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General Chair report

We have started the Leap Process over again. We have to have it completed by November 1, 2014. At this time we are also working on Leap level 2. There are some financial incentives to MT swimming if we accomplish it by the deadline.

Tony and I both came up to the same conclusion regarding the shared services agreement that we have been working on. We both agree that our goals and IES goals are not the same at this time. At this point we feel we need to put it on hold for now, and use the money in better ways to help our kids.

Richard and Tony went to a mighty 2500 meetings to help LSC with less than 2500 swimmers to help grow their base. The executive board has been meeting monthly via conference calls to add some new initiatives to help the younger kids. We decided to focus on the 12 and under swimmers and make it fun and exciting for those swimmers. Once a swimmer is between the ages of 13-15 they usually know they want to stay in the sport. We need to get the younger kids excited about swimming and help them make swimming their sport of choice.

Richard and Tony came up with a few ideas from the meeting and Montana Swimming implemented the first one this spring on April 26th and 27th in Missoula. The new meet format is call the Mixed Meet. We had a good turnout for our first try and the feedback we received from parents and swimmers were that they loved the format of this weekend event. We hope to hold similar events at least twice a year around the state. I want to thank Jade and Shelly for helping run the meet. I also want to thank all the coaches that helped at the meet to make this successful:

Jade Sobek, BOZ; Shelly Sobek, BOZ; Kyle Beachaun, HLST; Dave Berkoff, MAC; Katie Hearl, MAC; Mike Turner, MAC; and Stephanie Reinwald, MAC.

I also want to thank the athlete Reps that were able to participate and help at the mixed meet:

Andrea Schmidt, Hailey Jacobson and Patrick Brennan.

I have been working with TeamUnify to get the last of the teams up on TeamUnify. I will be talking to each of the clubs that remain to hopefully get their clubs up and running. All the clubs that are using it have found it helps manage and run their clubs. It helps with communication with all the club members.

I want to thank all the Athlete Reps for all their hard work on the Mixed Meet. Thank you again.

Curt Jacobson