

## **Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**

October 8, 2006  
Helena, Montana

The Fall 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at Jorgenson's Hotel in Helena by General Chair Susan Huckleby. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, and the Agenda are attached to these minutes. A roll call sheet is also attached listing those members in attendance. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

It was moved to accept the Spring 2006 Montana Swimming minutes with one change. The minutes listed the name Larry Halstrom. It was changed to Lars Halstrom. The motion passed.

Larry Johnson introduced Mike Salzstein as a guest at the meeting.

### **Report of Officers:**

**General Chair** – Susan Huckleby gave verbal and written report with video from the Pan Pac games.

**Administrative Vice Chair** – Di Robinson gave a verbal report.

**Program Development Vice Chair** – Lisa McCarthy gave a verbal report.

**Program Operations Chair** – Di Robinson reported on zones.

**Finance Vice Chair** – Helen Houlihan reported on the license plates.

**Secretary** – Jamie Bleskin had no report.

**Treasurer** – Larry Johnson presented a cash flow statement and budget. The budget has a slow cash drain. Income is about \$35,000-\$36,000 and expenses can easily exceed the income. The single biggest budget item is zones at \$23,000-\$25,000 annually. If the license plates are sold, then a portion of that money can go towards zones and a cap would be placed at \$25000 for zones. Montana Swimming pays about \$575 per swimmer to attend zones and the swimmers spend about \$400 each.

**Coaches' Representative** – Helen Houlihan reported on the all star camp and the coach meeting at Long Course State.

**Athlete Representative** – Sarah Huckleby gave a verbal and written report. Sarah would like to encourage each team to have an athlete representative and forward their contact information to Sarah or Major.

**Jr. Athlete Representative** – Major Robinson gave a verbal report.

**Safety Coordinator** – Merle Gunderson gave a verbal and written report.

**Technical Planning Chair** – Susan Huckleby reported that Jason James resigned his position as he has joined the army.

**Membership Registration Coordinator** – Niki Bronec reported an increase in athlete membership of 78 swimmers. Nine clubs reported an increase in athlete registrations. There were two open water registrations and 134 seasonal athletes.

**Officials Chair** – Susan Huckleby read a letter from Lanny Logan. Randy Vook is the new officials chair and gave a verbal report.

**Records Chair** – Laurie Brennan had a written report.

**Adapted Swimming Chair** - Diane Dean gave a verbal report.

## **Old Business:**

**Convention** – Larry Johnson, Di Robinson, Sarah Huckleby, Major Robinson and Susan Huckleby gave verbal reports. Larry Johnson was presented with a life membership to USA Swimming by Montana Swimming at convention.

**Montana Swimming Pin:** It was moved, seconded and passed that Montana Swimming purchase an LSC pin as per Sarah Huckleby's proposal from the May meeting.

**State meet name change:** It was moved, seconded and passed to change the name of the Short Course Championships to the Montana Swimming Spring Junior Olympics. The Long Course Championship name will be changed to the Montana Swimming Summer Junior Olympic Championships.

**Northern Plains Quad All Star Meet:** The meet will be held in Hardin April 14-15, 2007. The qualifying times will be the four fastest swimmers in each event, age group and sex who apply to attend the meet. Entries will be due the Tuesday after Age Group Sectionals to Lisa McCarthy. The executive board will select a coach for the team from applications received at the Spring Junior Olympic and determine the coach's compensation. T-shirts for the meet will be ordered as well as caps for Team Montana.

## **New Business:**

The following attached proposals were discussed and voted upon at the Montana Swimming House of Delegates meeting October 8, 2006, in Helena.

2006 Montana Swimming Proposals

**Proposal 1:** Endorsement of the Montana Cancer Control Coalition position on clean air.

The Montana Cancer Control Coalition in conjunction with its partners the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Society, and the American Heart Association are preparing an aide for public use in locating those facilities that meet the 100% smoke free criteria in their service to the public. At present the facilities are limited to bars, casinos, hotels, and motels. This certification exceeds the levels required under the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2005. Use of such a website would aid in promoting businesses that follow these criteria and would be used whenever possible. The website is [smokefreemontana.org](http://smokefreemontana.org) can be viewed but is scheduled to be promoted as of October 13, 2006 as a resource when we schedule our travel.

Rationale: They would like the support of organizations such as ours that supports healthy lifestyles and exercise. US Swimming currently has policies in place against smoking and drug usage. This could help all involved in swimming to make those choices we all want to reduce our exposure to second hand smoke and smoking.

Submitted by Diane Dean

*Passed*

**Proposal 2:** By-law Housekeeping Change: Change all references in the by-laws to USS or United States Swimming to USA Swimming or USA-S.

Submitted by Susan Huckleby

*Passed*

**Proposal 3:** By-law 606.6.3 Change: Change the word “four” to “six”.

The by-law would be changed to read: “Except for the secretary, treasurer, records coordinator, technical planning committee chairman, membership/registration coordinator, no individual member who has been elected by the House of Delegates and served *six* successive years shall be eligible for re-election to the same position until a lapse of two years. A portion of any term served to fill a vacancy in the position shall not be considered in the computation of this successive terms limitation. This change expires in 2008”

Rationale: Montana Swimming has a limited contingency of qualified volunteers who can commit to the obligations of serving in essential leadership positions. Concurrently, elected officials experience a learning curve that is exponential in nature during their first term. Therefore, when the elected official is at maximum potential and efficiency, their term is over. Hence, to empower Montana Swimming with the ability to maintain a stable and consistent program, I think we should allow qualified members to serve an additional term.

Submitted by Deidre Loyda

*Passed as amended.*

**Proposal 4:** Assistant Zone Coach – When the age group coach of the year is not available to attend, coach, or participate as a zone coach; it will be by selection from applications. Selection by head coaches to be announced by the May Montana Swimming LSC meeting. This is a decision which should be made by fellow coaches for their representative of this meet.

Submitted by Helen Houlihan

*Passed*

**Proposal 5:** Rename the Montana Swimming Short Course and Long Course Age Group State Championship meets as the Montana Spring or Summer Junior Olympics.

Submitted by Larry Johnson

*Withdrawn as this item was passed earlier in the meeting.*

**Proposal 6:** Eliminate the men's team championship and the women's team championship from the state meets.

Submitted by Larry Johnson

Failed

**Proposal 6b.** Eliminate the second and third place men's and women's team trophies from the state meets.

Submitted by Niki Bronec

*Passed as amended.*

**Proposal 7a)** Creation of an appointed Information Technology (IT) Chairperson

**Proposal 7b)** Creation of an Information Technology (IT) Committee.

- A) The General Chairperson shall appoint an Information Technology (IT) Chairperson. The IT Chair shall serve as the LSC Times Officer to enter meet results into the SWIMS data base and other LSC times data bases and serve as the LSC Top 16 Tabulator. The IT Chair shall report to the General Chair and the Administrative Vice Chair. The IT Chair shall make such reports as required by USA Swimming, Montana Swimming, the Board of Directors, the General Chair, and the Administrative Vice Chair. The IT Chair shall serve as the chair of the Information Technology (IT) Committee and shall direct the works of the committee. The IT Chair shall serve a two year term and may be re-appointed. The IT Chair may be re-appointed to successive terms without limit.
- B) The Information Technology Committee shall consist of three and no more than five members including the IT Chair. The General Chair shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the IT Chair, the members of the IT Committee. The IT Committee shall be chaired by the IT Chairperson. The IT Committee shall develop, maintain, and update all the

LSC web sites; publish the LSC Top 10 lists for all course after each season; maintain and update the LSC Proof of Times data base; and provide any other reports or information required by the LSC. The committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. The first year the committee is appointed, half the members shall serve one-year terms and the remaining members shall serve two-year terms except the IT Chair.

Submitted by Susan Huckleby and Lisa McCarthy

*Passed*

**Proposal 8:** To clarify some duties of officers:

- A) The Coach Representative shall have charge over the senior all-star team and the all star camp and the responsibilities that come with the senior all star team and camp.
- B) The Program Development Chair shall have charge over the junior all star team and the responsibilities that come with the junior all-star team. The Program Development Chair shall have the responsibility to develop programs for the age group athlete members of Montana Swimming.
- C) The Program Operation Chair shall have charge over the Montana Swimming Zone Team and the responsibilities that come managing the zone team.

Submitted by Susan Huckleby

Rationale: This is some housekeeping language to clarify which officers are responsible for these programs in the LSC.

*Passed*

**Proposal 9:** Proposals for consideration at the Fall Montana Swimming House of Delegates meeting to be held the first full weekend in October should be submitted to Montana Swimming by September 1.

Submitted by: Susan Huckleby

Rationale: This is a housekeeping item. It gives a standardized date for proposals to be submitted.

*Passed*

**Proposal 10:** Time Trials – Time Trials held in the Montana LSC should follow a format including entries by current team members and members of Montana Swimming. The time trial swims should take place at a designated time period, place, and only swimmers who are going to participate in the time trial should be in the water. For example: time trial held from 10am – 12noon and all swims included on this time trial list should take place at this time. Not prior to and not later than the designated time.

Submitted by Helen Houlihan

*Failed*

**Proposal 11:** For the MT Junior B-C Championship Swim Meet

For swimmers that have in the past swam qualifying state championship times, but not within the required time period as allowed by MT Swimming to qualify to swim at the MT Swimming State Championship meet. To disallow swimmers thirteen and older from entering the MT Junior Championship Swim meet, but are allowed to enter the time trial offered at the conclusion of the Junior B-C meet. That times swam at the time trial will be accepted by the MT Swimming State Championship meet, just as those times of the Junior B-C meet are accepted.

Rationale: A swimmer had swam age group club in the past, it has been longer than the fourteen months allowed and times are no longer qualifying. Swimmer now wants to swim at State Championship swim meet. Under the eligibility the swimmer could swim at the Junior B-C meet, but this swimmer is truly over qualified for this meet. The swimmer has the opportunity to swim six events, three each day, at time trials to qualify for swims at the MT Swimming State Championship.

Submitted by Sussie Thompson

*Withdrawn*

**Proposal 12:** Closed Decks for Championship Meets – During all sanctioned championship meets the area around the pool (or at least 3 sides) will be designated for swimmers, coaches, and officials only. Parents are considered spectators and should not be allowed near the ‘wet’ areas. This includes 8 & under parents. This will discourage parent coaching and parent access to coaches & officials. In Bozeman, the parents could be limited to the bleacher side only. In Missoula, again, parents would be limited to the upstairs bleachers only.

Submitted by Helen Houlihan

*Failed*

**Proposal 13:** Montana All Star Camp – Continue to run camp at the discretion of the Coach’s representative on dates, times, cost, location, and camp format. The camp format is for 13 years or older with a AAA time in their age group or better, but not limited to this achievement group based on the number of participants.

Submitted by Helen Houlihan, Peak Waves Swim Team

*Passed*

**Proposal 14:** Reimburse \$100 to each Montana Swimming certified official who officiates all days of the Western Zone Championship meet.

Submitted by Larry Johnson

*Passed*

**Other new business:**

**Budget:** Larry Johnson discussed Budget for 2007

Revenue

USA reg	21,600	
Sanction fee	400	
Entry fee	14,000	
		\$36,000

Expenses

Equipment repair	1,000	
New Equipment	2,000	
Awards	500	
Meetings	5,000	
Coaches Mtg	600	
Zones	20,000*	
All Stars	1,000	
Nationals	1,000	
Insurance	1,600	
Misc.-Swim Connection	2,000	
Meeting	800	
Program Development	500	
Postage	450	
Development	2,000	
		\$36,450

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If \$5000 or more is raised from the license plate sales and the zone team is large enough, the zone budget will be increase to \$25,000. A motion to pass budget as presented, moved and seconded.

It was discussed that the zones budget be estimated for the next 3-4 years so the information could be given to the parents so the parents would know how much to budget for zones for each swimmer.

**NAIA Swimming:** Susan Huckeby is pursuing the possibility of adding swimming as a championship sport I the NAIA Frontier Conference. Larry Johnson will ask the LSCs in the Western Zone to write letters of support for this request. Mike Salzstein also suggested that USA swimming would write letters of support.

**JD Pence Sponsorship and Speedo Contract through JD Pence:** The delegate discussed asking JD Pence to become an LSC sponsor with a banner on our website at a price to be determined. The delegates also voted to pursue a contact for Speedo sponsorship of the zone team.

**Worker's Compensation Insurance:** Susan Huceby researched the possibility of Montana Swimming contracting for worker's compensation insurance for all the member teams to reduce the insurance premiums. After discussion, the delegates voted to not pursue the matter further.

### **Elections:**

Elections were held to fill expired terms as set forth in the Montana Swimming By-laws. All positions are 2 year terms. The new officers are:

General Chair – Niki Bronec  
Administrative Vice Chair – Brian Robinson  
Program Development Vice Chair – Susan Huceby  
Treasurer – Larry Johnson  
Records Coordinator – Laurie Brennan  
Membership Vice Chair – Lisa McCarthy.

Lisa McCarthy was appointed the IT Chair.

The Technical Planning Coordinator position was left vacant.

### **Committees:**

Nominating Committee: Lars Halstrom, chair, randy Vook, Susan Huceby

Policy and procedure manual: Brain Robinson, chair, Diane Dean, Susan Huceby, Steven Bradford.

Program Development (Age Group): Susan Huceby, chair, Deidre Loyda, Jamie Bleskin, Sussie Thompson, Rebekah Huceby, athlete.

Board of Review: Larry Johnson, chair (official), , Janine Martin (BAC) (parent), Deidre Loyda (coach), Hannah Halstrom, athlete, Josh Huceby, athlete. Alternates: Russ Eidman, Major Robinson.

Technical Planning: No chair was designated as there is no technical Planning Coordinator.

Members include Sussie Thompson, Steven Bradford, Susan Huceby, and Russ Eidman.

**Long Course Meet Schedule:** The tentative schedule is attached to these minutes.

Host for Long Course State will be Missoula, July 27 – 29, 2007

### **Resolutions and Orders**

It was moved, seconded and passed to destroy the ballots from the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, General Chair Susan Huceby adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m.