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## General Chairs Report

We completed round one of LEAP and now we have to start round two of LEAP. It is due 11/30/14. We are going to start working on it again over the next 4-5 months. I want it completed before the May HOD meeting so all the items can be approved at the meeting. Then I want to start on LEAP level 2 and have it completed by the Fall HOD Meeting in 2014 so they two can be approved at the fall meeting.

We still need to have Billings Y and Missoula YMCA do a TeamUnify demo. This is part of our deal with TeamUnify. It could cost all the other clubs a little over \$200.00 more if they don't.

There was a lot of talk about Open water swimming and that we should look into it for each of our LCS's. It is not an easy thing to get into. They say we should start small with a clinic first for the parents, swimmers and officials then follow it with an Open Water pool swim. This sounds really interesting and a few of us at convention talked about doing this within the next year.

At the General Chairs meeting we talked about the plans to meet again in Mesa on 4/27 around the Grand Pre meet. This meeting will be like last year where we talk about what needs to be done in our Zone and try and get a plan for the future.

We also talked about Senior and Age Group zones and how our Zone has really taken the Senior Zones & Age group meet to the next level. We had over a 1000 athletes, 5379 splashes, 427 relays at Seniors. At age groups we had 529 kids and over 3300 splashes.

The Western Zone is going to take \$.50 per splash and \$1 per relay and put it to a fund to over some expenses of officials that come to the meet. They have also now added \$2.00 per splash to get two officials from each LSC to come to the Zones meet. This will pay for their hotel costs for attending this meet. These two people will be chosen by our LSC. One will be a more experienced and one will be a newer official. The hope was by this group that MT swimming would cover the travel for these two people. We will have to look into this to see if we can add it to our budget.

Very important new rule for the butterfly and breaststroke. The hands must be apart at the touch(not on top of each other and touching). We need to make sure that all officials and swimmers know about this new rule. This rule takes effect on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

There is a new backstroke devise that will be permitted for kids to start with. It is a bar that kids can put their feet on to help them with the start so they don't slip on the pads at the start. This bar will be removed by the officials after the start.

I had a meeting with Todd the general chair of IE. We have put a time line of October 15 we will post the job description and opening. We will ask for resumes and the person has to be living in Montana or IE LSC to apply for the job. Most likely the job will be a contractor job and it will pay about 22K-25K. We hope to start interviewing these applicants by 11/15/2013 and have the person contracted by 12/1/13. They would officially start on 1/1/14. This person will most likely do all the following things for our two LSC. Swimms, Registration of all athlete and non-athletes, keep the clubs abreast of certifications and deadlines, answer the phone, training on TeamUnify to help clubs, setup classes for coaches training, Website upkeep, and other taskes to be determined by the General Chairs and Admin chairs of the two LSC's.