

September 26, 2003

Dear Montana Swimming friends,

The Montana Swimming semi-annual meeting will be held next week, October 4-5, in Bozeman. The meetings will be held at Bozeman High School. We will also hold a banquet Saturday evening that I hope you will all be able to attend.

On Saturday beginning at 9:30 am will be an officials meeting. All Montana Swimming officials and trainees are encouraged to attend. Mark Model, the Montana Swimming Officials Chair, will preside over the meeting.

At 1:00 pm on Saturday, the "informal" meeting of Montana Swimming will begin at Bozeman High School. All the proposals will be discussed. The proposals may be amended at this time. Everyone in attendance at this meeting may discuss the proposals and vote to recommend pass or fail for the members to consider on the Sunday House of Delegates meeting. The vote taken on Saturday is not binding on the voting members on Sunday.

On Sunday beginning at 9:00 am will be the Montana Swimming Semi-annual House of Delegates meeting again held at the high school. We will conduct the regular business meeting of Montana Swimming, vote on the proposals, discuss old and new business, approve the budget, elect new board members, vote on the meet host for Short Course State, and set the long course meet schedule. Voting members include the elected members of the Montana Swimming Board of Directors and one representative from each team. No person can have two votes, so a board member may not also vote for their club. Clubs must notify Laurie Brennan, the Montana Swimming Secretary, as to who will be voting for each team along with any alternates. There will be very limited discussion of the proposals on Sunday.

New this year will be a social event on Saturday evening. I have always wanted to have a fun event where we can meet to visit and get to know each other better at the Montana Swimming meetings. This year we will have a banquet on Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 pm. The banquet will be held at the Kountry Korner in Four Corners, about 9 miles west of Bozeman. The menu will include an 8-ounce prime rib dinner or a broasted chicken dinner. The dinner will cost about \$10 per person, not including your drinks. Tom Jager, Olympic Champion and head coach of the Kalispell Aquatic Team will be our guest speaker. Tom will bring a couple of his medals to show us as well. Everyone is invited to attend this banquet – coaches, athletes, parents, families, and volunteers. I do need to know as soon as possible who will be attending the banquet to give the restaurant a head count. Please let either Nancy Halstrom or me know by Thursday October 2 if you will be attending. You may contact Nancy

at [nhalstrom@fs.fed.us](mailto:nhalstrom@fs.fed.us) or by calling her at home at 586-7549. I hope you will be able to attend.

If you need a copy of the proposals, please e-mail me and I'll send you a copy. The meeting agenda is attached. If you are interested in running for a position on the Montana Swimming board, please contact me. The positions that will be voted on next week include Program Operation Vice-Chair, Finance Vice Chair, Secretary, Technical Planning Coordinator, Membership/Registration Coordinator, and Safety Coordinator.

Thank you to Tom Jager for speaking at our banquet. Thank you also to Larry Johnson, John Klinge, and Nancy Halstrom for obtaining the meeting rooms and banquet room for us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Bozeman!

Susan Huckleby  
General Chair