

MONTANA SWIMMING

July 20, 2006

To All Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

Enclosed are the minutes of the May Meeting held in Bozeman on May 20, 2006. Please review the enclosed minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting and let me know before August 9, 2006, if they do not. If I do not hear from anyone by August 9, 2006, I will assume they are satisfactory.

Please copy freely and make available to your club members.

Thank you,

*Jamie Bleskin*

Jamie Bleskin, Secretary  
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**Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**May 20, 2006**  
**Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana**

1. Roll Call
2. Review, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Report of Officers, Coordinators, and Committee Chairs

General Chair

Administrative Vice Chair

Program Development Vice Chair and Program Development Committee Report

Program Operations Vice Chair including the report on Zones

Finance Vice Chair and Coach Representative including report on coach clinic

Secretary

Treasurer including the financial report and budget

Athlete Representatives

Safety Coordinator

Technical Planning Chair and Technical Planning Committee Report

Membership Registration Coordinator

Officials Chair

Records Chair

Adapted Swimming Chair

Policy and Procedures Manual Committee

4. Old Business
  - a. Report on Junior B-C Championship Meet
  - b. Meet paperwork
  - c. Meet timing issues
  - d. Lightning guideline reminder for meets
  - e. Athletes on board of review
  - f. Change in personnel for SWIMS data base and Top 16 tabulator
  - g. Scholastic All American applications
5. New Business
  - a. Proposals
  - b. Officials at zones
  - c. Club Leadership Business Management School at Whitefish, Kim Holmes Montana trip
  - d. Swimposium October 7 in Bozeman – change in fall HOD meeting location and day
  - e. All Star Camp
  - f. Josh Davis Clinic at Whitefish
  - g. Whitefish Open Water Swim Meet
  - h. Selection of Head Zone Coach
  - i. Election of the Phillips 66 Outstanding Volunteer award
  - j. Election of the Male and Female Athletes of the Year

- k. Short Course meet schedule for 2006-2007, Northern Plains Quad meet date, and selection of meet host for the 2007 Short Course State Championships
  - l. Other
- 6. Resolutions and orders
  - 7. Adjournment

**APPENDIX B**

**Montana Swimming  
Spring 2006 Meeting  
Of  
House of Delegates**

Please sign in:

**Officers:**

General Chair	Susan K. Huckleby
Administrative Vice Chair	Diana Robinson
Program Development Chair	
Program Operations Chair	
Finance Vice Chair	
Secretary	
Treasurer	Larry W. Johnson
Coach Representative	
Athlete Representative	
Sr. Rep (voting member)	Sarah Huckleby
Jr. Rep (voting member)	Major Robinson
Safety Coordinator	Steven Bradford
Tech Planning Chair	Jason James
Membership/Reg. Coordinator	
Officials Chair	
Records Chair	

**Club Representatives:**

Ashland Soaring Eagles	
Billings Aquatic Club	Colin K.
Billings YMCA Swim Club	
Bozeman Swim Club	Larry Halstrom
Butte Tarpons Swim Team	
Falls Aquatic Swim Team	Nathan Schultz
Hardin Otter Swim Team	
Wave Ryders Swim Club	Deidre Loyda
Missoula YMCA	Glenn Thane
PEAK Wave Swim Team	
Helena Lions Swim Team	Shane Syndegaard
Helena Family YMCA	Ben W. Dean
Havre Lions Swim Team	
Kalispell Aquatic Team	Chris Engledow

## MONTANA SWIMMING

May 1, 2006

To All Montana Swimming Board of Directors and Clubs,

The spring meeting of the Montana Swimming House of Delegates will be held Saturday, May 20, 2006, in Bozeman, approximately 40 minutes following the conclusion of the swim meet. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined, but will be announced prior to the meeting.

Regular agenda items including old and new business will be discussed at this meeting. Clubs should be prepared to present their nominations for Male and Female Athlete of the Year and the Phillips 66 Award (for the outstanding volunteer in Montana Swimming) in addition to providing dates for the 2006-2007 Short Course meet schedule. The host for the 2007 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championship meet will also be determined at this meeting.

Clubs should submit to me prior to the meeting a letter by mail or e-mail designating who will be the voting member for the team including any alternates. An LSC board member cannot also vote for his/her team.

Officers, please submit your written reports to me by e-mail prior to the meeting if possible. If not, please submit your written reports to me within ten days after the meeting via e-mail. Thank you.

Respectfully,

*Jamie Bleskin*

Jamie Bleskin, Secretary  
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**APPENDIX A**

Proposals for the 2006 Spring MT Swimming House of Delegate meeting:

Proposal 1: Montana Swimming have an LSC pin designed and made.

Rationale: Other LSC's have pins that can be traded among swimmers and adults from different LSC's. Montana Swimming should also have a pin. I propose having a pin in the shape of the state of Montana with a cowboy hat on it and the words Montana Swimming LSC. I will have a design and a cost estimate available at the meeting.

Submitted by: Sarah Huckleby, MT Swimming Senior Athlete Representative

Proposal 2a: The name for all invitational swim meets, not including the championship level meets, sanctioned or approved by Montana Swimming shall be named in the following manner: the year, the host team abbreviation, followed by the meet name. The name shall appear in all electronic files, including Hy-Tek files, and all meet information.

Rationale: An example would be the 2006 MAC Firecracker Classic! Several other LSC's require their meets to be so named. This change would allow for easier checking of meet information, meet results, and proof of time.

Proposal 2b: Montana Swimming championship level meet names shall include the year and the words Montana Swimming followed by the name of the meet. The host team abbreviation shall not appear in the name. The name shall appear in all electronic files, including Hy-Tek files, and all meet information.

Rationale: An example would be the 2006 Montana Swimming Short Course Age Group Championships. This name change again allows for easier checking of meet information, meet results, and proof of time files.

Submitted by Susan Huckleby

Proposal 3: Change the name of the Montana Swimming Short Course Age Group Championships to the Montana Swimming Spring Junior Olympics. Change the name of the Montana Swimming Long Course Age Group Championships to the Montana Swimming Summer Junior Olympics.

Rationale: This change in name is allowed under USA Swimming rules for age group meets in article 201.1.2. Many LSC's have their age group championship meets named the Junior Olympics or J.O.s – Utah Swimming is one such example. This name change would allow for added prestige and possibly would encourage additional media coverage. I also feel the swimmers would feel proud to say, "I qualified for the Junior Olympics."

Submitted by Susan Huckleby

Proposal 4: All championship meet information must be submitted to Montana Swimming for sanctioning three months prior to the start of the meet. The championship meet information must be posted by Montana Swimming two months prior to the start of the meet. If exceptional circumstances occur, Montana Swimming may adjust the time frame if necessary.

Rationale: This proposal would have a standardized time frame for submitting and posting championship meet information within Montana Swimming. The championship meet information is fairly standard and changes are set months in advance so this shouldn't be a hindrance the host team. By posting the meet information in a standardized time frame, people are better able to make plans to attend the meets.

Submitted by Merle Gunderson

Proposal 5: Approve updated Montana Swimming meet warm-up and safety guidelines.

Rationale: The guidelines need some updating and then will be made available to all the teams. The guidelines will be available at the meeting and on the Montana Swimming website prior to the meeting. Examples of the guidelines include: step into the pool for general warm-ups, no swimmer shall step onto the blocks if a backstroker is in the pool waiting to start, no diving in the shallow end of the pool, and if the pool is less than four feet deep at the shallow end of the pool all starts must begin in the pool.

Submitted by Steven Bradford, MT Swimming Safety Coordinator.

**MONTANA SWIMMING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2006**  
**Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana**

General Chairperson Susan Huckeby called the 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting of Montana Swimming to order on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana. The Notice, which was duly and properly given, is found in Appendix A in addition to the Agenda in Appendix B. The signatures on the Roll Call found in Appendix C indicate those present. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

Following review of the Minutes of the October 2005 minutes, it was determined that there were no corrections and they were approved.

**Reports of Officers:**

**General Chair** – Susan gave a verbal and written report.

**Administrative Vice Chair** – no report

**Program Development** – no report

**Program Operations** – Di Robinson has ordered the clothing, the design is done, bus for 13 & over swimmers about \$100, motel reservations okay. Applications ready.

**Finance Vice Chair/Coaches' Report** - Susan Huckeby read report, Helen not present. All Star Camp registration closes Wednesday of this week, need 4 coaches from around the state.

**Secretary** – no report

**Treasurer** – Larry gave report and presented cash flow. All LSC need external audits possible request funding, there was fraud in Idaho and Ohio. Shane asked in regards to the Nagashima Fund for national meets funding needed for swimmers who do you submit requests to – write Larry or President.

**Athletes Report** – Sarah gave verbal and written report. Major gave thanks for new election

**Safety Chair** – Steven gave written and verbal report. Safety handbook is now available on the website. Discussed no camera cell in locker rooms, also discussed illnesses in locker rooms and rec centers.

**Technical Planning** – Jason James would like to propose discussing with Athletic Directors of High Schools to look at moving High School Swim season to August thru November. Discussed having MT Swimming host the State Championship Meet.

**Membership** – no report

**Officials Chair** – no report. Susan stated for those interested in Zone officials need to be in by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Gold Senior Sectionals in Bakersfield – Mid July is in Federal Way, WA.

**Records Chair** – Merle gave verbal report.

**Adapted Swimming Chair** – Ben gave verbal report for Diane.

**Policy & Procedures** – Working on manual

### **Old Business**

*B-C Championships* – Sussie Thompson gave verbal report on results of the BC Championships. Merle discussed new time standards for this meet and will have new proposals for the October meeting for those that are looking at qualifying for the State meet. Talk with Merle or Sussie regarding these.

*Meet Paperwork* - Make sure if you are attending out of state meets that you let her know prior. Sanction payments need to be into Susan prior. Susan also brought up the meet conduct i.e. yelling at officials – emails will follow with warnings and meet referee can ask to have exit the meets.

*Meet Timing* – Merle discussed that the information needs to be brought to the meet referee. Discussed some issues that had happened at Kalispell with pad malfunctions. Losing three referee/officials need to start recruiting – smaller teams recruit one and large teams at least a couple of recruits. Discussed several issues that need accuracy at meets.

*Lightning Issues* – Discussed policy passed last fall. Patty Kump brought up indoor ground, public buildings need to meet code therefore should all be grounded. Bring kids in from outside into indoor pool, wet outside and there are metal railings. Removed from outdoor pool decks and locker rooms.

*Other* - Athletes for Board of Review are Hannah Halstrom(BOZ) and Josh Hucceby (BTST)

Lev Bates is stepping down and Lisa McCarthy taking over for the Top 16 - SWIMS.

(G) Susan read guidelines for the All America Scholarship, all applicants need 3.5 gpa

## **New Business**

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Submitted by: Sarah Huckleby, MT Swimming Senior Athlete Representative

**Proposal 1: Electronic vote will need to be done for the Montana Swimming State Pin. Montana Swimming to pay for initial cost of approximately \$500 and teams will purchase from Treasurer. Sarah will amend shape and design by mid – June.**

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Rationale: An example would be the 2006 MAC Firecracker Classic! Several other LSC's require their meets to be so named. This change would allow for easier checking of meet information, meet results, and proof of time.

### **Proposal 2a: Passed**

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Submitted by Susan Huckleby

Proposal 2b: Passed

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Submitted by Susan Huckleby

**Proposal 3: Tabled until Fall Meeting.**

Proposal 4: All championship meet information must be submitted to Montana Swimming for sanctioning three months prior to the start of the meet. The championship meet information must be posted by Montana Swimming two months prior to the start of the meet. If exceptional circumstances occur, Montana Swimming may adjust the time frame if necessary.

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Submitted by Merle Gunderson

**Proposal 4: Passed – to become effective Fall Swim Meets of 2006, not long course 2006.**

Proposal 5: Approve updated Montana Swimming meet warm-up and safety guidelines.

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Submitted by Steven Bradford, MT Swimming Safety Coordinator.

**Proposal 5: Passed**

*Female and Male Athlete of the Year:*

Jenny Nowatski – MAC  
Major Robinson – MAC

Nominations took place to select these top swimmers.

*Phillip 66 Volunteer*

Nancy Halstrom

Need to list on website all winners from previous years, this is a once in a lifetime award. Also list the previous athlete of the year winners on the web site.

*Zones –*

Discussion regarding transportation for officials to Zones and allowing officials to travel on bus with team. Agreed to allow officials on bus at same bus and team members if space is available and will be on a first come first serve basis. Need to put your name on list and have same deadlines as swimmers.

*Swimposium* was discussed Helena vs. Bozeman. Saturday will be a clinic and Sunday all day meeting. Speakers for Officials, parents, coaches, swimmers – limit to 100 swimmers per session. Cost to be determined

Merle is looking at other locations. Size of pool/class rooms/lunch. Helena has Carroll Pool.

*All Star Camp* – There were 9 swimmers w/ AAA time. MT Swimming board members discussed the budget and fee charges and approved these. Bag of equipment, t-shirt and meals included. No cancellations. 14 and older w/A time now able to attend. 30 swimmers signed up now. Helen had received outside money and donations.

Whitefish will be having Josh Davis on August 26<sup>th</sup> offered to 100 swimmers, updates will follow. Open water swim will be held the next day. \$15.00 fee for 1 meet application for this swim.

*Head Zone Coach – Age Group* – Di Robinson, Lev Bates and Brenden Smith will both be going, MT Swimming will pay for transportation, motel (sharing) and \$50/day pay.

There are 50 qualified swimmers at this point. Brenden will be using pay towards airline ticket in order to fly home for wedding. Seconded and moved.

*Short Course Meet schedule for 2006-2007 and selection of meet host for the 2006 Short Course State Championships – See Appendix D.*

*Background checks – Larry brought up that USA Swimming is working on having background checks done on club coaches and than down the road will be officials. Information available to clubs with permission, pay by whom requesting check.*

### **Resolutions and Orders**

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

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, General Chairperson Susan Huckleby adjourned the meeting.

**MONTANA SWIMMING**  
**Tentative Short Course Schedule**  
**2006-2007**

October 7	MT Swimming Swimposium, Carroll College, Helena
October 8	House of Delegates Meeting, Helena
October 14-15	WRSC, Whitefish
October 20-22	BY Monster Splash, Billings
October 28-29	FAST Snowflake, Great Falls
November 11-12	MAC Fall Invitational, Missoula
November 18	BTST Turkey Splash 10 & Under, Butte
November 30 – Dec 2	US Open, West Lafayette, IN
December 2-3	Teddy Bear, Bozeman
January 20-21	BTST Mining City Classic, Butte
January 27-28	KATS, Kalispell
February 2-4	BAC Invitational, Billings
February 9-10	MHSA High School State, Great Falls
February 17-18	Hardin Red Hot, Hardin
February 17-18	HLST, Helena
February 24-25	Junior B-C Championships, Great Falls
March 2-4	MT Short Course Championship, Missoula
March 6-10	Senior Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
March 23-25	Age Group Sectionals, Federal Way, WA
March 31-April 1	NFHS Rules Meeting
April 14-15	Northern Plains Quad, Hardin
April 21-22	KATS, Kalispell
April 28	Banana Split, Great Falls

**APPENDIX D**

## General Chair's Report

The Montana Swimming short course season once again proved to be exciting. Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the US Open, Senior Sectionals, Age Group Sectionals, Short Course State, and the Junior BC Championships. All the swimmers did a great job!

Congratulations to Erin Popovich of Butte for winning four gold medals and two silver medals at the 2006 SWAD Canadian Open meet held at London, Ontario in April. Competing for the first time in the 400 free, Erin won the event beating the second place finisher, also from the United States, by five seconds.

Erin was also honored in her hometown on February 6. Butte Silver Bow Chief Executive Paul Babb proclaimed the day Erin Popovich Day. Erin was recognized in a courthouse ceremony for her outstanding accomplishments. She also received the traditional Butte ride of champions around town on a fire engine and then was the guest of honor at the opening of the new Butte Family YMCA aquatic center.

We've all heard about the Swim With the Stars swimming camps. At the 2006 Swim With the Stars camps, the greatest swimmers and coaches in the world will train all of tomorrow's stars through a technical, interactive, and comprehensive program. The stars include Michael Phelps, Ian Crocker, Lenny Krayzelburg, Katie Hoff, Megan Jendrick, Kirsty Coventry, and Butte's own Erin Popovich! There is still space available for the June camp in Atlanta if you have a swimmer who would like to attend. It is wonderful to see Erin recognized as one of the greatest swimmers.

Congratulations to the Butte Family YMCA on the opening of their new aquatic facility in February. The beautiful 8 lane competition pool promises to be very fast, has an adjacent fun pool with two lap lanes for warm-up and cool down, and the facility has plenty of room for spectators. The Butte Tarpons are looking forward to hosting meets at this new facility.

Hats off to the Falls Aquatic Swim Team for hosting another successful Junior B-C Championship Meet. The meet was well run and has become a favorite for many swimmers. Also, hats off to the Missoula Aquatic Club for hosting another great Short Course State swim meet.

Thank you to Larry Johnson for serving as the national official's evaluator at Short Course State. This meet was a national certification meet for officials. I have received many positive comments from coaches and parents on what the professional job the officials did at this meet as well as at every meet. My thanks to Brian Robinson and Lanny Logan for setting up the meet.

The Mountain States Coach Clinic hosted by Helen Houlihan at Peak and Montana Swimming was excellent. Forty coaches from several states and Canada attended the clinic in April.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mark Model for his many years of service as an official in Montana Swimming. Mark has decided to hang up his white shirt and retire from officiating at this time. Mark has done a great job and will be missed on the deck.

My husband Ron and I had the pleasure last weekend in Butte to visit with Joyce and Marvin Lanphere from California. Marvin and Joyce are officials with the Pacific LSC and chair the USA Swimming All America Committee. Marvin was honored as a distinguished alumnus at the Montana Tech graduation ceremony. Marvin graduated in 1955 from Montana Tech and has worked in various locations around the world for the Bureau of Mines. It was a pleasure to welcome Marvin and Joyce back to Montana.

Congratulations to all our high school senior swimmers who are graduating this year.

I'd like to thank all the Montana Swimming board and committee members for their service this past year. Your efforts make swimming a better sport in this state. I'd also like to thank everyone in Montana Swimming for the privilege of serving as your general chair. I have met many wonderful people and serving you has been a pleasure. Working together we can achieve our core objectives – build the base, promote the sport, and achieve sustained competitive success. Thank you for being here for the swimmers.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby  
General Chair, Montana Swimming  
May 19, 2006

Dear Montana Swimming,

I have a very good feeling about this long course season. We are getting new swimmers and some new coaches. I hope that all our teams will be able to expand and recruit new swimmers this summer.

We had a very successful short course season. We had a new format at short course state this year where the 9-10 year olds swam timed finals along with the 8 and under swimmers. The general feeling of the athletes was that this was a good change. Many of the 9-10 year old swimmers aren't ready for a long three-day prelims finals meet. Having the prelims swum 11-21 gives everyone a little more competition and a better challenge.

I spent three weeks in Germany after short course state. After returning home, I was in a car wreck on April 1 and was taken to the emergency room. Then the next week, what I thought was going to be a simple kidney infection turned into something much worse and very painful. That night I had emergency surgery in Missoula to open a blockage to my kidney. About ten days after that I had a second surgery in Missoula. My kidney doesn't drain correctly so I have not been able to swim with my team. I see the doctor again in June and he will decide how best to fix the problem. Thankfully I still have my kidney so that's the best news. I miss swimming and am looking forward to when I can come back to practice. Hopefully I'll be able to help out with my team until the doctor lets me swim again.

I was disappointed that Montana Swimming wasn't able to send a team to the Northern Plains Quad meet. I would have loved to have competed at the meet except I was in Germany. I had an awesome time at the meet in Gillette last year and I think it is an awesome experience for the swimmers who are able to compete there. Hopefully Montana Swimming will be able to host the meet next year.

I would like every team to have an athlete representative that Major and I can contact for input on what's happening in swimming, to attend athlete meetings, and to e-mail information to during the year. The team athlete representatives should be high school age or older. Teams may have a male and female athlete representative or just one representative. I would ask that each team send the names, e-mail addresses, and contact information for the athlete representatives to Major and I by June 1.

I also hope that everyone will vote to have a Montana Swimming pin.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the senior athlete representative.

Sarah Huckleby  
Senior Athlete Representative  
Montana Swimming  
May 19, 2006