

## **Proposals that the Executive committee wants to support.**

### **Proposal 1 – John Heryla**

Allow all swimmers with “B” times to compete at the BC meet, regardless of their State qualification status. Replace the ELIGIBILITY language in the B-C Championship Meet contract to read:

ELIGIBILITY: All swimmers must be registered athletes with USA Swimming and Montana Swimming for 20xx. Swimmers may enter any event in which they do NOT have a “BB” time or better, in any course (SCY, LCM, SCM), since January (20xx – 1). Swimmers 8 & under may enter any event for which they do not have a state qualifying time in any course.

January (20xx-1) will be replaced with the actual date of the previous year’s January. I.E. in Feb 2014 the date will read January 2013.

### **Proposal 3 – Revised Susan**

The MT Swimming Officials would like to request funding of up to \$100 per year for an annual award recognizing the outstanding stroke and turn official in the LSC. The award will be voted upon by the officials at their (Voted at Short Course State or Long Course State, instead of annual meeting to get more people participating on it) annual meeting and only officials certified (**no higher than**) as a chief judge or stroke and turn are eligible to receive the award.

### **Proposal 6 – Revised**

The MT LSC Senior Development chair will conduct an IMX challenge each year with the scores being tallied from September 1 – August 31. The short course awards will be given out following the short course season (after 3/31). The long course awards will be given out following the long course season (after 8/31). There will be three awards for each course; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> by age group and gender.

### **Proposal 9 - Revised**

This fund is already in place and it is called the Nagashima fund. It allows for any family in need to participate in an upper level meet to request funds. MT swimming will fund this fund up to \$2000.00 per year or add money enough to get it up to \$4000.00 in the fund, whichever is less.

### **Proposal 10**

Swimmers that are invited by USA-S to attend a “Select Camp” (National, Zone, Zone Diversity) may submit in writing to be reimbursed up to \$300 for travel to the MT Swimming Treasurer if the families had to pay for the travel costs and reimbursed no more than the costs or \$300.00 whichever is less. We will add to our budget \$1200.00. Reimbursement can be submitted after completion of the camp and up to 3 months after the last day of camp and must include receipt for flight or if attended by car, mileage will be reimbursed at the government rate.

### **Proposal 11**

MT Swimming will use the OME system to register for the State Meets.

Rational: The OME system is the most accurate system to register for times, updated registration information and accuracy. The system will also automatically account for Altitude adjusted times. It is a simple system to use and will save the meet registrar many hours verifying registrations and entry times. Payments can be submitted by credit card or Team Check , unless MT Swimming would not like to pay the fees for Credit Card transactions.

## **Proposal 12 – Craig Smith**

**Location:** 5.1.6 D of Mt Swimming Official Policy and Procedure.

**Purpose:** Meet entry fees are Mt Swimming’s 2nd highest revenue item and there currently is no penalty for clubs who fail to or delay payment. These fees are a portion of the fees collected by the club in advance so should pose no impact as long as they stay current

### **Proposed Addition (underlined):**

5.1 Sanctions/Approval

.6 Reports and Remittances

D. Financial Statement - The financial report and per athlete fee balance shall be mailed to the MT-S General Chair or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet. A \$100 late fee will be assessed for reports and payments not received to MT Swimming within forty-five (45) days of the

## **Proposals Withdrawn by maker**

### **Proposal 7: withdrawn Richard Allen**

MT Swimming will use funds from the purchase of Specialty License plates to purchase awards for the Short Course portion of the IMX and IMR Challenge program.

#### *Justification:*

Awards for the IMX/IMR Challenge last year cost MT Swimming a little under \$300. To date, specialty license plate sales have resulted in just under \$600.

### **Proposal 8 withdrawn Richard Allen**

Billings Aquatic Club will donate the awards for the Long Course portion of the IMX and IMR Challenge program for a period of three years (2014 – 2017) after which MT Swimming will assume responsibility for supplying these awards.

#### *Justification:*

BAC is one of the largest swim clubs in Montana and as such believes we should be actively involved in recognizing excellence in MT Swimming Athletes throughout the state. The period of three years should allow MT Swimming to build a more solid foundation of yearly revenue through the ongoing purchase of Specialty License Plates and Corporate Donors allowing MT Swimming to assume this cost at that time.

## Proposals that executive committee doesn't support.

### Proposal 2 John Heryla

Allow only swimmers who have not achieved any rated time to compete at the B-C meet. Replace the ELIGIBILITY language in the B-C Championship Meet contract to read:

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### Proposal 3 Original Susan

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### Proposal 4 Susan

In seeding the 15-21 year old finals at championship meets, if there are full heats of 15-16 and 17-21 year olds in any event, the heats would be seeded by age group rather than by time.

### Proposal 5 Susan

Montana Swimming would promote swimming within the state to encourage young people and their families to join Montana Swimming. Promotions would include public service announcements, press releases, and other information to promote the sport of swimming. (The new permanent office staff person would be in charge of the promotions.)

### Proposal 9 – Proposed and modified by Richard

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**For clarity, current balance of the fund is \$3,000. I support the above language - Craig**

MT Swimming will use \$5,000 of its 2014 general budget to invest in the two travel funds already managed by the LSC for MT Swimming Athletes who qualify for and attend higher level meets - \$2,500 each. This is in addition to currently budgeted funds, if any. Additional funding sources/plans for these accounts will be established by the Executive Committee of MT Swimming and presented at the Spring HOD Meeting. **(Richard votes yes on adding additional money from the general fund. Currently the Nagashima fund is less than \$2,000. When it was initiated, it was initiated with \$10,000. The MT LSC has failed to support this fund in the past and has allowed the fund to dwindle to almost nothing. If**

**we are truly trying to send more swimmers to upper level meets, this fund needs to grow to a level that can support that effort. \$4,000 in the fund will only support 20 applicants. If we are going to limit the fund, let's limit it at \$50,000. Obviously, this cannot happen in one year from within the LSC but let's not limit the total amount in the fund to such a paltry amount. If the LSC is truly focused on making decisions for the benefit of the swimmers, this fund is one that directly benefits the swimmers of this LSC. Let's not short change it.)**

*Justification:*

Many clubs within USA Swimming are already recognizing the need to establish scholarships for underprivileged, financially challenged, underserved athletes to participate in the sport of swimming at the club level and have begun the process to complete this. There are fewer organizations that have funds to help offset the financial burden of success in the sport of swimming. USA Swimming has an account that helps offset national level meet travel expenses and MT Swimming has similar funds but has not chosen to invest in these funds annually. The athletes who qualify for higher level meets face similar expenses as those who compete at the national and junior national meets and are equally representatives of MT Swimming. Their work and effort to achieve these goals should not be crushed simply because their families cannot afford to travel to the meet without some assistance. MT Swimming should, as much as feasible, support the efforts of these athletes and provide financial support to those families whose athlete would otherwise not be able to represent themselves, their club and MT Swimming during these higher level meets. Additional and ongoing funding for this endowment could be achieved through taking a percentage of every corporate sponsor's donation added to a percentage of every championship meet's registration fees. Each MT Swimming affiliated club could also pledge to raise \$500 a year for the fund. The particulars of ongoing funding can be developed by the Executive Committee of the MT Swimming Board of Directors.