



Montana Swimming Inc.
Senior Development Report
October 5, 2013

	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
<u>Expenses:</u> AAA Awards (12 & Under)	\$273.93	\$600
AAA Camp (13 & Over)	\$4525.62	\$2500
<u>AG Development (IMX plaques)</u>	<u>\$292.50</u>	<u>\$3000</u>
Total	\$5092.05	\$6100

IMX Challenge: Great success for 16 and under. Still struggling to get 17 and over category filled. I am still working to get representation from all MT teams participating in general. Coaches have the ability to log-on to Deck Pass to print certificates for their swimmers for participating.

AAA Awards: TYR Equipment Bags with MT Swimming logo.

AAA Camp: 23 out of 36 swimmers with AAA times attended camp that was held in Bozeman. Kirk Ermels was the coach and did an awesome job. Surveys were very positive. Hope to work out some kinks in the future. Survey Monkey was used to help solicit feedback to improve future camps. Many kids would like it to be longer, will have to balance funds with length of camp. Also many kids looking for yoga/Pilates instruction. We received very positive feedback overall from healthy/enough food selection and pool/hotel accommodations. Did not experience any issues with Code of Conduct and Coach Kirk, Coach Jade, and Coach Brett enjoyed the time with the swimmers. Swimmers reported (in order) top 3 activities: Swim Sessions, Rock Climbing, Sante Fe Reds dinner/movie. 100% of participants stated that they received individual feedback during camp that was new to them from coaching staff. Overall, swimmers reported that AAA camp motivated them most to continue to achieve AAA times and prepare themselves to swim in College. I am looking forward to planning another great AAA camp next year. AAA camp additional funds over budget provided through the Senior Development Budget. Coach Kirk Ermels provided additional materials for all MT coaches from camp-please e-mail if you would like a copy of the materials from AAA Camp.

Up Coming Ideas/Changes:

1. Montana Swimming Challenge Changes – Will be done for the competitive calendar for BOTH courses, NOT done by only short course season with hopes to increase participation. Awards will be given once per year after August verses current distribution in March.
2. Clinic for 12 and Unders
3. Open water clinic – many LSC offer some events. See if it is viable option to explore.

Convention Experience:



It was a great experience. Things to take note are

- Dues changes coming up \$2 increase per year for next 10 years to keep up with insurance and legal costs and increase in USA-S staff the past few years.
- Some rule clarification for 2 hand touch: They must finish separated (not hand over hand) and simultaneous.
- New developments are in the works for backstroke starts--possibly something available by January.
- Peer to Peer session: stressed that we need more parents and athletes to take the online training courses.
- Bridging Gaps session: talked about how we need to bridge the Gap of generations and how leadership, values, loyalty, and respect are communicated and upheld.
- Real Talk-College Swimming: Division I you get 5 official visits regardless of which Division of school you visit. (i.e. if you go to 4 Division I schools and 1 Division III school, you do not have any more official visits to take).
- Age Group Zones will be in Maui, HI in 2015.
- USA-S is funding grants for mentoring programs for coaches.

Respectfully submitted by Coach Jade Sobek, Senior Development