

MONTANA SWIMMING

June 18, 2002

Dear Members of Montana Swimming:

Attached are the minutes of the Montana Swimming Semi-Annual meeting that was held May 18, 2002, in Bozeman. Please review the attached minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting and let me know by July 1st if they do not. If I don't receive any replies by July 1st, I'll assume they are satisfactory. The current list of Montana Swimming House of Delegates as well as a list of the Montana Swim Teams is also included at the end of the minutes.

Congratulations to David Cromwell of the Missoula Aquatic Team and Amber Walter of the Kalispell Aquatic Swim Team for being selected the Male and Female Swimmers of the Year by Montana Swimming. Congratulations to Merle Gunderson of the Falls Aquatic Swim Team for being select as the outstanding volunteer to receive the Phillips 66 Award. Also, congratulations to Christine O'Connor of the Falls Aquatic Swim Team for raising the largest amount of funds in the Swim-a-thon program in Montana during the past year.

David Cromwell is an outstanding swimmer for MAC. He has won numbers awards and set many swimming records. This spring he swam an Olympic Trails qualifying time in the 100 backstroke and placed fourth in the event at USA Swimming National Championships. David will be a freshman at Harvard this fall.

Amber Walter is an outstanding swimmer for KATS. Amber is the Senior Athlete Representative for Montana Swimming. She holds numerous swimming records and has had terrific swims at the State, Zones, Senior Sectionals, and Junior Nationals level. Amber is an A honor roll student and will be a senior at Flathead High School this fall.

Merle Gunderson is a true volunteer. Merle was certified as a Stroke and Turn official in 1984 and as a referee in 1987. Merle officiates at numerous MT Swimming and High School swim meets each year and has officiated at meets in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Merle served as General Chairman of Montana Swimming from 1990 – 1994. He served as president of FAST from 1986 to 1992. Merle and several other parents started FAST in 1986 when the Gus' Guppies coach retired. Merle's son Robb swam in the state Short Course meet in Great Falls as an 8&U swimmer. His daughter Andee began swimming competitively as a 7-year old in 1982. Andee swam for the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. She is now a Masters Swimmer in Utah and coaches an age group team. Merle looks forward to officiating at a meet where his daughter is coaching. Merle has stayed involved with swimming because he enjoys seeing the many friends he has made over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
Secretary, Montana Swimming

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2002
Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana

The Spring 2002 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday May 18th by General Chair Lanny Logan.

Correction was made to the October 2001 minutes. The passage corrected is as follows:

Proposal 14: During the State Championship meets, the 15-16 and 17-19 age groups shall be seeded and swum combined during prelims. ~~The top 8 of each age group shall be seeded and swum separately at finals.~~ (Correction: The top swimmers of each age group shall be seeded and swum separately at finals. 5-18-2002)

Moved and passed.

Reports of Officers

General Chair- Lanny Logan – no report

Administrative Vice Chair – Rich Hartl was not present

Program Development Vice Chair – Lev Bates reported he is compiling information for the STARS database. He requested that all teams send him information on Top 16 swims as well as meet manager backups from all swim meets. There are no plans for a swimposium or swim camp this year; however he is planning to have something similar to the Swimposium next year, but USA Swimming would not sponsor it.

Program Operations – Nancy Halstrom was not present.

Finance Vice Chair – Janice Bell was present, but had no report.

Secretary – Susan Huckleby asked all present to submit club information to her including a list of club officers and their e-mail addresses; a club e-mail contact person to receive official notices from Montana Swimming; and any news items clubs would like sent to Montana Swimming members and USA Swimming. She reported there have been good responses to the question of the month, but the questions would now only be asked every three or four months rather than monthly. Susan will also e-mail meet contracts and results to her swimming e-mail list if clubs send the information to her.

Treasurer – Larry Johnson presented his report orally. For the period January 1 through May 17, 2002, Montana Swimming had revenues of \$15,205 with expenses of \$9,463 for a net amount of \$5742. The money in specific funds includes \$1,230 in the Nagashima Fund; \$3860 in the Equipment Fund; and \$53,204 in the General Fund for a total cash amount of \$58,294. Of this amount, \$30,000 is in savings and the remainder in checking. The Nagashima Fund money is used to help needy swimmers attend higher-level swim meets. Swimmers may apply for assistance from the Nagashima Fund through the Treasurer or the General Chair.

Coach's Representative – Chris Klinge was not present.

Athlete Representatives – Amber Walter and Nathan Wittnam reported they had received complaints from swimmers about having to swim both preliminaries and finals at Short Course State when there were only seven or fewer swimmers in the event. The swimmers wanted to swim events as finals only if there were only enough swimmers entered for one heat. Amber’s written report is attached.

Safety Coordinator – Brian Robinson’s report was oral. He reported there were only two minor accidents. He also said coaches were concerned about the five-foot minimum depth for starts.

Technical Planning Co-Chairs – Mike Burton and Lenny Duberstein had no report.

Membership/Registration – Jodi Peretti was not present, but her written report is attached.

Officials’ Chair – Jim Carlson was not present.

Records Coordinator – Lowell Anderson was not present.

Committee Reports

Committee reports were presented during the old business portion of the meeting.

Old Business

Technical Planning Committee:

Mike Burton and Lenny Duberstein presented the Technical Planning Committee report orally and in writing. The written report is attached.

The first proposal would set the meet dates. Montana Swimming would set the dates for Senior Sectionals, Zones, Age Group sectionals, and State on the calendar. Montana Swimming would then move two weeks back from these dates and set the dates for one three-day primary meet each month. The calendar would then have secondary one or two-day meets added each month.

The second proposal would set the proposed meet format for these meets. The proposed meet format would offer every event a swimmer could swim at the state swim meet. This is a basic format that isn’t intended to be rigid, but flexible. Clubs may suggest possible changes and changes to the order of events when they submit their bid to Montana Swimming.

The third proposal sets how the meets would be bid each year and selection process involved.

A question was asked if at least one regular season meet could be a prelims/finals format.

A motion was made to table the proposal until the fall meeting of Montana Swimming. The motion passed.

The proposal was tabled.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee report was oral. Larry Johnson reported that the timing trailer insurance had increased from approximately \$1000 per year to approximately \$2500 per year. Larry has asked a different insurance company for a price quote.

At this time the Finance Committee did not have a report on how much it would cost to purchase a second timing trailer. Larry suggested that each club buy their own touch pads and scoreboard. Larry also suggested that Montana Swimming consider supplementing the cost of the equipment. The touch pads and scoreboard are the largest items in the timing trailer and can be easily damaged. It would then be easier to transport the remaining equipment to each swim meet. In towns with two teams, the teams could combine to purchase one set of touch pads and a scoreboard.

It was suggested that a set of touch pads and a scoreboard be kept in Missoula and another set in Billings rather than each club having to purchase their own. The equipment would be transported shorter distances to meets and each club would not have to purchase their own equipment.

A motion was made that a committee be formed through the Finance Chair to bring forward at the fall Montana Swimming meeting two proposals:

1. A proposal to determine the cost of purchasing a second timing trailer; and
2. A proposal to determine the cost to each club to own a majority of their own timing equipment including either 8 or 16 touch pads.

The proposal would be due to Montana Swimming at least one month prior to the fall meeting.

The motion passed.

The timing equipment committee will include Janice Bell, Chair; Larry Johnson; Lev Bates; and Brian Robinson.

New Business

Change in Zones requirements:

Discussion was held concerning swimmers who have qualified for Senior Sectionals and Western Zones. Said swimmers could not compete at Western Zones if they competed at Senior Sectionals this year because Senior Sectionals is at the same time as the Montana State Long Course Championships. Zones swimmers must compete at the Long Course State Championships to be allowed to compete and receive funding to attend Zones.

The following motion was made: Swimmers who are swimming at a higher level meet sanctioned by USA Swimming and held at the same time as the Montana State Long Course State Championships be allowed to attend and be funded for Western Zones.

The motion passed.

Election of Male and Female Athletes of the Year -- The results are:

Female: Amber Walter, KATS

Male: David Cromwell, MAC

Election of Phillips 66 Award -- The results are:

Merle Gunderson, FAST

Short Course Meet Schedule for 2002-2003

October 18 – 20:	BY
November 2 – 3:	FAST
November 16 – 17:	MAC
December 7 – 8:	BOZ
January 18 – 19, 2003:	BTST
January 25 – 26:	KATS
January 31 – February 1:	Montana High School State, Hardin
February 8 – 9:	HLST
February 14 – 16:	BAC
February 28 – March 2:	Montana Short Course State Swim Meet
March 7 – 9:	YMCA Regionals
March 13 – 16:	Senior Sectionals
March 21 – 23:	Age Group Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
April 1 – 5:	Nationals

July 26 – July 28, 2002 Montana State Long Course Swim Meet, Bozeman

Montana Swimming fall House of Delegates meeting: October 5 – 6, 2002, in Helena

Other new business:

Swimmers who have set a new state record need to complete the appropriate forms and send the forms to records Coordinator Lowell Anderson for the record to be recognized.

Kim Holmes, USA Swimming Western Zones Sport Development Coordinator, will be visiting clubs in Montana June 3-8. Clubs are encouraged to contact her and arrange for a club visit.

The Policy and Procedures Committee plans to present a report at the fall Montana Swimming meeting. The Policy and Procedure Committee includes Laurie Brennan, John Klinge, and Lev Bates.

A question was asked about restricting swimmers entering time trials. It was stated that if a swimmer met the qualifications for entering the time trial, the swimmer should not be prevented from entering. It was also stated that attempting to prevent a qualified swimmer from entering a time trial may be a violation of that swimmer's right to compete.

The 2001-2002 Scholastic All-American applications are available on the USA Swimming website.

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, General Chairperson Lanny Logan adjourned the meeting.

MONTANA SWIMMING

Montana Swimming Agenda Semi-Annual Meeting May 18, 2002 Bozeman High School Bozeman, Montana

1. Roll Call
2. Review, Correction, and Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
3. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairpersons and Coordinators
4. Old Business
 - Technical Planning Committee proposal on meet formats, meet types, and meet dates.
 - Finance Committee report on feasibility of purchasing a second timing trailer
 - Other
5. New Business
 - Change in Zones requirements for swimmers attending a higher level meet at the same time as the Long Course State Championships.
 - Election of Male and Female Athletes of the Year
 - Election of the Phillips 66 Award
 - Selection of meet host for the 2002 Long Course State Championships
 - Short Course Meet Schedule for 2002-2003
 - Other
6. Resolutions and Orders
7. Adjournment

Montana Swimming Roll Call
May 2002 Semi-Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates

Officers:

General Chair	Lanny Logan, present
Administrative Vice Chair	absent
Program Development Chair	Lev Bates, present
Program. Operations Chair	absent
Finance Vice Chair	Janice Bell, present
Secretary	Susan Huckleby, present
Treasurer	Larry Johnson, present
Coach Representative	absent
Athlete Representative	Amber Walter, Senior Representative, present Nathan Wittnam, Junior Representative, present (non-voting member)
Safety Coordinator	Brian Robinson, present
Tech Planning Co-Chairs (only one vote for this office)	Mike Burton and Lenny Duberstein, present
Membership/Reg. Coord.	absent
Officials Chair	absent
Records Coordinator	absent

Club Representatives (Designated Voting Member Only):

Ashland Swim Team (SEA)	absent
Billings Aquatic Club (BAC)	Cathy Hammar, present
Billings "BY" Swim Club	Dan Borsum, present
Bozeman Swim Team (BOZ)	Lars Halstrom, present
Butte Tarpons Swim Team	Carolyn Bogert, present
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	Laurie Brennan, present
Hardin Otter Swim Team	absent
Havre Lions Swim Team (HAV)	Todd Obrecht, present
Helena Family YMCA Dolphins	Benjamin W. Dean, present
Helena Lions Swim Team	Print: Rob Kingery, present
Kalispell Aquatic Team (KATS)	absent
Missoula Aquatic Club (MAC)	Patti Billet, present
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	Lev Bates, present

Athlete Representative's Report:

There have been many complaints made about swimmers having to swim an event twice at state if there are less than the total number of swimmers it takes to make two heats. Many swimmers feel these events should be finals only events because they take up extra time and the swimmer's don't want to race twice (especially in the longer races) if they don't have to. Otherwise the swimmers are happy with the way the state meet is being run.

Amber Walter

Athlete Membership Statistics - As Of: 05/14/2002

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Current Batch</u>						<u>Year To Date</u>		
	<u>New</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Renew</u>	<u>Renew</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Grand</u>
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Renew</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Total</u>
8 & Under	1	1	2			0	64	50	114
9-Year-Olds			0			0	72	40	112
10-Year-Olds			0			0	86	38	124
11-Year-Olds			0			0	65	50	115
12-Year-Olds			0			0	65	42	107
13-Year-Olds			0			0	53	41	94
14-Year-Olds			0			0	38	31	69
15-Year-Olds			0			0	42	25	67
16-Year-Olds		1	1			0	29	19	48
17-Year-Olds	1		1			0	17	16	33
18-Year-Olds			0			0	16	10	26
19 & Over			0			0	1	2	3
Totals	2	2	4	0	0	0	548	364	912

Club Counts 5/14/2002

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Athletes</u>	<u>S1 Athletes</u>	<u>S2 Athletes</u>	<u>Non-Ath(Other)</u>	<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Officials</u>	<u>Total</u>
BAC	92	0	0	1	2	7	101
BOZ	97	7	0	1	3	5	113
BTST	72	3	0	2	5	2	83
BY	57	0	0	4	1	5	67
FAST	110	3	0	1	4	3	121
HAV	22	0	0	0	2	3	26
HFYD	2	0	0	0	1	2	5
HLST	91	0	0	9	3	7	109
HOT	44	0	0	1	4	0	49
KATS	88	0	0	0	1	5	94
MAC	88	0	0	1	3	10	102
MYST	100	0	0	4	5	4	111
SEA	40	0	0	0	1	0	41
UN	9	0	0	0	0	0	9

Year to Date Statistics - As Of: 5/14/2002

<u>Athlete</u>	
Regular	912
Season 1	13
Season 2	0
Total	925
<u>Non-Athlete</u>	
Individual	79
Family 1	13
Family 2	13
Sports Med.	1
Sustaining	0
Life	0
Total	106
<u>Clubs</u>	
Regular	13
Organization	0
Season 1	0
Season 2	0
Total	13

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL FOR MONTANA SWIMMING

STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE WAY SWIMMING MEETS ARE SCHEDULED, BID FOR AND AWARDED.

The Montana LSC should take a more active and affirmative role in the process of developing our annual meet schedule, the format of events offered at our meets and the bid/selection process for determining meet hosts. The following three proposals, are suggested to address these issues, each is structured to stand alone for individual consideration.

1) Proposed Meet Schedule: The annual meet scheduled shall be established based upon the scheduled date of the USS Sectional meets. The State Championship Meet will be scheduled on the latest weekend prior to Sectionals (Usually 2 weeks) that will allow for State Championship meet times to be used as entry times for the Sectional Meet. Working back from the State Championship meets, one or two, 3-day “primary” meets will be scheduled per month and held on approximately the same weekend of the month each year, (ex. Bozeman May Classic is held on the 3rd weekend of May every year). Secondary meets “One or two day meets” will then be scheduled between the primary meets.

2) Proposed Meet Format: Primary meets shall follow the format attached. The two-day meet format shall be similar to the 3-day meet, with the exception of Friday’s two events, which will be dropped. One-day meets shall generally follow the attached 1-Day format. Variations from the standard formats may be allowed upon approval of the LSC through an approved meet contract.

3) Proposal for Bidding to Host Meets: After the annual meet schedule is established clubs may then bid for the privilege to host specific swim meets. Selection will be host teams will be decided by majority vote at the annual meeting of Montana Swimming held in October of each year (or by an alternative method established by Montana Swimming).

Discussion: This proposal is being offered to address two main issues of concern to members of Montana Swimming. The first issue address compliance with USA Swimming Regulations, the second issue address the ability of or swimmers and coaches to effectively plan training and meet schedules to maximize opportunities for our swimmers to accomplish their swimming goals.

The USA Swimming 2002 Rules and Regulations under Article 205 AGE GROUP PROGRAM, states the following: “Age Group swimming is the program through

witch USA Swimming provides fair and open competition for its registered swimmers ages 18 years and younger. It is designed to encourage maximum participation, provide and educational experience, enhance physical and mental conditioning, and **develop a rich base of swimming talent**. Under 205.3.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS; “In order to promote maximum achievement and recognition, competition may be separated by age, sex, and level of ability. **Meets and or events shall be structured by the LSC to assure fair competition**. The proposal above were developed to address both the letter and spirit of the regulations by engaging the LSC more actively in the structuring and scheduling meets to promote swimmer development and fairness.

From a swimmer’s and coaches perspective the present practice of allowing each host club a free hand to determine meet formats and events has at time deprived our swimmers of the opportunity to swim particular events and potentially qualify for the State Championship meet or other meets requiring qualifying times. It is difficult for a swimmer to plan their season and set goals for achieving targeted times in specific events when there is no certainty that a particular event will be offered at a specific meet until the meet contract appears, usually just 3 weeks prior to the event. With the exception of the State Championship meets, there is no telling if a specific event will be offered at any meet in the state during the entire year. Recent memory recalls one season where one day meets were in fashion, offering mostly short events, while severely limiting our swimmers opportunities to swim and qualify in mid and long distance events. The recent trend is towards longer meets with longer events, possibly at the expense of opportunities for our swimmers to perform efficiently in short events. What is needed is more involvement by our LSC to provide balance and opportunity for our swimmers by establishing a systematic schedule and format for swim meets as addressed in Proposals 1&2.

The Third proposal, to allow bidding and LSC approval for individual swim meets goes to the issue of fairness and fair competition for Montana swimmers. In reality this proposal may not make a significant difference in the schedule and location of swim meets in the state, which has evolved over time in a logical way. However, it does introduce the elements of planning and control by the LSC to strategically schedule and locate meets throughout the state in a way that best benefits to our swimmers, rather than the present system which operates to the convenience of the host clubs. For example, “Primary Meets” (3-day meets) could be scheduled and located at central locations in the state to attract the highest practical level of competition.

PROPOSED 3 DAY FORMAT

FRIDAY

1650 FREE
400IM

SATURDAY

500 FREE

WARM-UP

8&U 25 Breast
9-10 50 Breast
11-12 100 Breast
13&OVER 100 Breast

8&U 100 Free
9-10 200 Free
11-12 200 Free
13&OVER 200 Free

8&U 50 Fly
9-10 50 Fly
11-12 100 Fly
13&OVER 100 Fly

8&U 50 Back
9-10 100 Back
11-12 200 Back
13 & OVER 200 Back

8&U 25 Free
9-10 25 Free
11-12 50 Free
13&OVER 50 Free

10&U 200 FREE RELAY
11-12 200 FREE RELAY
13 & OVER 200 FREE RELAY

SUNDAY

1000 FREE

WARM-UP

8&U 50 Breast

9-10 100 Breast

11-12 200 Breast

13&OVER 200 Breast

8&U 25 Back

9-10 50 Back

11-12 100 Back

13&OVER 100 back

8&U 25 Free

9-10 50 Free

11-12 100 Free

13&OVER 100 Free

8&U 50 Fly

9-10 100 Fly

11-12 200 Fly

13&OVER 200 Fly

8&U 100 IM

9-10 100 IM

11-12 200 IM

13&OVER 200 IM

10&U 200 MEDLEY RELAY

11-12 200 MEDLEY RELAY

13&OVER 200 MEDLEY RELAY

PROPOSED 1 DAY FORMAT

8&U 25 FREE
9-10 50 FREE
11-12 50 FREE
13&OVER 50 FREE

8&U 25 FLY
9-10 100 FLY
11-12 100 FLY
13& OVER 200 FLY

8&U 25 BACK
9-10 50 BACK
11-12 50 BACK
13&OVER 100 BACK

8&U 50 BREAST
9-10 100 BREAST
11-12 100BREAST
13&OVER 200 BREAST

8&U 100 IM
9-10 200 IM
11-12 200 IM
13&OVER 200 IM

8&U 50 FREE
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Outreach Chair: Jodi Peretti

Review Section Chair: Susan Huckleby

Swim-a-thon Chair: Susan Huckleby

Top 16 Tabulator: Lev Bates

**Montana Swimming Teams
2002**

Soaring Eagles Aquatics
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Ashland, MT 59003

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Billings, MT 59104

Billings "BY" Swim Club
PO Box 618
Billings, MT 59101

Bozeman Swim Club
PO Box 804
Bozeman, MT 59771-0804

Butte Tarpons Swim Team
PO Box 3583
Butte, MT 59702

Falls Aquatic Swim Team
PO Box 1504
Great Falls, MT 59403

Hardin Otter Swim Team
PO Box 246
Hardin, MT 59034

Havre Lions Swim Team
PO Box 207
Havre, MT 59501

Helena Family YMCA Dolphins
1200 N. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601

Helena Lions Swim Team
PO Box 936
Helena, MT 59601

Kalispell Aquatic Team
PO Box 11
Kalispell, MT 59903

Missoula Aquatic Team
PO Box 4725
Missoula, MT 59806

Missoula YMCA Swim Team
3000 Russell
Missoula, MT 59801