

MONTANA SWIMMING

October 25, 2002

Dear Members of Montana Swimming,

Enclosed are the minutes of the Montana Swimming Semi-Annual meeting which was held in Helena on October 6, 2002. Please review the enclosed minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting, and let me know before December 15th if they do not. If I do not hear from anyone by December 15th, I'll assume the minutes are satisfactory.

The current list of Montana Swimming House of Delegates and registered clubs in our LSC is included. The official contacts for each registered club are listed and will be used for all official notices. It is up to each club to notify me if any of this information changes.

Please distribute the minutes to your coaches and swimmers.

Thank you,

**Laurie Brennan, Secretary
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Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2002

Jorgenson's, Helena, Montana

The Fall 2002 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2002, at Jorgenson's in Helena, Montana, by General Chairman Lanny Logan. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, and the Agenda are attached to these minutes. A roll call sheet is also attached listing those members in attendance. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

It was moved to accept the Spring 2002 Montana Swimming minutes as written. The motion passed.

Reports of Officers

General Chair – Lanny Logan's report was written and is attached to these minutes.

Administrative Vice Chair – Rich Hartl was not present, but Susan Huckeby presented his written report, which is attached to these minutes.

Program Development Vice Chair - Lev Bates' report was oral and written. He is compiling information for the Policy and Procedure Manual along with assistance from John Klinge, Chris Klinge, and Laurie Brennan. Teams are reminded to e-mail information regarding top 16 swims to Lev so the swimmers can be recognized. Each team is to e-mail a Hy-Tek Meet Manager back up to Lev within 10 days after the meet. Lev has also compiled a list of the Top 8 swimmers for short course and long course which he will e-mail to the teams after this meeting.

Program Operations Vice-Chair – Nancy Halstrom's report was verbal and written. She reported on the Zone Meet. Nancy brought a display of various Zones photos. Nancy reported that there were 24 members of the All-Star team this year. She spent \$311.76 on awards for the All-Star team. There were 25 swimmers representing Montana Swimming at Zones. The Zones expenditures were approximately \$14,000. Nancy's written report is included with the minutes; however, the Zone Team photo will not be included in the e-mail version of the minutes.

Finance Vice-Chair – Janice Bell had no report.

Secretary – Susan Huckeby's report was verbal and written. She asked that everyone to provide the secretary with his or her email addresses.

Treasurer – Larry Johnson's report was verbal and written. Larry presented a 12 month cash flow for Montana Swimming. Financially Montana Swimming is doing very well. Montana Swimming has a larger than expected budget surplus primarily because no one attended the USAS convention and only one officer attended an officer clinic this past year. The cash flow report is attached to the written minutes, but not included with the e-mailed version of the minutes.

Larry also reported on Zones. Financially, the Zones meet was not successful as there were larger than normal unexpected expenses connected with the meet. Next year, Montana Swimming will co-host Zones with Arizona and San Diego.

Larry discussed the newly passed USAS dues increase. The USAS dues will increase \$15.00 for each athlete member beginning next year. Larry explained that for each of the ten following years, the USAS dues will increase by an additional \$1.00 per year for the athletes.

Coaches' Representative – Chris Klinge's report was verbal and written. Her written report is attached. Heidi Gray of FAST was selected Age Group Coach of the Year and was honored at the Long Course State Championship meet. The coaches also held a coach retreat in August near Kalispell. Chris read John Klinge's Zone coach report.

Athlete Representatives – Senior Athlete Representative Amber Walter was present, but had no written report. She asked all team representatives present to inform the swimmers of the new rule changes passed at this meeting. Junior Athlete Representative Nathan Wittnam was present, but had no report.

Safety Coordinator – Brian Robinson reported that there have been no accidents this past year. He requested that all teams return the pool depth survey to him as soon as possible if they have not yet done so.

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

Membership/Registration Coordinator – Jody Peretti's report was verbal and written. Her written report is included with the minutes; however, the athlete statistics are not included with the e-mailed version of the minutes. Jodi passed a sign-up sheet to obtain the names of each club's registration chair. She presented early bird registration awards to Laurie Brennan of Great Falls for being the first non-athlete member to register for the 2003 season and to FAST for being the first club to register and the first club to renew their athlete registrations for 2003 as well.

Officials Chair – Jim Carlson's report was verbal. He encouraged the clubs to build the number of their officials. Clubs should have one official for every ten swimmers. He also reported that very few clubs were complying with the equipment inventory sheet requirements. A copy of the equipment inventory sheet is to be returned to the Officials' Chair and the Treasurer within 10 of the completion of all swim meets. There was very good attendance at the previous day's officials meeting.

Some new changes were made to the requirements for officials. At least one computer operator at each state championship meet is now required to be certified as a Timing Judge. The meet registrar at each state championship swim meet is also now required to be certified as Clerk of Course. To become certified, the registrar and the timing judge must take and pass with a minimum 80% score on the answer section the official's test for their respective position and become non-athlete members of USA Swimming. Clubs shall have their computer operators, timing console operators, meet registrars and head timers do a complete review of the rules and complete the appropriate officials tests prior to the club's swim meets with the club's referee. The new 'Requirements for Becoming Certified and for Renewal of Certification as an Official in the Montana LSC of USA Swimming' will be published shortly after this meeting.

The Montana Swimming Officials have elected Mark Model as the chief official in the Montana LSC. The Montana Swimming Officials hereby recommend that the Montana Swimming House of Delegates elect Mark Model as the Officials' Chairman.

Records Coordinator – Lowell Anderson was not present. Susan Huckeby had a few copies of the short and long course records available and reminded coaches to complete the records paperwork for any swimmer breaking a state record. Janice Bell also stated that Lowell is very good about being present at state and upper level meets and compiling the records from those meets.

Committee Reports

Policy and Procedure Manual Committee – Chair Lev Bates reported on the work the committee has made so far regarding Zones, All-Stars, State, and Age Group Regionals. He would like to thank John and Chris Klinge and Laurie Brennan for their assistance. The manual is not complete, but work is progressing.

Technical Planning Committee -- Co-Chair Mike Burton withdrew the Technical Planning Committee proposals that were submitted. Co-Chair Lenny Duberstein was not present.

Program Development Committee – Chair Lev Bates no report.

Timing Equipment Committee – Lev Bates has contacted Colorado Timing for a bid for a new timing equipment, but hasn't received the bid yet. The new Aquagrip pads are \$950 each and have a special sticky surface to help the swimmer's feet better grip the pad. The old style pads are \$850 per pad. A harness cable is \$550. Timing buttons are \$35 each.

To equip a six-lane pool with old style pads at one end only, along with buttons and a harness cable would cost \$5,860.

To equip a seven-lane pool with old style pads at one end only, along with buttons and a harness cable wold cost \$6,745.

It was suggested that Montana Swimming purchase at least ten new pads to equip a new timing trailer.

Teams may wish to purchase a scoreboard as the scoreboards are the most delicate item in the timing trailer. Scoreboards are approximately \$2,500 each.

There is \$800 budgeted per year for equipment repair.

Nominating Committee – Lars Halstrom will present a slate of candidates for office during the election portion of the meeting.

Old Business

National Convention - Larry Johnson reported on the USAS National Convention. Montana Swimming had no delegates at the convention. The USAS dues increase proposal was passed. Beginning with the 2004 short course season, the athlete dues will increase by \$15.00 and then increase by one dollar per year for each of the next ten years. The new governance study was also passed and its ramifications are not fully known at this time. Larry also reported that many of the newly elected USAS officers are from the Western Zone. The Sectional and Zones meet dates have been set for the upcoming year.

Zones Reports: Larry Johnson presented his Zones report during his Treasurer's report. Chris Klinge read John Klinge's Head Zones Coach report as a part of her Coaches' Representative report. John's report is attached. Nancy Halstrom gave her Zones report during her Program Operations Chair report.

Post-Swim Meet Paperwork – Susan Huckeby reported on the post swim meet paper work. A swim meet checklist is included with the sanction form. Lanny and Susan have been updating this checklist. Susan hopes to have the sanction form and checklist available on the Montana Swimming web site by January. The web site is located at www.youthsorts.com/members/mtswim

Technical Planning Swim Meet proposals – Co-chair Mike Burton withdrew the committee's three proposals that were tabled during the May 2002 Montana Swimming meeting and are listed below.

PROPOSAL FOR MONTANA SWIMMING

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

Mike Burton and Lenny Duberstein of the Technical Planning Committee submitted the following three proposals.

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.

Proposal 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.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 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 2 events which will be dropped. One-day meets shall generally follow the attached 1-Day format. Variation from the standard formats may be allowed upon approval of the LSC through an approved meet contract.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 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).

The proposal was withdrawn.

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 which USA Swimming provides fair and open competition for its registered swimmers ages 18 years and younger. It is designed to encourage maximum participation, provide an 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
9-10 100 FREE
11-12 100 FREE
13&OVER 100 FREE

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

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

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

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

New Business

Proposals

The following proposals were discussed and voted on. The results are as follows:

Proposal 4: Split Sessions for State Meet

Session I. 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 (short course) 15& Over (long course)
Prelims

Session II. 8 & under, 9-10 Timed Finals

Session III. 11-12, 13-14, 15-19 (short course) 15& Over (long course)
Finals

Time Standards for 15-19 and 15 & Over are 15-16 "B" and "BB"

Reasoning: We wanted to shorten the length of the morning prelim session and create a longer break between prelims and finals. A lot of us also felt the prelims and finals sessions were too long for our 10 & unders. Our hope is to really spice up their session (e.g. a parade of athletes to start the meet and other fun things) to make it a shorter more meaningful session. Changing to 15 & Over for long course will allow some of our college swimmers back for the summer a quality meet to compete in.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal failed.

Proposal 5: Maintain current state meet format.

Maintain the current format of state meets that encourages the mentoring affect that the older swimmers have on the younger swimmers. Most teams have older swimmers assigned to those swimmers that have never been to a state championship or upper level meet. A team approach is better for the teams and encourages older swimmers to get to know the younger swimmers. You have more eyes on the team approach to find those wayward new swimmers on relays and those that might miss their events because they weren't paying close attention.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 6: To add additional 8 & under events at the state Championship meets.

For the Short Course State the 8 and Unders be allowed to swim the following events:

25 yd Free

50 yd Free
25 yd Back
50 yd Back
25 yd Breast
50 yd Breast
25 yd Fly
50 yd Fly
100 yd IM.

For the Long Course State the 8 and Unders be allowed to swim the following events:

50 m Free
100 m Free
50 m Back
100 m Back
50 m Breast
100 m Breast
50 m Fly
100 m Fly
200 m IM

Montana Swimming will appoint a committee to develop the appropriate time standards for the 8 & Under events by December 1, 2002.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean, referees, HYFD.

The proposal failed.

Proposal 7: The 9-10 year olds may enter the state championships meets at the B time standard. Montana Swimming will appoint a committee to develop the appropriate time standards for the 8 & Under events by December 1, 2002. These time standards will be no faster than the current time standards.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 8: Maintain current time standards

Maintain the current standard for meet registry for the State Championships. That is a single BB time that qualifies the swimmer for the championship and must have at least a B time in the rest of his/her events.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 9: Add 13-14, 15-19 (sc), 15& Over (lc) 50 Fly, 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 100 IM.

Time standard: For the 50's, the time standard is 50 percent of the 100 yard/meter time standard (BB, B) minus 2.5 seconds. The 100 IM time standard is 50 percent of the 200 IM yard/meter time standard (BB, B) minus 5 seconds.

Reasoning: First of all and most importantly – it's just fun. How eager will the kids be to swim 50's again? A lot of excitement and enthusiasm seems to have eluded our older swimmers and this might bring it back. This proposal also helps solve the dilemma of the 11-12 age group having more events than everyone else. There will also be an appropriate place for their 200's in the order of events and they will no longer have to swim their 200 events back to back with the 50 or 100 of that stroke.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 10: Change the requirement to swim all prelim/final events to the previous rules so swimmers can swim events finals only if there are just a few swimmers entered into the event.

I would like to submit a proposal to Montana Swimming that the existing rule claiming that all swimmers at the Montana State Swim Meet must swim each event twice, both in prelims and finals, regardless of the number of swimmers in the event, be revoked. Many swimmers have complained to both Nathan and I concerning this issue. Some feel that it simply makes the meets take longer. Even going as late as 9:30 at night as in this summer's state meet. Others feel that they should not be forced to swim the event in prelims if they are only going to be racing the event against the exact same people again at finals. There have even been a few occasions where only one swimmer has signed up in an event. This swimmer than must swim the race in both prelims and finals against themselves. Not only does this take extra time to do, but it is also frustrating to the swimmers. What is the point in swimmers racing against the same people twice? I don't know of anyone that would try their hardest in prelims if they are only going to swim the event all over again in finals. Swimmers I have talked too feel that this is currently the biggest issue that needs to be resolved. So by representing the swimmers it is my job to see that this rule is changed in some regards to better fit the swimmers needs and desires. Whether it be by going back to the old rule or revising the current rule as to better benefit the swimmers as well as allow them enjoy their state meet.

Thank you for your time.

Submitted by Amber Walter, Senior Athlete Representative, Montana Swimming

The proposal passed.

Note –Events will now be swum Finals Only at the State Championship meets if there are one or fewer heats of swimmers entered into an individual event.

Proposal 11: Proof of Time for State Swim Meets

For the Montana State Short Course and Long Course Age Group Championship meets, teams must submit proof of time for all entries. Proof of time may be submitted by using either the Hy-Tek Proof of time format or, in the case of unattached swimmers or teams without Hy-Tek software, by enclosing copies of the meet finals sheets from the meet where the time was achieved. The entry time, including the date and location of the time achieved, must be included. For lead-off relay splits and initial distance splits only, a copy of the print-out from the Hy-Tek meet software listing the time, event, distance, and the swimmers name and signed and dated by the meet or administrative or deck referee must be submitted to prove these times. Requests for lead-off relay splits and initial distance splits must be made to the meet, administrative, and/or deck referee(s) prior to the swim to have an official time for the split.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby

The proposal passed.

Proposal 12: Time Trials at the state swim meets

Time trials shall be offered at both the Montana Short and Long Course Age Group Championship meets on a demand and time available basis at the referee's discretion. The time trial information shall be included with each meet's contract/invitation information packet. Time trial entries will be deck seeded at the meet. Time trials will be held at the conclusion of preliminaries on the designated day(s). Time trials will only be open to swimmers registered in at least one individual event. The swimmer, coach, parent, or other interested person may enter the swimmer in the time trials. If proof of time is required, the swimmer's team or club will provide any necessary proof. The swimmer may also provide proof of time if available. An entry fee of \$5.00 maximum per event will be due at the time of the deck entry.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 13: State meet entry limits including time trial entries.

Swimmers may compete in a maximum of seven (7) individual events at the Montana Short and Long Course State Age Group Championships. A swimmer may enter a maximum of two (2) time trials. The time trials entries are included in the maximum of 7 individual event entries for the meet. A swimmer may enter no more than three individual events per day unless entered exclusively into timed final events that day. All other current entry requirements apply.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 14: Change event limit at State Championship Meet from 6 events to 9.

Reasoning: Although this may add a little time to the sessions, the main goal is to resolve the diluted competition in some of our events. This proposal will allow the faster swimmers in each age group to compete against one another more frequently.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 15: Change the 13-14 and 15-19 year old 400 Medley Relay to the 200 Medley Relay.

Reasoning: The 200 Medley Relay would be more exciting and fun for the swimmers.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal passed.

(It was suggested during the Saturday meeting that we reverse the discussion order of proposals 16 and 17.)

Proposal 17: Eliminate long distance events from finals.

Retain the current format of the state championships meets, but revert the events such as the 800, 1000, 1650 frees and their long course alternatives to a timed final only swam only in preliminaries.

Reasoning: After hearing all the negative responses from the parents present at finals this year this becomes necessary. The parents of younger swimmers do not care for these distance events and were very cutting about their inclusion in the finals program.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal failed.

Proposal 16: Minimum waiting period following distance events in finals.

There may be a minimum 15-minute waiting period following the conclusion of the last heat of the 800/1000 Free and the 1500/1650 Free swum during finals at the Montana Short and Long Course Age Group Championship meets for athlete recovery if needed.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 18: Alternating state meet venue from East to West regions.

The Montana Short Course State Swim Meet to be held on a rotating basis in the Eastern and Western regions of the state to encourage and maximize participation by all state athletes.

Submitted by Linda Conner and the Hardin Otter Swim Team.

The proposal failed.

The following proposals deal with operations within Montana Swimming.

Proposal 19: All Star Team criteria changes.

Change the Montana All-Star Team criteria to 13 & Over swimmers who achieve a "AAA" in their respective age group based on their current age. A training camp the first weekend in May will be awarded to the qualified swimmers. Coaches with qualified swimmers are eligible to coach other coaches are welcomed to attend. If a swimmer ages up in the time between Short Course State and the training camp and does not qualify for the older age group, the swimmer is still eligible to participate. The Coaches Representative is in charge of the logistics of the training camp.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal passed as amended. Proposal 19a was created as part of the amendment.

Proposal 19a: Allocate an additional \$700 to the All-Star team for a training camp. In addition, re-direct the \$300 for All-Star plaques to the training camp fund.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, Chris Klinge.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 20: Reallocate the money for the coach's dinners at the State Championship Swim Meet to a fund for an annual coaches clinic/retreat.

Reasoning: This will provide an opportunity for us to bring in successful coaches from around the country and continually improve our coaching staffs education in our state.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal passed.

Proposal 21: Eliminate funding for the Coaches' dinner.

Eliminate the funding for the coaches' dinner from the LSC budget.

Reasoning: The coaches are paid employees for the individual clubs and are paid at per diem allowance for their meals. Many of the coaches attending both the Short Course and the Long Course State weren't invited to this dinner and this speaks only of an elitists' attitude that is inappropriate behavior on their part. This has been a recurring theme for many years.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 22: Direct funds from Coaches' dinner expenses to equipment fund.

Using the money from the budget that had previously used to fund the coaches' dinner be transferred to the Equipment budget with the understanding that it is to be used to maintain the equipment and not wait until the equipment is in a crisis situation.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 23: Credentials at swim meets

All coaches are required to show their current USA Swimming Coach registration at all USAS/Montana Swimming sanctioned swim meets and events. Current credentials must be visible at all times while on deck.

All certified referees, starters, stroke and turn judges, meet directors/managers, and marshals are required to show their current USA Swimming Non-athlete registrations while on deck at all USAS/Montana Swimming sanctioned swim meets. Current credentials must be visible at all time while on deck. Any certified timers, clerk of course, and timing equipment operators/judges shall also show their current USA Swimming non-athlete registration while working on deck at any sanctioned USAS/Montana Swimming swim meet.

This information shall be included in all meet contracts/invitations.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby.

The proposal failed.

Proposal 24: Excellence in Officiating Award.

Establish an Excellence in Officiating Award. This award would be voted on at the Fall Montana Swimming Official's meeting held in conjunction with the fall Montana Swimming House of Delegates meeting. All currently certified officials in attendance at the meeting may vote for the award. The purpose of this award is to recognize one of the many fine officials we have in Montana. The award will be presented at the Montana Swimming

Short Course Age Group Championships. Montana Swimming will provide a suitable award.

Accomplishments from the previous September through August should be the time period considered for the award. Criteria for the award may include experience, level of officiating, number of meets worked during the year, and any other criteria determined by the officials.

Submitted by Susan Huckeby.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 25: Proposals must conform to USA Swimming rules.

Any proposal submitted to the Montana LSC must conform to current USS rules and regulations.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 26: Voting at MT Swimming House of Delegates meetings.

At all Montana LSC meeting only certified club officials be allowed to vote on proposals. These club officials must be current members of USA Swimming. The coaches may attend these meeting but only as friends of swimming and not as voting members with the exception of the Coaches Representative. The coaches are paid employees of the various clubs and therefore they as representing their clubs have a duality of interests.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean

The proposal was withdrawn.

It is duly noted that the Montana Swimming By-laws, Article 604.1.1 must be enforced with regards to whom may vote for Group Members at the semi-annual Montana Swimming House of Delegates meetings.

Article 604.1.1 states: "Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from its membership a Group Member Representative and one or more alternates. The appointment shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of Montana Swimming and duly certified by the chief executive officer or secretary of the Appointing Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw its Group Member representative or one or more of its alternates and substitute a new Group Member or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Secretary of Montana Swimming and signed by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member.

It should be further noted that the Montana Swimming By-laws Article 602.1.2C (regarding membership) states the following. "Active Individual Members – An Active Individual Member is an individual other than a Coach Member or an Athlete Member who is a trainer, manager, official, meet director, marshal, Board Member, At-Large House Member, officer, coordinator or committee chairman or committee member of Montana

Swimming or a Group Member Representative or alternate and any other individual desiring to participate in the sport of swimming and who is in good standing as an Individual Member of USS and Montana Swimming.” (Underlining added for emphasis.)

Proposal 27: Top 8 swimmers list to be compiled each season.

A list of the top 8 swimmers will be compiled and distributed at the end of each season.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

The proposal was withdrawn.

Note – Lev Bates, Program Development Coordinator, is already compiling and distributing this list.

Proposal 28: Timing Trailer Equipment Coordinator

Create a new position of Equipment Coordinator under the Officials Chair. It will be their responsibility to periodically maintain and test the equipment currently owned by the Montana LSC under the direction of the Officials Chair.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal passed.

Proposal 29: Create a checklist of requirements prior to, during, and after the swim meet.

Montana Swimming shall send a swim meet checklist with the meet sanction form to each club/team listing the requirements prior to, during, and after a swim meet.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 30: Workshop for teaching personnel to operate the timing console, meet computer software, and who does and how to determine the official time for a swimmer during a meet.

Set up a workshop for each swim season prior to the beginning of that season as to how meets should be run, what is required as to how corrections are to be done and who must ok the process. Most people running meet computers and the timing console do not know what to look for as to errors or problems with the timing system. The persons responsible shall be appointed by the LSC and should be certified referee(s). The following individuals should be part of the committee to oversee the standardization: Merle Gunderson and Susan Huckeby.

Submitted by Ben and Diane Dean.

The proposal passed.

The following proposals deal with Zone relays, Zone time standards, and selecting Zone coaches.

Proposal 31: Determine Zone relay swimmers with a grading system at Short Course State.

I would like to propose using a grading system with TUSS time standards, for the relay swimmers that we ask to go to Zones. The swimmers will enter and swim the events at state but we will average their swims using the TUSS time standard. A swim that is a (B) time would be worth 1 point, (BB) 2 points, (A) 3 points, (AA) 4 points (AAA) 5 points. We can average the points by dividing the total by the maximum number of swims at state, which is 6. This grading system will be used at Short Course State to give the top three prospective swimmers time to prepare for the possibility that they will be going to Zones to fill in relays: unless other swimmers qualify by obtaining a Zones Qualifying Time.

Submitted by Brian Robinson & Lev Bates

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 32: Abolish requirement to fill Zone relays.

Proposal: Montana Swimming shall abolish the requirement to fill relays for the MT Zone Team.

Submitted by Larry Johnson.

The proposal passed.

Proposal 33: Eliminate current Zone relay policy.

Do away with current zone relay policy, and return to past rules for zone swimmers.

Submitted by Janice Bell.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 34: Change the MT Swimming Zone qualifying times.

Change MT Swimming time standards for qualifying for the Western Zone Meet to easier attainable times.

Submitted by Janice Bell

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 35: Zone Coach selection process

Selection of the Montana Zone Coaches will be as follows:

- Head Coach will be decided upon by the number qualified Zones swimmers as of the Montana Swimming May meeting.
- Assistant Coach/Age Group Coach position is offered to the Age Group Coach of the Year from the previous year. If declined, this position will be filled based upon applications submitted to the House of Delegates and voted upon at the May Montana Swimming meeting.
- All coaches who wish to attend must submit an application with the number of qualified swimmers from their team by Montana Swimming's May Meeting.
- Coaching staff will be finalized at the Montana Swimming May meeting.

Submitted by Allan Barry, Paul Stelter, Heidi Gray, John Klinge, and Chris Klinge

Note: The current Age Group Coach of the Year is Heidi Gray of FAST.

The proposal passed as amended.

Proposal 36: Zone Coach selection by the House of Delegates.

Beginning 2003, the Zone Coaches shall be selected at the spring meeting of the House of Delegates under a system established by the House.

Submitted by Larry Johnson.

The proposal was withdrawn

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:

General Chair – Susan Huckleby
Administrative Vice Chair – Diana Robinson
Program Development Coordinator – Lev Bates
Treasurer – Larry Johnson
Official's Chairman – Mark Model
Records Coordinator – Lowell Anderson

With the election of Susan Huckleby to General Chair, Lanny Logan appointed Laurie Brennan to serve the remaining one-year term as secretary.

The following persons were appointed to the respective committees:

Nominating Committee (one year terms) – Lars Halstrom, Chair; Brian Robinson, Diane Dean, Lynn Shrader, Lev Bates

Technical Planning Committee (one year terms) – Lenny Duberstein/Mike Burton (Co-chairs); John Klinge and Paul Stelter

Board of Review (two year terms) – Larry Johnson, Chair; Lanny Logan, Ben Dean.

Program Development Committee (one year terms) – Lev Bates, Chair; Laurie Brennan, John Klinge, Diane Dean, and Brian Smith

Policy and Procedure Manual Committee (one year terms) – Lev Bates, Chair; Laurie Brennan, Diane Dean

Timing Equipment Committee (one year terms) – Lev Bates, Chair; Janice Bell, Larry Johnson, Brian Robinson

Other New Business

Budget:

Lev Bates, of the Timing Equipment Committee, requested that approximately \$15,000 be approved to purchase and equip a second timing trailer so Montana Swimming has two timing trailers with a minimum of 10 pads per trailer. The current insurance costs for the timing trailer would approximately double from \$1800 to \$3600 per year.

Larry Johnson presented the budget for the upcoming year.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the budget with the timing equipment request. The budget is attached to these minutes.

2002-2003 Meet Schedule:

The tentative meet schedule is attached to these minutes. Butte and Helena need to resolve a scheduling conflict before the May Montana Swimming meeting so the meet schedule may be approved.

New Swimmer Packets from USA Swimming:

It was passed that Montana Swimming send out new swimmer packets. Jodi Peretti, Membership/Registration Coordinator, will send out the packets. USA Swimming will provide the new swimmer packets.

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 Chairman Lanny Logan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Montana Swimming
Short Course Meet Schedule for 2002-2003

October 18 – 20	Billings (BY)
November 1– 2	Great Falls (FAST)
November 16 – 17	Missoula (MAC)
December 14 – 15	Bozeman (BOZ)
January 11 -- 12, 2003	Hardin (HOT) possible alternate date
January 18 – 19, 2003	Butte (BTST), and Hardin (HOT)
January 25 – 26	Kalispell (KATS)
January 31 – February 1	Montana High School State, Hardin
February 8 – 9	Helena (HLST)
February 14 –16	Billings (BAC)
February 28 – March 2	MT State Short Course Age Group Championships Hosted by MAC in Missoula
March 7 – 9	YMCA Regionals
March 12 –16	Senior Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
March 21 – 23	Age Group Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
April 1 – 5	Nationals, Indianapolis, IN

Tentative Long Course Meet Schedule 2003

May 3 – 4	Kalispell (KATS)
May 16 – 18	Bozeman (BOZ)
June 14 – 15	Havre (HAV)
June 21 – 22	(Possible date for the Helena swim meet)
June 27 – 29	Missoula (MAC)
July 12 – 13	Butte (BTST), Helena (HLST) (to be resolved at the May MT Swimming meeting or sooner)
July 16 – 20	Senior Sectionals, MT Hood Aquatics Center, Gresham, Oregon (near Portland)
July 18 – 20	Big Sky State Games, Billings (BAC)
July 25 – 27	MT State Long Course Age Group Championships
August 5 – 9	Western Zones, Mona Plummer Pool, Arizona State University, Mesa, AZ
August	Nationals

2004 Western Zones Swim Meet is August 10 – 14 at Redding, California.

May 2003 MT Swimming Semi-Annual House of Delegates meeting is May 17 in Bozeman.

MONTANA SWIMMING

July 24, 2002

Dear Friends of Montana Swimming,

There will be an Officials meeting and clinic on Saturday, October 5, 2002, from 10:00 –12:00 noon. Following the officials meeting, the Semi-annual meeting of Montana Swimming will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5. The House of Delegates meeting will be Sunday, October 6, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the Big Sky meeting room at Jorgenson's Inns and Suites, 1714 11th Avenue, in Helena. A block of motel rooms has been reserved under the name Montana Swimming for October 5. The rooms are \$59 plus tax per night. Call 1-800-272-1770 for reservations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Montana Swimming and House of Delegates meetings.

On Saturday there will be discussion of the proposals, however no action will be taken. On Sunday, only those proposals brought up on Saturday will be acted upon by the House of Delegates. All proposals you want brought forward at the meeting must be submitted in writing, preferably via e-mail, by **September 3, 2002**, to both of the following people:

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Also, the following officers will be elected at the meeting: General Chair (Lanny Logan); Administrative Vice Chair (Rich Hartl); Treasurer (Larry Johnson); Program Development Chair (Lev Bates); Records Chair (Lowell Anderson); and Officials Chair (Jim Carlson). The name following the office is the current officer holding that position. Any person wishing to run for an office should contact either Lars Halstrom at halstrom@in-tch.com or by phone at 406-586-7549 or Susan Huckeby at the above address by September 6, 2002.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Susan Huckeby
Secretary, Montana Swimming

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2002

Jorgenson's, Helena, Montana

1. Roll Call
2. Review, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Report of Officers, Coordinators, and Committee Chairs

General Chair
Administrative Vice Chair
Program Development Vice Chair
Program Operations Vice Chair
Finance Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Coaches' Representative
Athlete Representatives
Safety Coordinator
Technical Planning Chair
Membership Registration Coordinator
Officials Chair
Records Chair

Policy and Procedures Manual Committee
Technical Planning Committee
Program Development Committee
Timing Equipment Committee
Nominating Committee

4. Old Business
 - a. Convention
 - b. Zones reports
 - c. Post-Swim Meet paperwork
 - d. Technical Planning swim meet proposals
5. New Business
 - a. Proposals
 - b. Elections
 - c. Budget
 - d. Meet schedule and bids
 - e. Other
6. Resolutions and orders
7. Adjournment

Montana Swimming Roll Call
October 6, 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	Nancy Halstrom, present
Finance Vice Chair	Janice Bell, present
Secretary	Susan Huckeby, present
Treasurer	Larry Johnson, present
Coach Representative	Chris Klinge, present
Athlete Representative	Amber Walter, Senior Representative, present Nathan Witnam, Junior Representative, present (non-voting member)
Safety Coordinator	Brian Robinson, present
Tech Planning Co-Chairs (only one vote for this office)	Mike Burton, present (Lenny Duberstein was absent)
Membership/Reg. Coord.	Jodi Peretti, present
Officials Chair	Jim Carlson, present
Records Coordinator	absent

Club Representatives (Designated Voting Member Only):

Ashland Swim Team (SEA)	absent
Billings Aquatic Club (BAC)	Lesley Model, present
Billings "BY" Swim Club	absent
Bozeman Swim Team (BOZ)	Lars Halstrom, present
Butte Tarpons Swim Team	Lynn Shrader, present
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	Brian Smith, present
Hardin Otter Swim Team	Michele Stewart, present
Havre Lions Swim Team (HAV)	Todd Obrecht, present
Helena Family YMCA Dolphins	Diane Dean, present
Helena Lions Swim Team	Rob Kingery, present
Kalispell Aquatic Team (KATS)	Paul Stelter, present
Missoula Aquatic Club (MAC)	Patti Billet, present
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	absent

Report from Lanny Logan, General Chairman

As General Chairman of Montana Swimming, serving a single term these past two years, I want to thank my fellow officers and board members for a job well done. It has been a pleasure to serve with you. This has been a good education and a learning experience. I am very grateful for some excellent mentors and a group of wonderful people to work with.

As a small LSC, covering a very large territory in the state of Montana, we have some very unique challenges and a personality only a Montanan can truly appreciate. We are not perfect as an LSC, but we are growing in wisdom and ability to do what is our best for our swimmers, which is our number one concern, and also to promote the great sport of swimming in our state as a part of the greater body of USA Swimming.

There are no perfect board members, coaches, or parents, but we have worked well together and must continue to work through our differences to reach our objectives. We must never forget that we are serving here for the swimmers. And as an official is constantly reminded: THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT GOES TO THE SWIMMER. Let us continually keep this ever present in our decisions and actions governing this body.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as General Chairman. I am glad to have been a part of his board and wish you the very best in the future.

Sincerely,

Lanny Logan
General Chairman, Montana Swimming

Report from Rich Hartl, Administrative Vice-Chairman:

September 4, 2002

To Montana Swimming:

After much deliberation, I regret to inform you that I have decided not to run for re-election as Administrative Vice-Chair of Montana Swimming, nor for any other position that may be available.

My decision carries some regret for various reasons. First and foremost is my passion for the wonderful sport of swimming. Swimming has been a passion of mine for 17 years, and will continue to be so. The sport has taught me numerous things about myself, about life, and about people.

Demands on my time are many, just as they are for everyone. I am happy to announce that I got married on May 21st of this year, and Brianna (my wife, obviously) and I are expecting a baby girl on Dec. 27th. I have made the decision to concentrate on my career with First Interstate Bank, and to take some time to spend with my new bride, and with our soon to be born daughter. I have also decided this is a good time to pursue many other interests which include mountain biking, horseback riding and playing weekend cowboy, hunting, golfing, weight lifting/working out, and the occasional trip to a non-swim meet venue!

I will not be in attendance at the Annual Meeting on Oct 5-6. I regret to say that I feel I have not carried out the responsibilities that relate to the position I have held over the last term, and encourage my successor to 'grab the bull by the horns'. Montana Swimming faces many daunting challenges, and it will take much foresight and energy to move forward in a positive direction, providing current and future athletes the best opportunity to grow and succeed at ALL levels of competition.

I do wish to extend an open invitation to anyone who ever wishes to bounce an idea off of someone, or just to visit. I plan to follow Montana Swimming closely, and will be checking in on occasion. Heck, come on down to Billings next summer for the Big Sky State Games and say hello! I will volunteer myself to maintain the Montana Swimming website, should Montana Swimming ever come up with someone who will host it (I have all of the software and am ready to go!).

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with Montana Swimming, whose path has crossed mine. It has been a pleasure, an adventure, and I wish the best for everyone. Thank you for all of the opportunities, for all of the friendships, and most of all, for all of the memories.

Sincerely,

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Report from Nancy Halstrom, Program Operations Coordinator

All Star Team

The Montana 2002 All Star team consists of 12 girls and 12 boys between the age of 13-18 representing BAC, BOZ, FAST, KATS, MAC. Each team member received an engraved swim towel depicting it as Montana 2002 All Star. Total expenditures was \$311.76

Western Zone Team

The 2002 Western Zones Championships was held in Los Angeles on the campus of the University of Southern California August 6 through August 10. 25 swimmers from six clubs including BAC, BY, BOZ, HLST, FAST, and MAC represented Montana.

The meet was held at the same venue as the 1984 Summer Olympics. Montana swimmers over the age of 12 stayed in the dorm adjacent to the pool. Swimmers under age 12 stayed with their families in campus apartments immediately across the street. A full service cafeteria was next to the dorm. The USC facility made logistics convenient and easy. The swimmers were able to travel back and forth to their rooms in between events and eat at their convenience.

The swimmers were given the opportunity to design the logo and select the team clothing. The cowboy hat was a great addition to the uniform and was one of the hottest trading items at the meet! Another highlight during the week included watching the USC Trojans practice in the pool before they left for nationals. The Trojan team includes Olympic swimmers Lindsey Benko, Lenny Krazelberg, and Eric Vendt. Our swimmers had the opportunity to watch their practice and to meet the Olympians.

The Montana Zone Team expenditure came to \$14, 320.74. Montana Swimming provided the team uniform including team warm up suit, racing swimsuit; swim caps, polo shirt, t-shirt, cowboy hat and bandanna. Montana Swimming also covered the cost of the rooms while at USC and evening dinner for those swimmers who chose to eat as a team in the cafeteria each evening. A separate expense report has been submitted to the treasurer.

The All Star Team and Western Zones Team rosters follow this report.

**Montana Swimming Short Course
2002 All Star Team**

50 Free

Amber Walter	23.87	Steve Searles	22.96
Amy Barefield	24.82	Taylor Brugh	23.06

100 Free

Amber Walter	52.67	David Cromwell	48.97
Amy Barefield	54.56	Allan McCallum	49.57

200 Free

Erin Bell	1:58.73	Jens Anderson	1:46.89
Lauren Wright	2:00.09	Nathan Witnam	1:49.86

500 Free

Erin Bell	5:18.89	Jens Anderson	4:47.50
Debbie Wood	5:24.67	Brent Cagle	4:57.80

1000 Free

Erin Bell	10:48.52	Brent Cagle	10:19.60
Debbie Wood	10:58.90	William McCallum	10:19.87

1650 Free

Erin Bell	18:12.69	Sean Weavers	17:25.28
Debbie Wood	18:43.32	David Dolphay	17:41.56

100 Back

Amber Walter	1:00.09	Steve Searles	54.37
Amy Lovgren	1:00.93	Taylor Brugh	55.53

200 Back

Amy Lovgren	2:11.15	David Cromwell	1:56.06
Erin Bell	2:12.67	Taylor Brugh	1:59.36

100 Breast

Lauren Wright	1:07.91	Allan McCallum	1:00.83
Franny Searles	1:10.09	William McCallum	1:03.47

200 Breast

Lauren Wright	2:26.79	Allan McCallum	2:12.61
Jenna Newgard	2:30.00	William McCallum	2:19.55

100 Butterfly

Janelle Schneider	1:02.84	Ben Rase	54.53
Belinda Bell	1:05.47	Nathan Witnam	56.34

200 Butterfly

Belinda Bell	2:28.02	David Cromwell	1:58.14
Erica Hickey	2:30.82	Nathan Witnam	2:02.19

200 IM

Colleen Miller	2:17.44	Brandon Johnson	2:00.32
Franny Searles	2:18.80	Allan McCallum	2:00.36

400 IM

Amber Walter	4:41.77	Jens Anderson	4:19.54
Erin Bell	4:54.57	Allan McCallum	4:23.23

2002 Montana Zone Team

Girls Team

10 & u

Jessica Fischer
Katie Hanson
Gabby Malisani
Danielle Shabelski

11-12

Hannah Halstrom

13-14

Danielle Blow
Jaydee Huppert
Christine O'Connor
Debbie Wood

15-16

Erin Bell
Colleen Miller
Stephanie Model
McKenzie Reiter

17-18

Karla Halstrom

Boys Team

10 & u

Major Robinson

11-12

Karl Kingery
Amos Kuck
Andrew Miron
Cascade Tuholske

15-16

Jens Anderson
Sam King
Nick Logan
William McCallum
Nate Witnam

17-18

Chris Whaley

Report from Susan Huckeby, Secretary

Each club should submit to the Secretary a written list of their club officers, coaches, and team registrar and their e-mail addresses by October 25, 2002. Each club should also designate one or two persons to receive via e-mail official notices, meeting minutes, and information from Montana Swimming.

Officers and committee chairs, please submit your written reports via e-mail to the Secretary by October 17.

There have been good responses to the past year's "Question of the Month" series. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussions. If you have a question you would like asked as the Question of the Month, please submit it to me.

I will continue to send via e-mail any meet contracts, meet results, and other information clubs would like to share with members of Montana Swimming and USAS. Please e-mail your information to me in either Word or Rich Text Format. If you send me information in PDF format or send photos or other graphics, please understand that that information is contained in files generally too large to send to persons with either Hotmail or Yahoo! accounts. I am able to open those files, but other persons cannot. Those e-mails are returned to me usually with a note stating the file "exceeded storage allotment."

Thank you to everyone who kept me up-to-date with e-mail address changes and sent me information to share with members of Montana Swimming. If anyone would like to be added to my Montana Swimming e-mail list, please send me your name, club, and e-mail address.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckeby
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Montana House of Delegates Meeting

October 6, 2002

Coach's Representative Report

The following is a description of the major topics, issues, and actions representative of the Montana Coaches

1. Heidi Gray was named the 2002 Montana Age Group Coach of the Year. This award was voted on by coaches from the various Montana Swimming Clubs at the 2002 LC State Championships.
2. A group of coaches met at Hot Springs, MT for the first annual "Montana Coaches Clinic". This event was held in late August and was a very valuable event for all those who attended. Attendance of coaches was the biggest issue and will hopefully increase next year if this event is continued. The exchange of coaching ideas is extremely valuable – especially in our state where many coaches feel somewhat isolated professionally.
3. The group of coaches that met at the "Montana Coaches Clinic" also discussed and submitted a few proposals together. Although not all clubs and coaches were represented by these proposals, the intent was to remedy many of the issues that have been continually brought to the attention of the Montana Coaches Representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Klinge

Montana Swimming Registration Coordinator

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Fall 2002 Registration Chair Report

I am passing around a sheet for each club representative to sign indicating who their registration chair is for the 2002-03 year. The packets were mailed Labor Day weekend to all clubs. If you have new swimmers swimming, I should have received their registrations by now: So far, I have only gotten registrations from BY, MAC, BOZ, and FAST.

First year coaches who registered last year who have not, according to the ASCA test result website passed their educational requirements are: Carolyn Bogert, Ester Wynne, Mel Murter, Marion Nielson, Dawn Mraz, William Jensen, Matt White, David Fabian, Amy Allen, and Kelly Brandt. These coaches will not be able to register as a coach member for 2003 until this requirement is met. The web site is supposed to be updated weekly, but I know it isn't getting done. If you have passed, send me a copy of your confirmation from ASCA.

We also have several clubs who do not have a coach that has current safety credentials, therefore your club is no longer a club, your athletes are unattached, and your insurance is void. You also cannot host a sanctioned meet. They are: BY; MAC, HAV; KATS, HOT, SEA.

A copy of the yearly statistics at the close of the registration year will be attached to my report in the minutes. Last year (2002) we were down 48 year round athletes, which is a 4.8% decrease. However, our Non-Athletes were up by 10 members, which is about 10%.

The USA Swimming House of Delegates approved a budget to send a welcome packet to every new year-round athlete. All LSC's are encouraged to participate. We will be reimbursed .37 per packet. The cost to our LSC is envelopes and labels. I am not sure how many new athletes we had last year- NHQ is going to let me know: I guess 100 or so. It will be my responsibility to send them out. They include information about USA Swimming, tattoos, letters from Olympic athletes, and coupons. 1) Do we want to participate? 2) Do we want to add anything pertaining to our LSC in the packet-welcome letter from athlete reps, Board of Directors, meet schedule? Keep in mind cost -- over 1 ounce will increase cost.

I am grateful to Montana Swimming for giving me the opportunity to attend the Registration Workshop in Colorado Springs in June. It was great to meet registration chairs from nearly all LSC's and brainstorm about how to handle different issues that we are all faced with. We also voiced our opinions on the new Club requirements (quite strongly) to Kim Holmes. As most of you are aware, registration fees will be increased next year (for 2004).

Good news for coaches: Lifeguard Training will be now accepted to satisfy all coach safety requirements- Coach's Safety Training, CPR, and First Aid. However, the CPR portion will still need to be renewed annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Peretti, Registration Chair Montana Swimming

Note – the athlete and non-athlete statistics are not included in the e-mail version of the minutes.

2002 WESTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2002 Western Zone Championship took place in Los Angeles, CA, August 6 – 10, 2002 on the USC campus. Although small, there were quite a few finals swims, 5 state records, and 1 Zone Champion.

Chris and I were extremely proud of the way the Montana Swimmers represented our LSC. Once again, it was an honor for us to coach such a wonderful group of swimmers. I would like to thank Nancy Halstrom for all of her hard work arranging the Montana Zone Team trip, and Larry Johnson, and all of the Montana Swimming parents for running such a successful meet. I'd also like to thank the athletes, swimmers, and coaches from around the state that worked so hard to make the 2002 Montana Swimming Zone Team a success.

John Klinge
Bozeman Barracudas

Results:

10 and Under Girls

Jessica Fischer	50 Free	34.22
	50 Fly	44.71
	200 IM	3:14.72
	200 Free	2:44.78
	50 Back	41.86
	100 Free	1:17.43

Katie Hanson	50 Free	33.95
	200 IM	3:01.75
	50 Back	38.47
	100 Free	1:15.80
	100 Back	1:23.89
	100 Breast	1:40.29

Gabby Malisani	50 Fly	36.67
	50 Back	39.05
	100 Back	1:24.52
	100 Breast	1:36.92
	100 Fly	1:28.09
	50 Breast	46.68

Danielle Shabelski	50 Free	36.07
	50 Fly	38.82
	200 IM	3:09.43
	200 Free	2:48.23
	100 Free	1:16.19
	100 Fly	1:29.63

11 and 12 Girls

Hannah Halstrom	400 Free	4:54.93
	50 Fly	34.04
	200 IM	2:45.97
	100 Fly	1:16.39
	200 Free	2:23.00
	100 Free	1:08.58

13 and 14 Girls

Danielle Blow	200 Breast	3:02.88	
	50 Free	30.31	
	100 Fly	1:15.65	
	100 Breast	1:22.56	
	100 Free	1:06.87	
	200 IM	2:44.32	
JayDee Huppert	50 Free	28.66 (P)	
		28.70 (F)	7 th
	100 Free	1:02.37	
	200 IM	2:46.88	
	200 Back	2:43.66	
	200 Free	2:19.66	
	100 Back	1:16.97	
Christine O'Connor	50 Free	29.55	
	100 Fly	1:10.72	
	100 Free	1:05.06	
	200 Back	2:36.00	
	200 Free	2:20.29	
	100 Back	1:14.62	
Debbie Wood	200 IM	2:37.30	
	200 Free	2:15.47	
	1500 Free	18:18.57	
	400 IM	5:29.90	
	400 Free	4:36.30 (P)	State Record
		4:40.98 (F)	8 th
	800 Free	9:41.41	
15 and 16 Girls			
Erin Bell	1500 Free	18:27.13	
	200 Free	2:14.87	
	400 IM	5:23.94	
	400 Free	4:37.56	9 th , State Record
	100 Free	1:03.02	
Colleen Miller	200 Free	2:20.17	
	100 Free	1:04.90	
	200 Back	2:36.37	
	50 Free	29.68	
	100 Back	1:13.78	
	200 IM	2:39.97	
Stephanie Model	200 Free	2:26.59	
	400 IM	5:45.04	
	100 Free	1:08.31	
	200 IM	2:42.34	
	200 Breast	2:54.19	
	100 Breast	1:22.05	
McKenzie Reiter	400 IM	5:08.82 (P)	State Record
		5:09.22 (F)	2 nd
	50 Free	28.41	

100 Back	1:10.10 (P)	
	1:09.89 (F)	8 th
200 IM	2:28.45 (P)	State Record
	2:29.00 (F)	2 nd
100 Breast	1:17.61 (P)	
	1:17.85 (F)	4 th

17 and 18 Girls

Karla Halstrom	1500 Free	19:20.91
	200 Free	2:21.54
	400 Free	4:55.59
	100 Free	1:04.70
	800 Free	10:10.26

11 and 12 Boys

Major Robinson	100 Back	1:12.11
	50 Free	30.51
	400 Free	5:04.75
	200 IM	2:39.86
	50 Back	34.68
	100 Free	1:06.12

13 and 14 Boys

Karl Kingery	200 Back	2:25.73
	100 Fly	1:08.70
	200 Free	2:11.12
	400 Free	4:36.31
	100 Back	1:09.27
	200 IM	2:29.67

Amos Kuck	200 Back	2:36.83
	200 Free	2:27.39
	100 Back	1:15.01
	50 Free	31.04
	100 Free	1:09.35

Andrew Miron	200 IM	2:23.70
	50 Free	27.52
	100 Free	1:00.22
	200 Breast	2:48.22
	400 IM	5:06.45
	100 Breast	1:15.19

Cascade Tuholske	200 Back	2:22.63
	200 Free	2:10.27
	100 Back	1:06.07
	200 IM	2:26.81
	400 IM	5:09.82
	200 Fly	2:27.87

15 and 16 Boys

Jens Anderson	50 Free	26.68	
	200 Free	1:59.64 (P)	
		1:59.34 (F)	3 rd
	400 IM	4:54.89	

	400 Free	4:11.76 (P)	
		4:10.93 (F)	2 nd
	200 IM	2:19.45	
	800 Free	8:37.75	1 st , State Record
Sam King	400 IM	4:57.00	
	400 Free	4:24.79	
	200 IM	2:20.82	
	200 Back	2:15.63 (P)	
		2:16.91 (F)	3 rd
	100 Fly	1:03.75	
	100 Back	1:05.05	
Nick Logan	50 Free	26.32	
	200 Free	2:05.98	
	200 Back	2:17.09 (P)	
		2:18.57 (F)	7 th
	100 Back	1:05.45	
	100 Free	58.38	
William McCallum	200 Free	2:01.06 (P)	
		2:01.86 (F)	8 th
	400 Free	4:20.22 (P)	
		4:22.33 (F)	6 th
	100 Breast	1:13.09	
	200 Breast	2:39.31	
	200 IM	2:18.77	
	400 IM	4:59.45	
Nate Wittnam	50 Free	26.14	
	200 Free	2:04.14	
	100 Fly	1:00.35	
	100 Back	1:07.84	
	100 Free	55.46 (P)	
		56.03 (F)	6 th
	200 Fly	2:17.12	
17 and 18 Boys			
Chris Whaley	200 Back	2:34.31	
	100 Fly	1:04.39	
	400 IM	5:08.64	
	200 Fly	2:20.19 (P)	
		2:18.77 (F)	7 th
	400 Free	4:37.22	
	200 IM	2:26.51	

MONTANA SWIMMING 2003 PROPOSED BUDGET

With purchase of Timing Trailer

Revenue

USA Registration	\$19,500
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Sanction Fees	\$ 365
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Entry Fees	\$16,795
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TOTAL	\$36,660
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Expenses

Equipment Repair	\$ 800	
New Equipment	\$1,500	\$15,000
Awards	\$ 200	
Convention	\$4,500	
Officer Meetings	\$2,500	
Coach Clinic	\$ 600	
Zones	\$15,000	
National Meets	\$1,200	
All Stars	\$1,000	
Supplies	\$ 200	
Insurance	\$1,800	\$3,600
Dues	\$ 100	
LSC Meeting	\$ 200	
Telephone	\$ 200	
Legal & Accounting	\$ 300	
Postage	\$ 300	
Program Development	\$3,000	
Misc.	\$ 270	

TOTAL	\$33,670	\$48,970
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NET	\$ 2,990	(-\$12,310)
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Submitted by Larry Johnson, Treasurer

Note – The cash flow projections are not included in the e-mailed version of the minutes.

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