

Montana Swimming  
Executive Board Meeting  
March 16, 2015  
WebEx/conference call  
Approved - April 13, 2015

**Present:**

Tony Popp - President  
Craig Smith - Treasurer  
Tami Peters - Secretary  
Rosanne Flann - Safety Coordinator  
Shelly Sobek - Safe Sport Coordinator  
Lisa Keyes - Age Group Vice Chair  
Andrea Schmidt - Graduated Athlete Rep  
Alyssa Boese - Sr. Athlete Rep  
Darya Peters- Jr. Athlete Rep

**Absent**

Curt Jacobson - Admin Vice Chair  
Richard Allen - Finance Vice Chair  
David Berkoff - Program Development Co-Vice Chair  
Kyle Potter - Program Development Co-Vice Chair  
Kirby Beierle - Technical Planning Chair  
Jacob Byrne - Coach Representative  
Sami DuVal - Graduated Athlete Rep  
Patrick Brennan - Sr. Athlete Rep  
Brendan Campbell - Jr. Athlete Rep

**Business**

1. President Tony Popp called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM
2. Tami will check what past minutes have been approved, and which are awaiting approval.
3. **Athlete Reps reports/updates:**
  - a. Andrea - Introduced newly elected athlete reps: Brendan Campbell and Darya Peters. Congratulations! Competitive season has calmed down - Senior sectionals went well. Younger athletes on MAC are focused on NWAG sections this coming weekend.
  - b. Alyssa - BAC has an Olympian coming for a Fitter & Faster clinic.
  - c. Darya - Excited to be elected; has been swimming for 11 years and wants to get more involved with USA Swimming as a whole.
4. **Mixed Meet (April 18-19, 2015):**
  - a. Shelly - Sent an email out to teams and coaches about the Mixer Meet - very little response so far. Currently no commitments from coaches or teams outside of Bozeman. Shelly encouraged athlete reps to help promote the meet to their teams, boards, and other swimmers. Schedule and arrangements are well under way and

looking good. Flyers were handed out at State meet; these will be circulated again to teams and coaches.

- b. Tony will work to promote the event in the NW corridor. He will be in Pheonix, AZ for the General Chair's annual meeting the same weekend as the Mixer so will not be able to personally attend.
  - c. Lisa - April 18-19, 2015 is the same weekend as the Grizzly Triathlon in Missoula. This could be effecting some of the MAC swimmers' ability to attend as many of the older swimmers get involved with the triathlon. Lisa will visit with coaches to at least encourage the younger swimmers to attend the Mixer.
  - d. Shelly will coordinate with Curt on exact method of registration of swimmers. Registration needs to happen fairly soon to allow time for purchasing and arrangement of supplies for athletes numbers.
  - e. Rosanne will promote the meet within the Billings teams.
5. **Zones update:**
- a. Lisa - Lots of people attended the Zones meeting at State. Interest in Senior Zones seems to be up compared to last year. Condo block in Maui for Age Group Zones has been made for \$119/night. All other arrangements moving along well and on schedule.
6. **LSC Coach mentoring program:**
- a. USA Swimming has a grant available for coach mentorship. Value around \$4,000. Deadline for applying is in about one month. Tony will circulate information for all to review.
  - b. Shelly - Jake Byrne may have been working on this about a year ago. We should touch base with him to see what he has accomplished.
7. **Spring HOD meeting (Bozeman, May :**
- a. In Bozeman, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, Magnuson Grand City Hotel, 8:00pm or about 30 minutes after the conclusion of session I of the May Classic Swim meet - whichever is sooner.
  - b. Please send any topics for discussion at the HOD meeting to Tony.
  - c. Short Course meet schedule for 2015-2016 will be set. We should try to have dates laid out and organized prior to the meeting for time considerations. Tony will contact Merle (who may have done this in past years) or Kirby, our technical planning chair about getting this done.
  - d. Phillips 66 award nominees welcomed. Forms are available on the USA Swimming website.
8. **Strategic Planning Session: (April 25, 2015)**
- a. La Quinta in Helena (both conference and sleeping rooms available). Quoted price of \$79 for room for any wanting to spend the night.
  - b. Second session (in the afternoon): Arlene wants two topics from us that we need help with and would like to cover. Possible examples: LEAP process, mentoring coaches, promoting swimming... Any suggestions?
    - i. Tami - How can teams work successfully with communities to build, repair, and keep pools running in the promotion of the sport?
    - ii. Rosanne & Lisa - Recruiting volunteers, especially officials, to keep teams running.

- c. Arlene will want a rough idea of numbers of attendees soon. Tony will email invite out; please send him your intent to attend. We want as many members there as possible, athlete reps included. Would like to have at least one additional representative (other than HOD members) and athlete rep from each team.
9. **Treasurer:**
- a. Craig - We may need to clear up the billing for Team Unify websites for some of our teams; there may have been a few incidents of double billing.
10. **Next conference call meeting:** Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:00 PM.
11. Tony adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM, none opposed.

Submitted by Tami Peters - Secretary