there are any). The Meet Referee shall have the authority to accommodate the swimmer without substantial negative impact on the meet timeline. Examples of such accommodation are:

- a. Allow the disabled swimmer to compete at a shorter distance than others in the event, e.g. 50 meter distance within a 100 meter event.

- b. Seed the disabled swimmer by time rather than age, e.g. an 18-year old disabled swimmer could be seeded in the 11-12 age group of the same event.

2. In Championship level meets, disabled swimmers may enter with the permission of the Meet Director and Meet Referee. Accommodations may be made as described as in 1 above.

3. Places and awards for disabled swimmers can only be earned in the swimmers actual event and/or age group. At the discretion of the meet host, special awards may be given to disabled swimmers.

4. With respect to the Meet Director and Meet Referee giving permission for a disabled swimmer to enter a Championship Meet some criteria could be:

- a. participation in regular season meets (has the swimmer been a loyal member of the LSC)

- b. proof of time from regular season meets, (can the swimmer perform the stroke competently) and

c. other evidence such as qualifying for the USA Swimming Disability Championships (is the swimmer as serious about the sport as “able bodied” swimmers who compete at the championship level).

This policy shall apply only to swimmers with disabilities as defined in Section 105 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, i.e. "a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities". The motion passed.

Proposal 11-submitted by Neil Virtue: Create an application process for the assistant Zones coaches. The application would be due at the Short Course State Championship Meet for the following Summer Western Zones Championship Meet. A selection committee could be made up to go through the applications and decide who would attend the meet. The decision would be made in time to inform the selected coaches by the Spring Bi-annual Montana Swimming Meeting. Beginning this spring for the 2001 Western Zone Championship Meet. The selection committee shall consist of the Program Operations Chairman, Administrative Vice Chair, Program Development Coordinator. This motion failed.

Proposal 12-submitted by Neil Virtue: An agreement by all teams to pursue the idea of Team Big Sky. This motion passed.

Proposal 13-submitted by Merle Gunderson: In accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations 205.4 meet entry fees, with the exception of state meets, be set at the following:

<u>Type of fee</u>	<u>With Electronic Timing System</u>	<u>Without Electronic Timing System</u>
Mt. Surcharge	Current	Current
Individual event	\$2.00	\$2.00
Relay Events	\$4.00	\$4.00

This motion was tabled.

Proposal 14-submitted by Rich Hartl: Montana Swimming shall take at least four (4) swimmers in each recognized age group for boys and girls to the Western Zone Championship meet. In the event that 4 swimmers do not qualify in each age group, Montana Swimming will select swimmers to fill each age group using total individual points from the Long Course Championships, selecting those swimmers with the most cumulative points, except for those swimmers who have already qualified. This motion was passed.

Proposal 15-submitted by Janice Bell: Allocate \$300 to All Stars so that plaques can be purchased and delivered to future All Star recipients. This motion was passed.

Proposal 16-submitted by Janice Bell: Obtain a credit card for MT Swimming so that big items such as hotel rooms and vans used for zones or plane fares for convention or zone travel can be held and/or paid for by MT Swimming. This motion was passed.

Proposal 17-submitted by Janice Bell: Define more clearly requirements of zone qualifiers and MT support of such in relationship to percentage of practices attended. This motion was 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:

Officials Chair—Jim Carlson
Records Chair—Lowell Anderson
Program Development—Lev Bates
Treasurer—Larry Johnson
Administrative Vice Chair—Rich Hartl
General Chair—Lanny Logan

Nominating Committee (one year terms)—Jim Carlson, Lloyd Hope, Susan Huckleby, Heidi Gray, Mitch Crouse.

Technical Planning Committee (one year terms)—Brian Smith, Alan McCallum, Rich Hartl, Lenny Duberstein, Mitch Crouse.

Board of Review—Dave Berkoff, Lloyd Hopes, Mike Burton, Neil Virtue, Susan Huckleby.

Program Development—Mitch Crouse, Lenny Duberstein, John Klinge, Lev Bates

Other New Business

2000-2001 meet schedule. Attached to these minutes.

Zones Co-host - Larry Johnson reported that MT Swimming would co-host Zones in 2002 with San Diego at the USC pool.

2001 Zones - Janice Bell reported on the travel and accommodations package for Zones in Hawaii. She advised everyone to get in their reservation by April 7.

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 Carl Berger.

Respectfully submitted,

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Short Course Meet Schedule

October 28	Billings (BY)
November 4	Great Falls
November 11-12	Kalispell
November 11-12	Hardin
December 9-10	Bozeman
January 13-14	Butte
January 27-28	Missoula (MYST)
February 10-11	Helena
February 16-18	Billings (BAC)
March 2-4	State Short Course Championships (Missoula)
March 15-18	Sectionals-Seattle
March 23-25	Age Group Regionals-Federal Way, WA

Long Course Meet Schedule

May 5-6	Kalispell
May 18-20	Bozeman
June 9-10	Butte
June 16-17	Havre
June 29-July 1	Missoula (MAC)
July 7-8	Eastern Divisional (BY)
	Western Divisional (Helena)
July 13-15	Big Sky State Games
July 20-22	State
July 26-29	Sectionals (Hood, OR)
August 7-11	Zones (Hawaii)
August 10-12	Age Group Regionals (Wenatchee, WA)
August 14-18	Nationals (Fresno, CA)