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Montana Swimming
Executive Board Meeting
June 23, 2016
WebEx/conference call
APPROVED - January 9, 2017

Present:

Tony Popp - President
Curt Jacobson - Admin Vice Chair
Matt Yovich - Finance Vice Chair
Tami Peters - Secretary
Lanni Jacobson - Registrar Times Chair/LSC Time Officer
Jade Sobek - Technical Planning Chair
Susan Huckeby - Information Technology Chair
Shelly Sobek - Safe Sport Coordinator
Mrs. Toni Popp - Age Group Vice Chair
Darya Peters - Sr. Athlete Rep

Absent

Craig Smith - Treasurer
Pam Harder - Safety Coordinator
David Berkoff - Program Development Co-Vice Chair
Kyle Potter - Program Development Co-Vice Chair
Kirby Beierle - Coach Representative
Merle Gunderson - Officials Chair
John Heryla - Records Coordinator
Brendan Campbell - Sr. Athlete Rep
Olivia Bauman - Jr. Athlete Rep
Hannah Stevens - Jr. Athlete Rep

Business

1. President Tony Popp called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM
2. Tami was not able to join the meet until 8:23 PM. Notes taken by Susan:
 - a. Susan gave a report on the Western Zone Diversity and Inclusion Camp held in Salt Lake City last week.
 - b. Matt and Tony reported on the Build a Pool workshop they attended June 11-12, 2016 in Missoula.
3. **Athlete Reps reports/updates:**
 - a. Darya -Working a lot and practicing was hard today.
4. **Senior meet (November 5-6, 2016):**
 - a. Tony sent out the bids received for the Senior meet. MAC and Butte have both submitted bids.
 - i. Butte's proposed date: November 5-6, 2016.

- ii. MAC's proposed date: November 13-13,2016.
 - b. Susan gave an update on the Butte pool. Butte YMCA has been working diligently to rectify the past problems experienced with the sand filtration system and resulting water quality. The system seems to be working well now. They will rake the sand again in August during their annual cleaning to be sure the sand is clean.
 - c. Jade and Shelly's concern with hosting the meet in Missoula is the length of the day for the senior athletes swimming prelims and finals. Last time Missoula hosted the meet the age group meet in the middle was very long; warm-ups beginning close to 6am and finals concluding close to 10pm.
 - d. Curt pointed out the difficulties with hosting a senior meet in Montana. It's tough due to the limited number of swimmers. Questions were raised about the cost and efforts of putting on the senior meets and if it's really worth it for the limited number of swimmers qualifying and attending a senior level meet (currently about 80 athletes in the state at this level).
 - e. Several ideas were discussed towards getting enough swimmers to attend to make the event worth the effort, as well as balancing the size of an age group meet in the middle so the senior swimmers are not competing in finals until 10pm at night.
 - f. Recommendation from the executive board to the host team: If an age group meet is hosted in the middle of the day, be sure to take precautions to keep the time line of the meet reasonable for the senior prelin/final swimmers.
 - g. Another idea: Set up a meet file that incorporates both the non-qualifying and qualifying swimmers as different meet events. Only the senior swimmers will come back for finals. This will allow for sufficient time between swims for all swimmers. Need to also keep in mind the 4 hour requirement for the younger swimmers. This idea is sounding like the best idea so far towards making the senior meet a viable option.
 - h. VOTE - MAC will be awarded the bid for the Senior meet, given the above discussed stipulations. None opposed.
5. **Bids for the State SC Champions meets:**
- a. Polson was awarded SC State and Butte Y was awarded B/C Championships
 - b. Both teams, being new to the bidding procedure, bid a \$0 for the meet.
 - c. We have budgeted \$4000 for each meet. Tony purposes to extend \$2500 to each team for hosting the meets. This would absolutely be a one-time activity. Some members feel this would be a terrible precedent to set.
 - d. Lengthy discussion around the fact that MT Swimming has money to spend on opportunities for swimmers, but we cannot get teams/volunteers to organize these events. Swim camps, AAA camps, mixer meets, etc. Questions raised if we should hire a coordinator to set up and organize events in multiple cities around the state. Concluded that this is a great idea, but needs to be a proposal for the Fall HOD.
 - e. Summary:
 - i. Idea to offer Polson and Butte funds in good grace is not supported by the board.
 - ii. A paid position as 'Montana event coordinator' should be a proposal brought to the Fall HOD.
 - 1. Shelly will begin working on the foot work for this coordinator position and have a proposal ready for Fall HOD.
6. **Next conference call meeting: 8:00PM, Tuesday, July 26, 2016.**

7. **Tony adjourned the meeting at 9:29 PM, none opposed.**
8. Respectfully submitted by Tami Peters, Secretary