

MONTANA SWIMMING

July 6, 2004

To All Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

Enclosed are the minutes of the May Meeting held in Bozeman on May 15, 2004. Please review the enclosed Minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting and let me know before July 26, 2004, if they do not. If I do not hear from anyone by July 26st, I will assume they are satisfactory.

Please copy freely and make available to your club members.

Thank you,

Jamie Bleskin

Jamie Bleskin, Secretary
Montana Swimming
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MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANUAL MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2004
City Center Motel Conference Center, Bozeman, Montana

The 2004 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the City Center Motel Conference Center, Bozeman, Montana, by General Chairperson Susan Huceby. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, is found in Appendix A in addition to the Agenda in Appendix B. The 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 2003 minutes, it was determined that there were no corrections and they were approved.

Reports of Officers

General Chair - Susan Huceby's report was written and verbal.

Administrative Vice Chair - Diana Robinson had no report.

Program Development - Lev Bates had no report at this time. If there is any program interested in running a camp or clinic this summer let him know.

Program Operations - Nancy Halstrom's report was verbal. Working on All Star selection, which was listed in the program today. The camp should have a good turn out.

Finance Vice Chair - Tim Olson was not present but submitted a written report read by Susan Huceby. Tim resigns at this point, and as General Chair, Susan Huceby appointed Nikki Bronec of MAC as Finance Vice Chair. Motion moved, seconded and accepted.

Secretary - Jamie Bleskin had no report.

Treasurer - Larry Johnson's report was verbal. Larry presented the Montana Swimming Cash Flow Statement. It was noted that the financial reports from the clubs from the meets being held are coming in very nicely. Lev Bates brought up equipment repair due to updating the two trailers. The budget amount for 2003 has been used up for the year. Larry discussed that the cost of maintaining the two trailers with no additional income coming in is quite extreme. The change in altitude has a real effect on these pads it would be great if the clubs would start to invest in their own pads. If there are any clubs that are looking at getting new computers, reminder that you need the serial port to be compatible with Colorado Timing.

Coaches Report - Marion Nielson's report was verbal. Reminder deadline to sign up for the All Star Camp is May 24, 2004. If you are arriving in on Friday you are more than welcome to practice with them from 3:45-5:45p.m., dryland 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Jr. Athlete Report - Josh Huckleby was not present but he submitted a written report.

Safety Coordinator - Merle Gunderson gave a written and verbal report.

Technical Planning - Rick Whitson had no report.

Membership - Jodi Peretti was not present but she submitted a written report.

Officials Report - Mark Model gave a written and verbal report. Reminds everyone that reports turned in from post season, Canada etc., will give key individuals for championship meets. Billings was thinking of having a one day meet to try to promote officials training and get more involvement with the parents. Merle suggested that if they are just going to hold a meet for this reason it will probably not work. This fall which will be the end of Mark's two year term he will not be up for re-election.

Records Chair - Laurie Brennan gave a written and verbal report. Laurie would like any input from the coaches to make this simpler. Laurie needs to have some details from the board regarding the addition of 13 and over 50 yard/meter records. Instead of going back two years or further you may miss someone, suggest to start this as of the date that this was effective The records for the 13 and over 50 yard/meter records will be starting as of October 2003. The question was brought up on relays with splits. You need to have it requested prior in order to have lead off split time or distance split you need to have paperwork to referee. Records set in Canada? Susan has calls in to a few people to verify if this was a FINA equivalent meet. Application and results are posted on the website. (<http://montana.usswim.net>)

Adapted Swimming Chair - Diane Dean gave a written and verbal report. Susan wants to encourage disable swimmers in your swim meets, any questions contact Susan Huckleby. Zones this year is offered to disabled swimmers.

Committee Reports

Policy and Procedures Manual - Diane Dean gave a written and verbal report. Diane is going to work on the job descriptions and work forward from there at this time.

Old Business

Technical Planning & Program Development - Rick Whitson and Lev Bates had no report.

New Business

Club Leadership Business Management School - 18 registered, 15 present. Susan Huckleby hit some of the high points of the school. If you are interested in a copy of the presentation contact Susan.

All Star Training Camp update - Junior and Senior All Star Teams were listed in the meet program. Thank you to Diana Robinson for the embroidered towels!

Meet Etiquette - Susan Huckleby read through the meet etiquette. Nancy Halstrom would also like to add that parents go through the coaches for such things as warm ups etc. instead of contacting the club directly. Meet entries should be through the clubs not individual entries. There are concerns of additional solicitors at the meets.

Meet Paperwork - The Tuesday prior to your meet you need to send the report to Jodi so it is entered into the meet manager database directly.

MT Swimming website - up and running (<http://montana.usswim.net>).

Zones Update - Zones will be held in Redding, California as of now there are 31 swimmers that have intent of attending. Potential of approx. of 40 swimmers. Nancy Halstrom would like to increase the budget. Would like to increase \$500 for each swimmer over the 30 swimmers. General consensus would be 35 swimmers increase it \$17,500 for swimmers 40 swimmers \$20,000. All at this time agree this would be agreed upon. Discussed how an unattached Montana LSC swimmer with a zone qualifying time be handled, decided this can be handled by the Zones Coach. Marion Nielson will be head coach along with Diana Robinson. Nancy & Lars Halstrom are the chaperones for Zones, Brian Robinson is alternate.

Phillips 66 Outstanding Volunteer Award

Mark Model

Male and Female Athletes of the Year

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

Female Athlete of the Year	Colleen Miller, Missoula Aquatic Club
Co-Male Athlete of the Year	Taylor Brugh, Missoula Aquatic Club
	David Dolphay, Falls Aquatic Swim Team

Long Course State 2004 - With enough volunteers Bozeman will still host the Long Course State 2004. Darci Conquergood did volunteer to be meet manager and this could be done. Susan, Niki and Lisa volunteered to help out. Larry Johnson brought up that the MT Swimming should still be looked at hosting both the state meets in the future.

Short Course Meet schedule for 2004-2005 and selection of meet host for the 2005 Short Course State Championships- See Appendix D

Other - Next meeting date is scheduled for October 2-3, 2004 in Helena, Montana. Proposals will be due around September 1, 2004

Resolutions and Orders

It was moved, seconded, and passed to destroy the ballots from the meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, General Chairperson Susan Huckleby adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

MONTANA SWIMMING

April 25, 2004

To all Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

The spring meeting of the Montana Swimming House of Delegates will be held Saturday, May 15, 2004, 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.

Regular agenda items including old and new business will be discussed at this meeting. 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 2004-2005 Short Course meet schedule. The host for the 2005 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championship meet will also be determined at this meeting.

Clubs should submit to me prior to the meeting a letter by mail or e-mail designating who will be the voting member for the team including any alternates. An LSC board member cannot also vote for his/her team.

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,

Jamie Bleskin

Jamie Bleskin
Secretary, Montana Swimming
Lito1swim@hotmail.com

Appendix A

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda
May 15, 2004
City Center Motel Conference Center, Bozeman, 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

Discussion on adding 13 and over 50 yard/meter records

Adapted Swimming Chair

US Disability Championship Meet

Including a disabled swimmer in your swim meet

Policy and Procedures Manual Committee

4. Old Business
 - a. Technical Planning and Program Development Committees reports
5. New Business
 - a. Club Leadership Business Management School report
 - b. All Star Training Camp update, Junior and Senior All Star Teams
 - c. Meet etiquette
 - d. Meet paperwork
 - e. New MT Swimming web site
 - f. Budget
 - g. Zones Update from Nancy Halstrom
 - h. Selection of Zones Head Coach
 - i. Election of the Phillips 66 Outstanding Volunteer award
 - j. Election of the Male and Female Athletes of the Year
 - k. Long Course State 2004
 - l. Short Course meet schedule for 2004-2005 and selection of meet host for the 2005 Short Course State Championships
 - m. Other
6. Resolutions and orders
7. Adjournment

Appendix B

Montana Swimming
Spring 2004 Meeting
Of
House of Delegates

Sign in of those present:

Officers:

General Chair	Susan Huckeby
Administrative Vice Chair	Di Robinson
Program Development Chair	Lev Bates
Program Operations Chair	Nancy Halstrom
Finance Vice Chair	Niki Bronec
Secretary	Jamie Bleskin
Treasurer	Larry Johnson
Coach Representative	Marion Nielson
Athlete Representative	
Sr. Rep (voting member)	
Co-Jr. Rep (non-voting member)	
Co-Jr. Rep (non-voting member)	
Safety Coordinator	Merle Gunderson
Tech Planning Chair	Derek Whitson
Membership/Reg. Coordinator	
Officials Chair	Mark Model
Records Chair	Laurie Brennan

Club Representatives:

Ashland Soaring Eagles	
Billings Aquatic Club	Jim Albano
Billings YMCA Swim Club	Dennis Fleming
Bozeman Swim Club	Lars Halstrom
Butte Tarpons Swim Team	Butch Gerbrandt
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	Sussie Thompson
Hardin Otter Swim Team	Melody Murter
Havre Lions Swim Team	
Helena Family YMCA Dolphins	Diane Dean
Helena Lions Swim Team	Shane Syndergaard
Kalispell Aquatic Team	Phaltheen Phaitha
Missoula Aquatic Team	Vicki Davidson
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	Brian Robinson
Peak Waves Swim Team	M. Helen Houlihan

MONTANA SWIMMING

Tentative Short Course Meet Schedule 2004-2005

October 2-3	Fall Semi-Annual Meeting of MT Swimming, Helena, MT
October 22-24	Billings (BY) Invitational
October 30-31	Missoula (MAC)
November 13-14	Great Falls (FAST)
November 12-14	Billings (BAC)
December 4-5	Bozeman (BOZ)
January 22-23	Kalispell (KATS)
January 29-30	Butte (BTST)
February 5-6	Hardin (HOT)
February 11-12	High School State
February 19-20	Helena (HLST)
March 4-6	Short Course State, Missoula, MT
March 9-13	Senior Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
March ?	YMCA Regionals
March 18-20	Age Group Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
April 1-6	Nationals
April 5-8	Y Nationals

General Chair's Report

I would like to thank my fellow officers and board members of Montana Swimming for a job well done over the past short course season. It has been a pleasure to serve with you. The short course season proved to be both an exciting time and a learning experience.

It is exciting to see how well the Montana swimmers have done this past year. Taylor Brugh and Lauren Wright competed at the US Open and the ConocoPhillips Spring Nationals. Erin Popovich, Jake Flaherty, and Rick Whitson competed at the US Disability Championship meet. Erin was also named to the US Paralympic team and will compete in Athens in September. This summer, David Cromwell will represent Montana at the Olympic Trials.

It was also a season to see new swimmers compete for the first time. Some of those swimmers competing at their very first meet included Stevie McNamee and Leanne Jung from FAST; Aidan and Hannah Amtman, John Holmes, and Megan Ingersoll from BTST; Shawn Adams, Kiernan Burkholder, and Althea Fortune from HLST; and Tyler Faw from BAC.

We have accomplished much as an LSC in the past six months. I look forward to more accomplishments in the future. I am especially looking forward to the Olympics and the Paralympics where once again hopefully we will see the American swimmers dominate the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as General Chair. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

Susan Huceby
General Chair, Montana Swimming

Junior Athlete Report

To Montana Swimming:

I am unable to attend the Montana Swimming Board meeting this weekend. As I am a member of the Montana Civil Air Patrol Cadet Advisory Council, I will be attending the Montana Wing Civil Air Patrol Annual Conference at Fort Harrison this weekend.

I would like to let you know how some of the swimmers felt about the events at Short Course State. The ten and under swimmers seemed to like swimming the events as timed finals. Yet I think they are looking forward to being able to swim prelims and finals this summer at the long course state swim meet.

According to the 13 and over swimmers that I talked to, they enjoyed being able to swim all the 50's rather than just freestyle.

The 15 and over swimmers liked swimming events as finals only when there was only one actual heat of 15-16 swimmers and one actual heat of 17 and over swimmers in the event though there were two heats in prelims.

Overall, my feeling was that the short course state meet went fairly well.

I would like to encourage teams to include some one day meets in the meet schedule. Every meet doesn't have to be two or three days long to be successful or attract swimmers.

I think it would be all right to do split session meets as long as the swimmers received adequate rest between events.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Junior Athlete Representative. If the swimmers have any comments or concerns, they can contact me at 406-723-4800 or by e-mail at jphuckeby@rescueteam.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Huckleby
Co-Junior Athlete Representative

To Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

May 15, 2004

This is my first report to Montana Swimming as the Safety Coordinator.

In the first several months of my tenure a new Report of Occurrence, ROO, came out and I sent copies to all the clubs and had it placed on the Montana Swimming Web Site so that all Montana Swimming members would have access to the form. All previous forms should be destroyed and only the new form used as the insurance company for USA Swimming has changed.

USAS Insurance & Risk Management representative, Mary Illich emailed me and ask if at possible To have the form completed at the time of the incident and submitted to the three names on the bottom of the form. The form need to be completed by the club safety coordinator, coach or club representative instead of the swimmers parents.

During the 2003 year Montana Swimming had 11 accidents reports submitted to USA Swimming. There were 9 reports for incidents that occurred during practice and 2 that occurred at meets. During the first quarter of 2004 Montana Swimming has already had 4 Reports of Occurrence submitted, 2 during practice and 2 during meets.

I have attached a copy of the 2003 year end summary and the 2004 first quarter summary for you to see how and where the accident reported to USA Swimming have occurred. According to the reports the majority of the accident happen during meets and practices. Montana Swimming's majority of incidents have happened at practices. The report have indicated these have been from swimmers running into each other in lanes during workout sets and swimmers entering the pool. The coaches and the club safety coordinators need to work together to develop a practical method that can be used during practices to help curb the number of incidents.

I would hope that when I submit my next report to Montana Swimming this fall that I can report that Montana Swimming clubs have developed a practical plan for practices that has reduced the number of incidents that happen during practice.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle L. Gunderson

Merle L. Gunderson
Montana Swimming Safety Coordinator

Attachments: Report of Occurrence, ROO
Club Safety Coordinator, as of April 2003
2003 Year End Accident Summary
2004 First Quarter Accident Summary

USA SWIMMING Report of Occurrence

(circle one) Personal Injury/Property Damage

(Please Print Clearly)

Date of Incident: _____ LSC: _____ Name of Club: _____

Injured: Athlete Coach Official Member/other: _____ Guest/Spectator Other: _____

Name(Legal): _____ USA Swimming Athlete ID#: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M F Phone: (____) _____

Where did the incident occur?: In Water Deck On Blocks Locker Room Bleachers Hallway Stairs

Gym Outside Venue (List) _____ Other _____ Activity:

Meet/Competition Meet/Warmup Meet/Warmdown

Practice/Water Practice/Dryland Other: _____

Facility Name: _____ City/State: _____

Describe the incident: _____

Affected Body Part (Specify R or L): Head/Neck Leg/Foot Ears/Nose/Mouth/Teeth Hand/Arm Knees

Shoulder Torso Internal Other: _____

Describe the Injury: _____

On Site Care Given by: Coach Parent EMT/Paramedic Staff: _____ Other: _____ Care

Given on Site: Ice Immobilized Bandage Cleaned Other

Parent/Guardian notified: ___ No ___ Yes Comment? _____

Taken to Clinic/Hospital: No Yes If yes, location: _____

Please include names and phone numbers of three (3) witnesses: (If others, list on reverse)

Name	Address	(____) _____ Phone
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Name	Address	(____) _____ Phone
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Name	Address	(____) _____ Phone
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Activity Supervisor: _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
please print Daytime Phone Evening Phone

Report Submitted By: _____ (____) _____ (____) _____ Date: _____
please print Daytime Phone Evening Phone

Club Personnel/Club Safety Coordinator is responsible for returning completed form immediately following incident to:

USA Swimming	and: Risk Management Services, Inc.	and: LSC Safety Chairman
Risk Management Department	P. O. Box 32712	Merle L. Gunderson
One Olympic Plaza	Phoenix, AZ 85064-2712	813 29 th Ave NE
Colorado Springs, CO 80909	FAX: (602) 274-9138	Great Falls, MT 59404-1217
FAX: (719) 866-4050		(406) 727-2724

Please attach any additional reports (facility reports, newspaper articles, witness statements).

**Montana Swimming Club Safety Coordinators
AS of April 29, 2004**

<u>Billings Aquatic Club</u>	<u>BAC</u>	<u>Jim Albano</u>
Billings YMCA Seahawks	BY	Sherri Rowe
Bozeman Barracudas Swim Team	BOZ	John Klinge
Butte Tarpon Swim Team	BTST	Lynn Shrader
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	FAST	Mike Blow
Hardin Otter Swim Team	HOT	Georgia Forney
Havre Lions Swim Team	HAV	Annmarie Robinson
Helena Family YMCA Dolphins	HFYD	Diane Dean
Helena Lions Swim Team	HLST	Gloria Lambertz
Kalispell Aquatic Team	KATS	Darryl Iblings
Missoula Aquatic Club	MAC	Brian Robinson
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	MYST	Brian Robinson
Peak Waves Swim Team	PWST	Caleb Hood
Soaring Eagle Aquatic Club	SEA	John Retzky

Montana Swimming
Spring Meeting Report
May 2004

Dear Friends of Montana Swimming,

Montana Swimming athlete registration is currently down by about 100 swimmers over last year, and nationally registration appears to be up. Headquarters is assuming that is it not actually up, but just appears to be because registrations are being done in a more timely manner with the new SWIMS software. They are anticipating a large increase next fall following the Olympics.

The biggest challenge with the SWIMS program seems to be importing times because often the names/ID numbers do not match the record in SWIMS. It is important that clubs do a pre-registration verification for that reason. However, I believe I have only gotten files from two or three meets this year.

There were a few changes to membership that passed at National Convention. One is a new Individual Seasonal Membership. In the fall, we may want to think about adding the new individual seasonal membership for our LSC in 2005. This is offered for an unspecified, but continuous period of not more than 150 days commencing on the date of registration. This would be advantageous to athletes that swim only one season. It also may encourage more high school swimmers to register. However, we would loose revenue from those that chose the seasonal membership over the full year membership that they have done in the past. Many LSC's that have a seasonal membership already in place are doing away with it and just offering the new individual seasonal membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Peretti
Registration Chair

LSC:MT

USA Swimming, Inc.

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Montana Swimming Statistics 2004

<i>Club</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Season 1</i>	<i>Season 2</i>	<i>Other NA</i>	<i>Coaches</i>	<i>Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
BAC	84	0	0	1	3	8	95
BOZ	74	0	0	0	2	4	79
BTST	44	0	0	3	6	3	54
BY	43	0	0	6	2	3	52
FAST	76	0	0	2	2	3	83
HAV	17	1	0	1	2	2	23
HFYD	8	0	0	1	2	2	11
HLST	74	0	0	9	3	6	91
HOT	51	0	0	0	6	2	58
KATS	69	0	0	2	2	4	76
MAC	89	0	0	1	4	12	106
MYST	99	0	0	4	4	9	113
PWST	35	0	0	1	2	1	39
SEA	12	0	0	1	2	0	15
UN	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total	782	1	0	32	42	59	902

USA Swimming, Inc.

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2004 Montana Swimming Statistics

LSC:MT

Year To Date

Age Group	Total Female	Total Male	Grand Total
8 & Under	48	25	73
9 Year Olds	51	31	82
10 Year Olds	55	39	94
11 Year Olds	76	38	114
12 Year Olds	64	29	93
13 Year Olds	38	28	66
14 Year Olds	42	29	71
15 Year Olds	37	26	63
16 Year Olds	30	28	58
17 Year Olds	21	10	31
18 Year Olds	11	13	24
19 and Over	5	8	13
Totals	478	304	782

Report from Mark Model, Officials Chairman

Since the start of the 2004 short course season, I have certified a total of 5 new stroke & turn officials and 4 starters.

This number brings our total number of active swimming officials to 50. (9 Referees, 11 Starters, and 30 Stroke & Turn Judges).

All Montana Swimming teams must make a monumental effort to recruit new officials. Clubs should try to 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 the Officials Chair on the number of sessions worked.

I must also at this time announce that at the completion of my two-year term as Officials Chairman, I will be unable to be considered for another two-year term. I do however plan to continue to officiate at as many meets as my busy work schedule will allow.

Respectfully,

Mark Model
Officials Chairman, Montana Swimming

5/10/04

To Montana Swimming:

I am keeping the MT Swim Records on Team Manager II. The program checks every meet sent to me by Lev and then flags when new records are broken. I then contact the coach. Then after receipt of the MT Swim Record Application, I update the record in the program and send the swimmer a certificate of recognition.

Since I've taken over the position, there have been 23 Short Course Records broken and 5 Long Course Records broken. That does not include the 18 new events which were created last fall; the 13&O 50yd events. Those records will be added to the records after discussion with MT Swimming.

There are a few details I would like discussed regarding records with MT Swimming since I had no protocol to follow other than the rules in the USAS rulebook.

The current records are posted on www.youthsports.com/members/mtswim as well as the application. The records and application are also posted on the FAST website, <http://fast.usswim.net>.

Anyone who has a question or discrepancy in regards to the records, please feel free to let me know so we can keep them as accurate as possible.

Sincerely,
Laurie Brennan
dedbrennan@montana.com
MT Swimming Records Coordinator

Adapted Swimming in Montana

Currently Montana has three swimmers who participated in the US Paralympic Trials held April 22-25 in Minneapolis MN. The swimmers are Derek Whitson (S5), the head coach of FAST; Jake Flaherty (S7), a 13-yr old from HFYD, and Erin Popovich (S7) from Butte MT who is attending Colorado State and is an alumni of BTST.

Erin put in her best performance ever at this meet setting 3 world records and achieving personal bests in every event she swam. Erin was again nominated and awarded a place on the US Paralympic team going to Athens this fall. Erin swam the women's 50 LC meter butterfly with a finals time of 38.16; the women's 50 LC meter freestyle with a finals time of 34.42; the women's 200 LC meter IM with a finals time of 3:06.84; the women's 100 LC meter breaststroke with a finals time of 1:40.96; and the women's 100 LC meter freestyle with a finals time of 1:15.43

Upon Jake's formal classification he swam the 100 LC meter backstroke placing third with a time of 2:12.06.

Derek, a.k.a Rick, swam the following events: men's 200 LC meter freestyle with a finals time of 4:33.33; the men's 50 LC meter freestyle with a finals time of 51.58; the men's 200 LC meter breaststroke with a finals time of 5:47.35; and the men's 100 LC meter freestyle with a finals time of 2:02.21.

These swimmers did a wonderful job representing this LSC and themselves to the world. They are truly world-class swimmers in their classifications!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dean
Adapted Swimming Chair

Policy & Procedures of Montana Swimming

I have reviewed the file information sent to me by the previous chairman. I found that most the information is horribly out of date. The information ranges from the mid 1980's to 1996. Most of the job descriptions and duties have been modified. Later this season work will begin on the most critical portion of the manual bringing it up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dean
Policy & Procedures Chair

Meet Etiquette

Most of us have read the horror stories of poor sportsmanship prevalent in other youth sports. In an effort to keep swimming the fun, clean sport that it is, here's a friendly reminder of about good sportsmanship at swim meets.

1. Volunteer! Every meet needs volunteer help.
2. Volunteer to time! Timers are very important people! In case of a timing equipment malfunction, the watch times are important in determining the official time. Don't make the meet manager beg for timers – volunteer and enjoy the action up close.
3. Swimmers, remember to tell the timers thank you after you find out your time.
4. Swimmers, remember to talk to your coach before and after your races.
5. We are here for the swimmers. We have all seen the parent who thinks every meet is a warm-up for the Olympics. In truth, Montana will send very very few swimmers to the Olympics. Putting pressure on a swimmer to perform takes the fun out of the meet. Relax and have fun. Your swimmer will have more fun and probably swim better too.
6. Cheer for all the swimmers on your team!
7. Safety is important. If you see an unsafe situation, notify the meet management. Encourage safety among your swimmers – walk on the deck, no glass containers on the deck.
8. No flash photography at the start of a race. The flash photography interferes with the race start and may cause a swimmer to false start. Also, no laser pointers should be used during the meet.
9. Be quiet at the start of each race. Sometimes everyone is cheering loudly – so loudly that the swimmers can't hear the starter. Be considerate of the swimmers by being quiet at the start of the race.
10. Don't recruit or encourage a swimmer from another team to join your team. This especially true in cities with more than one team. This can be a recruiting violation.
11. Don't scream, yell, threaten, push, touch, swear at, or harass meet officials for the calls they make. The USA Swimming rules state that “any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming sanctioned competition” is a violation of the USA Swimming code of conduct. Such behavior may result in the

person being removed from the meet venue for the remainder of the meet and/or other sanctions may be given to the person and possibly the club. Officials are all volunteers. It's easy to sit in the balcony and second guess an official, but remember you don't see what the official sees. Please don't criticize the officials.

12. If you have a question about a disqualification, talk to your coach first. The coach may be able to explain the disqualification. If not, the coach may protest, question, or ask about the call by talking to the meet referee. If your team doesn't have a coach at the meet, a parent may ask the referee about the call. While referees don't mind talking to parents about a disqualification, please understand that the referee may not have the time to talk to every parent about every disqualification. Try to work through your coach if you have questions.
13. Remember to tell the officials thank you for volunteering their time to work the meet. The officials work the deck all day in the heat, the rain, the cold, whatever the weather conditions are at the meet. They go home with tired sore feet and soaking wet shoes. They pay to join USA Swimming, pay to purchase their uniforms, and sometimes would rather just sit in the stands and watch. While you may not always agree with a call made by an official, encourage the swimmers and parents to tell the officials thank you.
14. Remember to tell your coach thank you! Coaches work many hours with your swimmer often with low pay. Encourage your coach. If you are at a meet without a coach and another coach offers to coach your swimmers, remember to say thank you to that coach too.
15. Clean up the area where you are sitting before you leave the meet each day.
16. Have fun! Swimming is a great sport. Let's all be good sports at the meet.