

MONTANA SWIMMING

June 7, 2003

To all Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

Enclosed are the minutes of the May Meeting held in Bozeman on May 17, 2003. Please review the enclosed Minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting and let me know before July 1st if they do not. If I do not hear from anyone by July 1st, I will assume they are satisfactory.

Please copy freely and make available to your club members.

Thank you,

Laurie Brennan,
Secretary of Montana Swimming

MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2003

Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana

The 2003 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 5:40PM on Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana, by General Chairperson Susan Huckeby. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, is found in Appendix A in addition to the Agenda in Appendix B. Their signatures on the Roll Call found in Appendix C indicate those present. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

Following review of the Minutes of the October 2002 minutes, it was determined that there were no corrections and they were approved.

Reports of Officers

General Chair – Susan Huckeby's report was written and verbal.

Administrative Vice Chair – Diana Robinson had no report.

Program Development Vice Chair – Lev Bate's report was verbal. He stated that the MT Swim Meeting cannot be held in conjunction with the Swimposium. Lev is very willing to help any club host a Spirit Camp to promote each club and promote MT Swimming. Lev has a new Top 16 Star Date Base for reporting Top 16 Swims. Coaches need to send any swimmer who achieves these times to him along with the following information: when, where, correct spelling, and age. This information can be e-mailed to Lev.

Program Operations Vice Chair – Nancy Halstrom's report was verbal. Nancy went over the plans for Zones in Arizona and had packets available for anyone qualified or close to qualifying.

Finance Vice Chair – Janice Bell had no report.

Secretary – Laurie Brennan had no report.

Treasurer – Larry Johnson's report was verbal. Larry reported on the financial results of the 2003 Western Zones meet. A check for approximately \$15,000 is expected from San Diego-Imperial Swimming for MT Swimming's share of the net profits. Larry also presented the current Cash Flow Statement for MT Swimming. Larry concluded that MT Swimming is healthy financially. See the included cash flow chart submitted by Larry.

Coaches Representative – Chris Klinge gave a verbal report. She went over the plans for the All Star Training Camp held in Bozeman May 23 – 26, 2003.

Athlete Representative – Nate Whitnam gave a verbal report. He reported that the swimmers he spoke to in regards to a split meet were in favor of the meet setup.

Safety Coordinator – Brian Robinson gave a verbal report. He announced there were no accidents to report. He also stated that each meet requires a safety marshal and the timing trailers have orange vests available for the marshal to wear.

Technical Planning Chair – Lenny Duberstein and Mike Burton were not present.

Membership/Registration Coordinator – Jodi Peretti was not present but she submitted a written report.

Officials Chair – Mark Model was not present but he submitted a written report.

Records Coordinator – Lowell Anderson’s report was verbal. Fifteen new records were set in Short Course. He stated how difficult the current website is to update.

Committee Reports

Policy and Procedures Manual – Lev Bates reported that he is inputting information and hopes to have the manual updated by the fall.

Program Development – Lev Bates reported that he is concerned with the low numbers in membership and is asking for ideas on promoting MT Swimming. Lev stated a Thank You to Diana Robinson and Susan Huckeby for working on the Junior All Stars awards and to Chris and John Klinge for working on the All Stars Training Camp.

Timing Equipment – Lev Bates stated that the second trailer is finished. He handed out a chart on the expenses of the trailer included. Each trailer has one set of pads for one pool end. JJ Bates said he had eight old touch pads that would need modified to give to MT Swimming to help with more touch pads.

It was decided that Mark Model, Officials Chair, would designate an equipment maintenance person and also decide the allocation of the trailers to the teams.

Old Business

The meet scheduling conflict was settled before the meeting.

New Business

Female and Male Athletes of the Year

Nominations took place to select these top swimmers. The results are:

Female Athlete of the Year	Erin Popovich, Butte Tarpons
Male Athlete of the Year	Nathan Wittnam, Billings Aquatics

Phillips 66 Award

Janice Bell, Bozeman

Proposal: “Change the 17-19 year old age group to 17 and Over for the MT Swimming State Championship Meets. The 17-18 age group time standards will be the qualifying time standards for this age group.” Proposal passed.

Pool Updates: Rose Park in Billings is no longer available for the Big Sky State Games because of the new USA pool depth rule. McCormick Pool in Missoula will be open along with Stodden Park in Butte this summer.

Zones: Western Zone website is westernzone.usswim.net. The team is staying at the Country Inn & Suites. Families are included to use the rate. Lev Bates and Heidi Gray will be the Zones Coaches. Packets for Zones are available from Nancy Halstrom.

MT Swimming Website: The current website is becoming difficult to work on. Rich Hartl suggested finding a new site. John Klinge suggested using the usswim site. The new website price is \$25 per month for an LSC and \$5 per month for clubs. It was moved and seconded to move to the new site. Motion passed.

State Meets: It was decided that Bozeman will be the host for the 2003 Long Course State Championships. A date for Short Course State and the rest of the meet schedule will be decided upon at a meeting held at LC State Saturday, July 26, 2003 between prelims and finals.

2003-2004 Meet Schedule – See Appendix D.

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 Susan Huceby adjourned the meeting.

MONTANA SWIMMING

April 22, 2003

To all Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

The spring meeting of the Montana Swimming House of Delegates will be held Saturday, May 17, 2003, in Bozeman, approximately ½ hour following the conclusion of the swim meet. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined, but will be announced prior to the meeting.

One new proposal will be discussed at this meeting along with regular agenda items and old business. Clubs should be prepared to present their nominations for Male and Female Athlete of the Year and the Phillips 66 Award (for the outstanding volunteer in Montana Swimming) in addition to providing dates for the 2003-2004 Short Course meet schedule. The host for the 2003 MT Swimming Long Course State Championship meet will also be determined at this meeting.

The new proposal to be discussed is as follows:

“Change the 17-19 year old age group to 17 and over for the MT Swimming State Championship meets. The 17-18 age group time standards will be the qualifying time standards for this age group.”

Officers, please submit your written reports to me by e-mail prior to the meeting if possible. If not, please submit your written reports to me within ten days after the meeting via e-mail. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Laurie Brennan
Secretary, Montana Swimming
dedbrennan@montana.com

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda

May 17, 2003

Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana

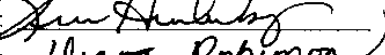

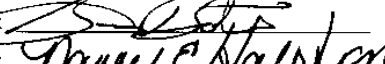
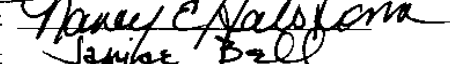
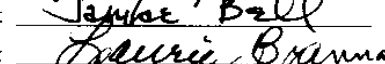
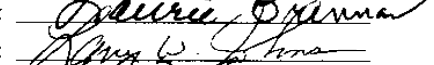
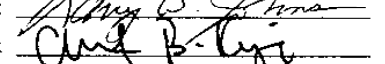
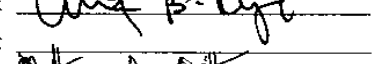
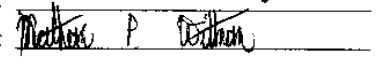

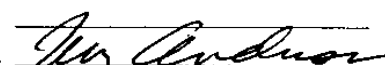
1. Roll Call
2. Review, Correction and Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
3. Report of Officers and Committee Chairperson and Coordinators
 - General Chair
 - Administrative Vice Chair
 - Program Development Vice Chair
 - Program Operations Vice Chair
 - Finance Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - 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
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - Proposal *“Change the 17-19 year old age group to 17 and Over for the MT Swimming State Championship Meets. The 17-18 age group time standards will be the qualifying time standards for this age group.”*
 - Update on status of long course pools in Montana
 - Zones update from Nancy Halstrom
 - Selection of Zones Head Coach
 - All Star Training Camp from Chris Klinge
 - New MT Swimming Website
 - Budget
 - Election of Male and Female Athletes of the Year
 - Election of Phillips 66 Award
 - Selection of meet host for the 2003 Long Course State Championships
 - Short Course Meet Schedule for 2003-2004
6. Resolution and Orders
7. Adjournment

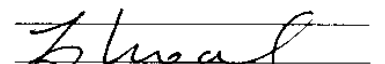
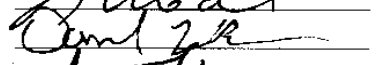

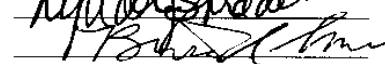
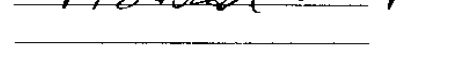
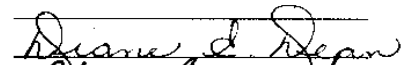
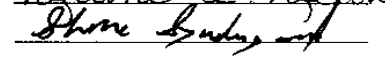
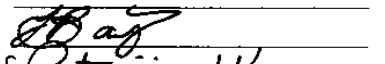
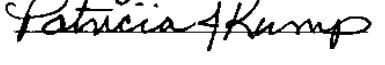
**Montana Swimming
Spring 2003 Meeting
of
House of Delegates**

Please sign in:

Officers:

General Chair	Print: Susan Huckeby	Sign: 
Administrative Vice Chair	Print: Aliara Robinson	Sign: 
Program Development Chair	Print: Ler Botez	Sign: 
Program Operations Chair	Print: Nancy Halstrom	Sign: 
Finance Vice Chair	Print: JANICE BELL	Sign: 
Secretary	Print: Laurie Brennan	Sign: 
Treasurer	Print: Larry W. Johnson	Sign: 
Coach Representative	Print: Chris Kluge	Sign: 
Athlete Representative	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Sr. Rep (voting member)	Print: Nathan P Wittman	Sign: 
Jr. Rep (non-voting member)	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Safety Coordinator	Print: Brian Robinson	Sign: 
Tech Planning Co-Chairs	Print: _____	Sign: _____
(one vote)	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Membership/ Reg. Coordinator	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Officials Chair	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Records Chair	Print: L.M Anderson	Sign: 

Club Representatives:

Ashland Soaring Eagles	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Billings Aquatic Club	Print: Lesley Mabel	Sign: 
Billings YMCA Swim Club	Print: DAN BORSUM	Sign: 
Bozeman Swim Club	Print: JOHN KLINGE	Sign: 
Butte Tarpons Swim Team	Print: Lynda Shrader	Sign: 
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	Print: Brian Smith	Sign: 
Hardin Otter Swim Team	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Havre Lions Swim Team	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Helena Family YMCA Dolphins	Print: Diane E Dean	Sign: 
Helena Lions Swim Team	Print: SHANE SYNDORGAARD	Sign: 
Kalispell Aquatic Team	Print: _____	Sign: _____
Missoula Aquatic Team	Print: J.J. Bay	Sign: 
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	Print: PATRICIA JKUMP	Sign: 
Peak Waves Swim Team	Print: _____	Sign: _____

MONTANA SWIMMING

Long Course Meet Schedule 2003

May 3 – 4	Kalispell (KATS)
May 16 – 18	Bozeman (BOZ)
June 14 – 15	Havre (HAV)
June 27 – 29	Missoula (MAC)
July 12 – 13	Helena (HLST)
July 16 – 20	Senior Sectionals, MT Hood Aquatics Center, Gresham, Oregon
July 18 – 20	Big Sky State Games, Billings (BAC) (meet held at Rocky College)
July 19 – 20	Butte (BTST)
July 25 – 27	MT State Long Course Age Group Championships in Bozeman
July 29 – Aug. 2	Senior Sectionals, Houston, TX
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.)

Tentative Short Course Meet Schedule 2003-2004

October 4-5	Fall Semi-Annual Meeting of MT Swimming, Held in Bozeman
October 24-26	Billings (BY)
November 1	Great Falls (FAST)
November 8-9	Missoula (MAC)
December 6-7	Bozeman (BOZ) tentative
January 17-18	Butte (BTST)
January 25-26 ???	Kalispell (KATS)
February 6-7	High School State
February 14-15 ??	Helena (HLST)
??	Billings (BAC)
??	Short Course State (still to be decided)
March 10-14	Senior Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
March 13-14	YMCA Regionals
March 19-21	Age Group Sectionals, Federal Way, WA

General Chair's Report

Serving as General Chair these past several months has been a tremendous pleasure and a learning experience. I would like to thank my fellow officers and board members for their assistance and support.

As General Chair, I have learned Montana Swimming is great for one primary reason – our people. Our swimmers, parents, volunteers, and coaches are simply the best. I enjoy visiting with everyone and appreciate your input into Montana Swimming.

In February I was privileged to attend the General Chairs meeting in Tampa. The meeting was a definite learning experience. I had the opportunity to network with many other General Chairs from across the country and to discuss concerns with the USA Swimming staff and leadership. We discussed the current controversy in the USOC, our national swim team, the vision and strategy of USAS, the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool, the new national programs being developed, high school swimming, and the role of the LSC and USAS.

Pat Hogan led the club development seminar. Of the 2700 member clubs of USAS, over half have fewer than 50 members. If clubs don't have a club toolbox, I would strongly encourage you to order this resource from USAS as it has numerous helpful items to strengthen your club. USAS is also holding Club Leadership Business Management Schools throughout the country. If at all possible, I believe Montana Swimming should offer this seminar possibly on the Saturday of our October Montana Swimming meeting. It could also be combined with a swim clinic. In addition a coach education clinic will also be held in each zone. The clinic in the Western Zone will be held in California.

The Dues Increase Task Force as of February was still seeking input on the use of the funds generated from the upcoming dues increase.

The Facilities Task Force is considering hosting an annual facilities conference, developing an expanding facilities handbook on how to build a pool, may add a facilities expert to the USAS staff, and may consider offering grant money for possible retro-fitting of pools.

In comparing Montana Swimming to the other LSC's, I found Montana Swimming was doing well in some areas, but lagged behind in other areas. We have done better in the areas of communication, adapted swimming, and professionalism. Other LSC's are moving forward to an all-electronic form of communication, proof of time data bases, more swimmer clinics, and improved parent/board/coach education. Other items of concern included requiring background checks for coaches and chaperones for Zones teams or other LSC sponsored activities, should the LSC's be concerned about clubs in financial difficulties, and pool depth issues.

In the Western Zones breakout, we discussed changing the 10 & under swimmers to timed finals only, adding the distance events for the 11-12 year old swimmers, and adding adapted swimmers. We also discussed the future of the Zone, background checks, pool depth issues, and how to generate money to make clubs healthy financially.

Also, we asked if USAS could develop a list of potential grants and donors that the LSC's could access.

I did spend some time visiting with General Chairs from the Western Zone about how to improve out meets. I also discussed with Wyoming and Inland Empire the possibility of hosting a three or four LSC summer meet in place of what was the summer Age Group sectional meet.

The meeting was excellent. Thank you for sending me.

On the home front, I am pleased by the improvements I have seen in Montana Swimming. We have much better cooperation among clubs, which is excellent. I am really pleased by the improvements in our swim meets. Our computer and timing console operators have made great strides

in their education and the meets run much smoother as a result. I have, as of this week, finally received all the meet paperwork for our short course swim meets. While we did encounter a few problems in the meet process, we did overcome the problems and some improvements were made.

I would like to recognize and thank a few persons at this time.

First, thank you to Amber Walter of Kalispell for serving as our Senior Athlete Representative. Amber has made many valuable contributions to the Montana Swimming Board and I appreciate her service to us. Best wishes to Amber as she prepares for college at the University of Maryland.

I would like to thank Paul Stelter of Kalispell for his many years of service to Montana Swimming and for his years of coaching KATS. While Paul may be retiring from his very active coaching role, I'm looking forward to seeing him at some swim meets and at our meetings. Thank you Paul for your many years of dedicated service to Montana Swimming.

I would like to congratulate Erin Popovich of the Butte Tarpons Swim Team for being named to the 2003 US Paralympic Elite National Swim Team and for her nomination for the Little Sullivan Award as the outstanding female athlete in Montana this year. Erin's selection to the US Elite National Team recognizes her outstanding performances as one of the best of the best disabled athletes in the United States. Best of luck at the US National Disability Championships next month Erin. I hope you represent the USA at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece.

Finally, thank you to all the swimmers, parents, coaches, volunteers, and especially to my fellow board members for your assistance and continued support. I am pleased to serve on this board and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
MT Swimming General Chair
May 17, 2003

Spring 2003 House of Delegates Report / Jodi Peretti, Registration Chair

There are lots of exciting things happening with the registration of athletes this year. Most important is the migration to a completely new program (by USA Swimming) to maintain the database of its members. This will be a web-based program and all entering of information will be done directly on the database via the internet. Initially, only the LSC Registration chairs will have access, but eventually, clubs will be able to do their own registrations. As I understand it, clubs will be able to view the data, but not change it. This will allow you to check which of your athletes are registered, and also to verify registrations for swim meets that you host. There will only be one database for all programs, in contrast to the many databases now maintained at NHQ. This migration of data will be soon. I have been asked by NHQ to be a tester and trainer of the new software, so will be doing initial testing at my home and then going to Denver for training. I will then train the western LSC's in July. We are all anticipating and hoping for a smooth transition. The name of the program is SWIMS.

As you are all aware, the dues will be increasing next year. USA Swimming has increased its athlete dues from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for 2004. Our LSC fee will remain at \$20.00, making the total athlete registration fee \$60.00 for 2004-registration begins Sept. 1. Seasonal athletes will be a total of \$32.50. Non-Athletes were also raised from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Our LSC fee for them is \$10.00, making the total Non-Athlete fee \$50.00. Non-Athlete family will be \$85.00. The dues will then increase \$1.00/year thereafter until 2014. There are no changes to Outreach, Club, Sports Medicine, Affiliate, Allied or Life Memberships.

On a side note: the dues increase makes Life Memberships for Non-Athletes much more appealing! For \$760.00 you can get a life membership- that is about 15 years of dues. I already have 11 years of dues myself!

Also new in 2004 is the new club requirements that newly formed clubs must meet. More on that to follow as I get the information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Peretti
Registration Chair
Montana Swimming

Year to Date Statistics - As Of: 5/3/2003

Athlete

Regular	860
Season 1	11
Season 2	0
Total	871

Non-Athlete

Individual	96
Family 1	14
Family 2	14
Sports Med.	1
Sustaining	0
Life	0
Total	125

Clubs

Regular	14
Organization	0
Season 1	0
Season 2	0
Total	14

Club Counts 5/3/2003

Clubs	Athletes	S1 Athletes	Non-Ath(Other)	Coaches	Officials	Total
BAC	85	0	3	2	6	95
BOZ	81	0	2	3	4	90
BTST	42	0	3	4	3	51
BY	46	0	3	2	3	54
FAST	81	2	4	4	3	94
HAV	28	1	0	2	3	33
HFYD	10	0	0	2	2	13
HLST	95	8	11	3	6	122
HOT	48	0	2	4	1	54
KATS	79	0	3	3	7	92
MAC	102	0	5	2	8	117
MYST	100	0	4	5	6	112
PWST	23	0	0	2	1	26
SEA	37	0	1	2	0	40
UN	3	0	0	0	0	3

Athlete Membership Statistics - As Of: 05/03/2003

Age Group	Year To Date		
	Total Female	Total Male	Grand Total
8 & Under	57	36	93
9-Year-Olds	68	39	107
10-Year-Olds	85	37	122
11-Year-Olds	74	38	112
12-Year-Olds	59	37	96
13-Year-Olds	53	36	89
14-Year-Olds	41	33	74
15-Year-Olds	33	27	60
16-Year-Olds	30	20	50
17-Year-Olds	23	16	39
18-Year-Olds	10	6	16
19 & Over	2		2
Totals	535	325	860

Report from Mark Model, Officials Chairman

Since the start of the 2003 short course season, I have certified a total of 6 new stroke & turn officials, 2 certified timers, 1 starter and 1 timer, timing judge and clerk of course.

This number brings our total number of active swimming officials to 47. (Referees, Starters, and Stroke & Turn judges).

All Montana Swimming teams must make a monumental effort to recruit new officials. Clubs should have one official for every ten swimmers.

A better effort is being made to keep track of sessions worked by all officials so to keep certifications current. Referee's reports for all short course meets were received and this helped greatly towards this effort. It is however recommended that officials working meets in other LSC's and or post-season meets, forward a note to me on the number of sessions worked.

The newly updated "Requirements for Becoming Certified and for Renewal of Certification as an Official in the Montana LSC of USA Swimming" has been completed and distributed.

Respectfully,

Mark Model
Officials Chairman, Montana Swimming

2002 Western Zone Financial

	San Diego-Imperial		Montana Swimming
REVENUE			
Entry fees	23613 ***	Heat sheet sales	285
Zone Dinner	868	Wallace Photo	500
Swimmer Social	<u>11115</u> ***	Fine Design	4125
		USA Swimming	<u>6000</u> *
TOTAL	35596		10910
EXPENSES			
USC Catering-social	7657	USC-Pool rent	8000
Maxwell- medals	4838	M. Bolton-services	1200
M. Bolton-supplies	182	Dale Lunden-services	1500
The Ice Man	471	USC-Special Events	1885
Social-DJ	500	Management rooms	1164
Aspect Studio shirt design	210 **	Meet hospitality room	2200
TCB Embroidery shirts	922 **	Western Zone Fee	<u>5525</u> *
J. Gallegos - services	500 **		
Kinkos	<u>657</u> **		
TOTAL	15937		21474
NET	19659		-10564
COMBINED NET	9095		

* - anticipated revenue and expenses

**= additional items that we paid for zones meet

***= includes SDI entries (\$1636) and social (\$945)

MONTANA SWIMMING 2ND TIMING TRAILER

Budget		\$ 15,000.00
Trailer (Sportland Trailer)	\$ 4,561.24	\$ 10,438.76
8 Touch Pads \$850 each (ordered 02/10/03)	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 3,638.76
1 Tool Box (w/pad/botton tester and pad pump)	\$ 235.00	\$ 3,403.76
1-50M Start Cable	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,853.76
Conn Assy 7-way prewire	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,828.76
Ball Mount	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,808.76
2-5/16" Ball	\$ 12.00	\$ 2,796.76
Shipping Cost New Equipment	\$ 280.00	\$ 2,516.76
Sign Pro (trailer logos)	\$ 485.80	\$ 2,030.96
Lock & Permant marker for pads	\$ 9.98	\$ 2,020.98
Push Buttons 20x\$40	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,220.98
Trailer Registration	\$ 42.50	\$ 1,178.48
Touch Pad holders & Scoreboard holder	\$ 203.99	\$ 898.48
Gutter Clips	\$ 360.00	\$ 538.48
Printer		