

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2014, 10:00am

Jorgenson Inn Conference room, 1714 11th Ave, Helena

Approved - November 10, 2015

- 1) Roll Call 10:06am
 - a. Roll call and introductions – 28 voters
- 2) Review, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the May 2014 Meeting.
- 3) **NEXT YEAR'S HOD MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 11TH, 2015.**
 - a. 1st Jake, 2nd Tony. Passed.
- 4) Report of Officers, Coordinators, and Committee Chairs: Questions and/or discussion (2 minutes each)
 - a. Richard Allen – License plates: about half of the payoff has been reached. ~95% of the LSC's budget goes to swimmers with BB times or faster.
 - b. Curt Jacobson – Working on LEAP.
 - c. Tony Popp – Assisting Curt, working on efficiency.
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Zones
 - b. LEAP
 - c. Convention (**single** most important thing for each person attending)
 1. Curt Jacobson - No board of reviews at the LSC level; will be handled at Zones level, then national level.
 2. Tony Popp – Lots of positives for MT Swimming as a small LSC. Great to see athletes and their participation.
 3. Jade Sobek – AAA camp: 20 athletes attending, supported by Days Inn, good support from zones coaches Pat and Mike. IMX awards presented. IMX highly encouraged, especially for ages 11-14. IMX Games meet for athletes scoring 1500 or more. Update on who are invited to Zones Select Camp. PCA (Positive Coaching Alliance) and Growing Champions for Life; both working on positive cultures and successful environments for athletes. Hiring processes covered also.
 4. Lisa Keyes – Both zones meets ran very smoothly (17 to Age Group, 12 to Senior Zones). Thanks you to all those who helped and volunteered. Spent \$20,500; encourage to keep the \$25,000 budget. Attended the Growing Champions for Life talk: All about relationships among coaches, swimmers, and parents and making these relationships successful.
 5. Lanni Jacobson – Small dip in registrations this past year. Forms for apprentice officials will allow 60 days from training to completion. Risk management: Check insurance coverage on equipment (time system). Recommended that every board member be a member of USA Swimming. Swim Today is available to all clubs.
 6. Andrea Schmidt – Good athlete representation at USA Swimming convention. Working on MixerMeets. Highlighted Swim Today

7. Sami DuVal
8. Patrick Brennan
9. Alyssa Boese - Saving Lives, Building Champions. Incorporate the older and younger swimmers for long term retention. Swimming skills for all children.
10. Sarah Hucceby – Swim-A-thons, making the transition between athlete and coach.
11. Dave Berkoff

- d. License Plates – Richard's report above.
- e. Mixed Meet – Jade: Great event for interactions between swimmers, especially between older and younger athletes. Dodge ball was a 'BIG HIT'. Tips for future: FOOD, make sure we have funds for future meets like this. Curt: ~60 swimmers. Great feedback from multiple swimmers and parents. Andrea: A blast! Matt Josten: Met lots of other swimmers, older and younger. Good for all abilities. Should definitely do it again.
- f. Other

6) New Business

- a. Board of Review – Zone will be handling all issues effective 1/1/15. January 1, 2015 will be the last date our LSC will handle any issues.
- b. Insurance coverage - E&O (errors and omissions) Clubs can buy coverage from USA Swimming. Curt will send out forms and info to all clubs. All board members should be members of USA Swimming.
- c. Membership and Marketing position (Possible multiple LSC)
South Carolina LSC hired a "Membership Coordinator" as their first paid position. Was a huge success for them.
- d. Budget – Craig Smith
- e. 2014 Proposals - Vote to approve 'non-pulled' proposals – 27 For, 1 Against, passes.
- f. Set Long Course State Dates - Set for July 24-26, 2015.
- g. Host for Long Course State – Bozeman's bid is \$4000.00. No other bidders. Meet awarded to BOZ.
- h. Long Course Meet Schedule – Set long course schedule. Will be posted to the MT Swimming website. Also included as an attachment.
- i. Elections:
 - i. General Chair – Nominations: Tony Popp
 - ii. Administrative Vice Chair – Nominations: Curt Jacobson
 - iii. Program Development Vice Chair – Nominations: Kyle Potter, Dave Berkoff.
Elected: Both as Co-chairs. Vote was tied 😊
 - iv. Treasurer – Nominations: Craig Smith
 - v. Officials Chair – Nominations: Merle Gunderson
 - vi. Records Coordinator – Nominations: John Heryla
 - vii. Senior Zones coaches – Nominations: Patrick King, Alan Carlson Mike Turner
will be considered for a back-up.
 - viii. Safety Chair – Nominations: Rosanne Flann
- j. Budget: (Finalize if changes because of proposals) Motion to approve by Lanni, seconded by Richard, passes Finalized the budget for a \$6,175.00 loss.
- k. **If Team Unify proposal passes I (Curt Jacobson) want to setup a meeting with each team to get better communications in the LSC setup. We can setup email**

lists for all the clubs and also do some month Team Unify trainings or best practices sessions on WebEx.

I. Other:

Webmaster position - TeamUnify has simplified this job. Susan Huckleby (with help from Curt Jacobson) will be taking this position over from John Heryla.

Fitter & FASTER

2016 Swimposium - We have a spot. Tony will need to get it all setup. He will work with Lanni to make sure we get it turned in.

7) Resolutions and Orders

8) Adjournment – General Chair Curt Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Peters, Secretary

Long Course Season 2015

| Meet | Date | Location |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | May 2-3, 2015 | |
| | May 9-10, 2015 | |
| 2015 BOZ May Classic | May 15-17, 2015 | Bozeman, MT |
| 2015 MT Swim HOD Meeting | May 15, 2015 | Bozeman, MT |
| | May 23-24, 2015 | |
| | May 30-31, 2015 | |
| | June 6-7, 2015 | |
| | June 13-14, 2015 | |
| | June 20-21, 2015 | |
| 2015 MAC Firecracker | June 25-28, 2015 | Missoula, MT |
| | July 4-5, 2015 | |
| 2015 HLST Last Chance Meet | July 11-12, 2015 | Helena, MT |
| 2015 Big Sky State Games | July 18-19, 2015 | Billings, MT |
| 2015 Senior Sectionals | July 14-18, 2015 | Greshem, OR |
| 2015 LC State | July 25-26, 2015 | Bozeman, MT |
| 2015 Polson Bay's Water Days | July 31 - August 1, 2015 | Polson, MT |
| 2015 Age Group Zones | August 5-8, 2015 | |
| 2015 Senior Zones | July 28-August 2, 2015 | |
| | August 8-9, 2015 | |
| | August 15-16, 2015 | |
| | August 22-23, 2015 | |
| | | |
| | | |

Proposals 2014

Proposals that the Executive committee wants to support.

Curt Jacobson

Proposal 1 – Yes – Pull by Susan

New Swim Meet fees.

I want to propose that all sanctioned meets, open time trials (more than one team), dual meets follow the same meet fee schedule payable to Montana Swimming with the exception of High School State and the Big Sky State Games. All the rates would be the same going forward. 1-99 is \$5.00, 100-199 is \$8.00, 200-349 is \$12.00 and the new one would be 350 and above would be \$16.00 I also want to add one more level for all meets with over 350 swimmers we have another tier of \$16.00 per swimmer.

Passes: 25 For, 2 Against

Proposal 2 – Yes

Sanction Fee's

I want to propose that all meets have the same sanction fee associated. The sanction fee would imposed would be \$20.00 per sanction. The exception to this is the High School State meet.

Proposal 3 – Yes – Pulled by John

I want to change the meet financial report due date from 45 days to the following. The per swimmers fees and the Meet Manager fees report both must be mailed in 20 days from the last day of the meet. The meet financial report must be filled out and emailed within 45 days. If the fees are not paid in the 20 days and/or if the meet manager report is not send and/or if the meet financial report is not emailed in in 45 days the club cannot hold another meet until the fees are paid, the late fee and all the required the reports are received. **Late fee is \$100.**

Passes: 25 For, 1 Against

Proposal 4 – Yes – Pulled by Susan

Montana Mixed Meet –

I want to Budget for \$12,000.00 per year. Set up a committee with some coaches and athletes to help flush this out more. This money is to be spent on the kids. The club that bids on this must get all of the pool and other costs under written by the community.

These are some ideas around the meet...I propose that Montana Swimming hold 2 mixed meets a year to help build the swimmer base. The first meet we put on was very well received. I propose that Montana Swimming fund this meet with approximately \$6,000.00 per meet. They must turn in a report that tells us where they spent the money. This money is meant to be spent on the kids that attend this meet. These funds are to be used to provide lunch both days and dinner the first night, snacks throughout the event and some sort of swag for each participant, for example a water bottle, caps, t-shirt, bag and or towel. I also want to pay the coaches

that help at these meets with some compensation. The clubs that want to do this will also need to try and raise money from their local communities. I would also propose that the cost is kept to a maximum of \$20.00 - \$30.00 per participant. If there is extra money it goes back to Montana Swimming. We provide a lot of support for the AAA swimmers, Senior and Age Group Zone attendees. This would be a way to involve the swimmers who do not fit into those categories. In order for us to build our base we need to provide events for swimmers that may not have fully committed to swimming yet. This is to get kids more interested in swimming and to hopefully keep them engaged and swimming past 12-14 years of age. We need to limit the number of swimmers to 100-150 kids MAX. Also need to limit the number of coaches that get paid from Montana Swimming. This needs to be rotated around the state. Any club can do this. We could plan this out to 1-2 years for places to hold it.

Passes: 23 For, 4 Against

Proposal 5 – Yes – Pulled by Susan

I want to limit the Montana Swimming total championship meet ~~bid budget~~ to \$16,000 for all meets. The Montana executive committee will set the maximum per meet of for each meet before putting out to bid for each session. The highest overall cost Montana Swimming will pay for a meet will be set by the Montana swimming executive board. The following meets, B-C Championships, Short Course Championships and Senior Championships and for the long course session it is Long Course Championships.

Passes: 22 For, 5 Against

Proposal 6 – Yes – Pulled by John and Susan

Proposal 5 replaces the policies & procedures wording. Bids for all championship meets will be all inclusive. The bid must include have all the costs of the meet including pool rental, parking rental, the fee paid to the host team. The only thing that Montana Swimming pays for above this fee is for awards. We will no longer talk about the \$2500 fee that Montana Swimming will pay the club for hosting the meet. The bids must include all costs.

Passes: 23 For, 3 Against

Proposal 8 – Yes – Pulled by Susan

I want MT Swimming to pay for TeamUnify for all the clubs in the state. I want to put a \$10.00 surcharge on every MT Swimming **athlete** registration, **annual and seasonal**, to cover this cost. **This will not include outreach registrations. This will take effect for 2016 registrations.**

This does not effect and kids that pay the reduced fee. This only is for the swimmers that pay for annual or sessional swimming. We have \$2000.00 in the budget right now each year to help the smaller clubs pay for TeamUnify that was used in the past to pay for our website hosting and times. TeamUnify gives us a free Montana Swimming website because of our deal. The teams that use it find it very useful and it cuts the time needed to run a lot of the club functions.

Passes: 27 For, 0 Against

Proposal 9 – Yes – Pulled by Curt

The Montana Officials annual meeting / clinic will be held on the Saturday of the Fall HOD meeting in the same location.

If the meeting can't be held that weekend, due to a conflict with another MTSI event, it must be held within the two weekends before the MTSI HOD meeting date.

Rational: This will allow all the officials to schedule their time and give them a better opportunity to attend.

Passes: 27 For, 0 Against

Proposal by Lisa Keyes

Proposal 12 – Yes – Pulled by Susan

AG Zones Eligibility

Montana Swimming new Zones bonus swimmers

1. All swimmers making a zones cut will be first available to swim 6 events
2. Each LSC has 160 bonus swims available.
3. Remaining bonus swims after qualifiers will be divided evenly amongst bonus zones swimmers.
4. Top 4 swimmers in a zones event for an age group will be considered for bonus swimmers. If any spot(s) is occupied by a zones qualifying time head coach may only consider the remaining top 6 ranked swimmer.
5. For 2015 age group zones: Ranking used will be at the conclusion of the short course season (end of age group regionals or senior sectionals).
6. Time of commitment will be set by head coach or zones coordinator.
7. If a bonus swimmer qualifies during long course season. This swimmer shall be considered with all other qualifiers.
8. Who is responsible for this selection will go to the Zones Coordinator and the two coaches for that meet.

Rational: goal is get more swimmer to represent team Montana. At least get 4 swimmer per age group and gender. To relays for all age groups and gender. This will create much more opportunities to swimmers while at the same time creating more of an all-star selection for Team Montana.

AG Zones is an All-Star meet for 14 and under swimmers. Montana Swimming has brought nearly the least amount of swimmers to the meet over the last two years. There are Western Zone time standards that many LSC's use as guidelines but each LSC has their own criteria by which their zone team is formed. I propose that Montana Swimming use the Western Zone time standards as a guideline, but that swimmers attaining a time that is within a certain time frame from the cut also make the team. This would not pertain to the 4 events recently added in the 11-12 age group (200, fly, back, breast, and 400 IM), times which have already been padded.

Examples of possible eligibility requirements in addition to making a cut is making the cut within .4 seconds for a 50, .8 for a hundred, 1.6 for a 200, 3.2 for a 400, etc... or the 1st fastest time in that event by age group after the times of zone qualifiers in that event in addition to being within a certain time frame. That would increase numbers but not by so many that it would be beyond the Zones budget.

Passes: 26 For, 1 Against

Submitted by Dr. Tony Popp

Proposal 13 - Yes

Proposal: To switch the MTSI "Mission" statement (beginning "Montana Swimming is the...") with the "Vision" statement (beginning "To be the standard...").

Rational: In meetings in Colorado Springs with USA-S and approximately 17 other LSCs, Our Vision Statement was used by USA-S as an example to all as a "near perfect" Mission Statement. USA-S LEAP personnel suggested we switch our Vision and Mission statements.

Proposal 14 - Yes

Proposal: To create a Zones records Relay category in for Team Montana State Records with all the rights of Montana teams. Male and Female or mixed relays, all age groups, all relays.

Rationale: Montana Swimming supports the Zones qualifiers and recognizes them as a "Team" with swag, uniforms, dinners, coaching, etc. The relay teams are comprised of qualifying athletes of MTS and should be given consideration for their good work. By creating a category for these relays it will create more reason to compete in the relays and create more fun and excitement for the athletes. I suggest the records be reviewed at least from 2010 to the present, but a verified relay swim from prior years may be considered for the record. This new category does not replace the current relay team designation; it is in addition to the single MTS club relay records.

Merle Gunderson

Proposal 15 – Yes – Pulled by Curt

The following requirements are to be added to Official Policy and Procedures Section 9

General requirement for trainees: All **may** register as Apprentice Official with Montana Swimming and USA Swimming and take the Athlete Protection Training (APT) prior to starting deck training. At the end of 60 days as an apprentice official the trainee must join Montana Swimming and USA Swimming as a non-athlete member.

9.4 Timer: minimum age -11

General: There is no certification, education or training required of a lane timer except a brief pre-meet meeting. Performance is to be monitored by Chief Timer during the meet.

Certification

Certify after passing USA Swimming Timer's Test and satisfactory performance at one meet. It is recommended that the Chief Timer should be certified.

Renewal

Certify after passing USA Swimming Timer's Test. Based on satisfactory performance.

9.5 Clerk of Course: minimum age - 21

General: Except for championship meets, there is no certification required for the Clerk of Course (computer operator) except a brief review of the rules from the referee.

Certification

Certify after passing USA Swimming Clerk of Course Test. It is recommended that the Clerk of Course should be certified at all meets. Certification is required at all Montana Swimming Championship Meets.

Renewal

Certify after passing USA Swimming Clerk of Course Test. Based on satisfactory performance.

9.6 Stroke & Turn Judge: minimum age - 19

May not officiate at a meet in which they are competing.

Certification

Read and study the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations – Article 101

View the USA Swimming Officiating Swimming DVD

Work on deck with a certified official who has a minimum of one year certification as a stroke and turn official (when available at meet) for a minimum of four sessions (over two meets) with the following minimum time on each stroke:

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| a. Freestyle | 1 Hour | d. Butterfly | 3 Hours |
| b. Backstroke | 3 Hours | e. IM | 3 Hours |
| c. Breaststroke | 3 Hours | f. Relays | 1 Hour |

(Only certified officials may disqualify swimmers; however trainees should gain experience observing stroke and turns, maintaining position, filling out forms and talking to swimmers under the supervision of a trainer.)

Complete and Pass the USA Swimming on line Stroke and Turn and Timers Tests

Be evaluated and approved by a deck referee and/or trainer on meet report form with a copy going to the Officials Chair.

Attend an official's clinic and complete certification within one year of attending.

Return a completed application to the Montana Swimming Officials Chair.

Maintaining Certification

General:

General renewal requires working a minimum of four (4) sessions at two different USA Sanctioned meets per year in stroke and turn or higher capacity and based on continuing evaluation.

State Meets:

Work six short course sessions as stroke and turn or higher capacity to have preference to work the Short Course State Meet.

Work four long course sessions as stroke and turn or higher capacity to have preference to work the Long Course State Meet.

~~-Each day worked will count as a session~~

-A day that is more than 4 hours may be counted as a session, at the referee's discretion. (e.g. someone that only works a few hours on an 8 hour day should only be credited with one session)

-An officials training meeting of more than one hour will count as a session.

-One non-USA sanctioned High School meet may be used to earn sessions. However, the Referee should file an officials report with the Montana Swimming Officials Chair for those who worked.

The Montana High School State Meet is usually an Observed meet and as such counts as any USA meet.

Recertification (after a lapse in certification)

Take USA Swimming on line Stroke and Turn and Timers recertification tests.

Attend an official's clinic or have a referee or chief stroke and turn discuss all stroke and turn changes that have occurred since you last worked a meet.

Work on deck with a certified official who has a minimum of one year certification as a stroke and turn official for a one (1) meet with observation of all strokes.

9.7 Relay Take Off Judges – Must be certified Stroke and Turn Officials

9.8 Chief Judge – Must have one year's experience as a certified Stroke and Turn Judge and be currently certified.

9.10 Starter: minimum age - 21

Certification

Be a member of USA Swimming.

Must be a certified stroke and turn official for a minimum of one year & have work five sessions as such.

Read and study the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations – applicable sections Article 101 – 105

Must attend official's clinic.

View USA Swimming Starter DVD.

Complete and Pass the USA Swimming on line Starters Test.

Work on deck with a certified starter at least 4 hours observing and 8 hours starting under supervision over two meets for five sessions with trainers approved by the Officials Chair or his designee. (Trainee may not make the call to disqualify)
Be evaluated and approved by a deck referee and/or starter trainer on meet report form with a copy going to the Montana Swimming Officials Chair.
Return a completed application to the Montana Swimming Officials Chair.

Maintaining Certification

General:

General renewal requires working a minimum of four (4) sessions at two USA sanctioned meets per year in starter or referee and based on continuing evaluation.

State Meets:

Work six short course sessions to have preference to work the Short Course State Meet.
Work four long course sessions to have preference to work the Long Course State Meet.
-Each day worked will count as a session
-A day that is more than 8 hours may be counted as two sessions at the referee's discretion. (e.g. someone that only works a few hours on an 8 hour day should only be credited with one session)
-An Officials training meeting of more than one hour will count as a session.
-One non-USA sanctioned High School meet may be used to earn sessions. However, the Referee should file an officials report with the Montana Swimming Officials Chair for those who worked.

The Montana High School State Meet is usually an Observed meet and as such counts as any USA meet.

Recertification (after a lapse in certification)

Take recertification test.

Attend an official's clinic or have a referee discuss all stroke and turn rules and start changes that have occurred since you last worked a meet.

Work one hour of forward starts and one half hour of back starts with a certified starter.

9.11 Referee: Minimum age – 21

General:

Must be a certified stroke and turn official and starter for at least one year.

Read and study the USA Rules.

Be familiar with the positions of announce, clerk of course, chief judge, timer, timing judge and meet marshal.

Complete and pass all USA Swimming officials tests with 80% correct.

Be a member of USA Swimming.

Be meet manager for one meet.

Work the timing console and computer for one meet.
Apprentice on deck for a minimum of six sessions over three meets with at least 2 different referees.
Submit two letters of favorable recommendation from two referees.
Attend all pre-meet officials meetings.
Return a complete application to the Montana Swimming Officials Chair.

Maintaining Certification

General:

General renewal requires working a minimum of six (6) sessions at USA sanctioned meet per year in stroke and turn, starter or referee with at least one session as referee and based on continuing evaluation by the officials chair or his designee.
Attend referee's clinic and/or take USA Swimming online tests every two years.

State Meets:

Work six short course sessions as starter, stroke and turn or referee to have preference to work Short Course State Meet.
Work four long course sessions as starter, stroke and turn of referee to have preference to work Long Course State Meet.
-Each day worked will count as a session
-A day that is more than 8 hours may be counted as two sessions at the referee's discretion. (e.g. someone that only works a few hours on an 8 hour day should only be credited with one session)
-An officials training meeting of more than one hour will count as a session.
-One non-USA sanctioned High School meet may be used to earn sessions. However, the Referee should file an officials report with the Montana Swimming Officials Chair for those who worked.
The Montana High School State Meet is usually an Observed meet and as such counts as any USA meet.

Recertification

Retake all USA Swimming online officials tests.
Attend a referees clinic or have a referee discuss all rule changes that have occurred since you last worked a meet.
Work one session as an assistant deck referee.

9.12 Administrative Official: minimum age – 21

General:

Maintaining Certification

General:

Recertification:

Passes: 29 For, 0 Against

Proposal 18 – Yes

Montana Swimming, INC. Officials Policy and Procedures Section 6

Add to Officials Policy and Procedures 6.7

Proposal 4 6.7 Officials Recognition Program

1. Excellence in Officiating Award

A. Will be held at the MTSI's Annual Officials Meeting ascertained via ballot by a majority of currently registered MTSI officials, if that quorum is not in attendance an email will be sent out requesting nominations, allowing two weeks and then on week three an email ballot will be sent out allowing two weeks to return the ballot.

B. Voting process overseen by the MTSI's Official Committee.

C. All MTSI's registered officials are eligible for the award.

2. Mark Hallgrimson Memorial Stroke and Turn Award

A. Will be held at the MTSI's Annual Officials Meeting ascertained via ballot by a majority of currently registered MTSI officials, if that quorum is not in attendance an email will be sent out requesting nominations, allowing two weeks and then on week three an email ballot will be sent out allowing two weeks to return the ballot.

B. Voting process overseen by the MTSI's Official Committee.

C. All MTSI's registered officials certified as Stroke and Turn or Chief Judge.

Rational: This allows the majority of MTSI official to be represented and have a vote for the nominated officials. It also follows the coach recognition programs.

Proposal Withdrawn

Curt Jacobson

Proposal 7 - Withdrawn

Zones meets, we need to reevaluate these meets. We need to make sure we are paying our coaches a fair price for each day of this meets. I am not sure what needs to be done but I would like the Jake, Jade and Lisa talk about this. If they feel a change should be made then they can make it.

Proposals that executive committee doesn't support.

Submitted by John Heryla

Proposal 10 - No

State Meet Timing Volunteers

Proposal:

We propose that at State Championship meets (Short & Long course State, BC, and MT Senior Meet) volunteer allocations for lane timers shall be based on a ratio of the number of swimmers per club attending the meet, not a flat team assignment per lane.

Rationale:

At State meets it is unfair to expect a team with 6 swimmers attending to provide the same number of lane timers as a team with 60 swimmers attending.

Withdrawn by John

Proposal by Lisa Keyes

To Montana Swimming

Proposal 11- No

Required 5-10 minute cool down breaks during a championship meet.

I propose that it be required to insert 3-4, 5-10 minute breaks per session for swimmers to cool down whenever there are swimmers aged 11 or older participating in that session, during any Montana championship meet if a cool down pool or lane is not provided throughout the duration of the meet.

There are a number of sources on the web that promote warming down in the pool after racing.

Fails: 4 For, 22 Against

Proposal 16 - No

Montana Swimming, INC. By Laws 604.5

Proposal 2 The Montana Officials annual meeting / clinic will be held on the Saturday of the Fall HOD meeting in the same location.

If the meeting can't be held that weekend it must be held either two weeks before or two week after on a Saturday of the selected date.

Rational: This will allow all the officials to schedule their time and give them a better opportunity to attend.

Withdrawn by Merle

Proposal 17 - No

Montana Swimming, INC. By Laws 604.1

Add to By-laws as 604.1.5

Proposal 3: OFFICIALS COMMITTEE CHAIR – Officials Committee Chair shall be elected, in even numbered years for a two-year term, or until a successor is elected. The election of the Officials Committee Chair shall be conducted during MTSI's annual officials meeting by a majority of the MTSI Official Members in good standing present and voting or, failing that, at a time and place and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors.

Rational: This is consistent with the way Montana Swimming Inc., elects the Coach's Representative and Athlete Representatives.

Passes: 22 For, 5 Against

Mark Johnston

Proposal 19 - No

Brief: In this summer's Long Course State Championship, there were several events where everyone who swam in the prelims qualified for finals regardless of time: They only had to finish legally. Due to the nature of the prelims seeding with mixed age-groups, two prelim heats in the morning session became three heats in the finals, one of them only had two swimmers. There were also several 10&Under/11&12 events with fewer than 8 entries for each age group.

Proposal 19A: In Championship (Prelims/Finals) meets, all events with fewer than or equal to the number of finalists shall be swam as a "timed final" in the prelims session. At the meet referee's discretion, short breaks may be included in the finals to replace the timing of the deleted finals heats.

Proposal 19B: In Championship (Prelims/Finals) meets, where entry numbers dictate, all events with fewer than or equal to the number of finalists shall be swam as a "timed final" in the finals session. At the meet referee's discretion, short breaks may be included in the prelims to replace the timing of the deleted prelims heats.

Not sure if this is the exact wording, but hopefully, you understand the intent.

Fails: 1 For, 27 Against