

# House of Delegates Meeting

May 15, 2010

Bozeman Montana

Meeting was brought to order by Larry Johnson. Brandon Rannebarger moved to accept the minutes and Merle seconded it and it passed.

## Old Business

### Combine the 15-16 age group with the 18-19 age group

It was decided that there was not enough interest to combine the 15-19 age groups yet.

- **Team Montana**

No updates, this was tabled because there were a lot more issues that were more pressing. Merle asked that this item be dropped from old business until it becomes a issue again.

- **Coaches/Officials Meeting – Fall HOD**

Merle stated the meetings went well and that they were very informative. Not many officials attended the meeting but the information offered was good.

Deidre Loyda recapped the Coaches Meeting from Last Fall

- Ten coaches attended and shared many new ideas and we are moving into a great direction. Team Montana has been tabled because of other issues that were identified as more pressing.
- **Fundraiser to sell Montana Swimming License Plates to build funds for the Swimming Program**
  - Curt Jacobson explained that there would be a \$4000.00 setup fee to get it created, we would have to decide what to charge per plate and it could be 3 colors, plus black. Some examples of license plate costs are UM charges \$20.00 per plate, Tech charges \$25.00 per plate, we would have to sell 200 plates in order to cover the costs. We would also have to decide if we charged for renewals. We have to order a minimum of 20 plates and could sell those sample plates. It was discussed that we could use the trailer and timing equipment money to use for the setup fee, but could not get to that money until the CD matures. Merle asked Curt to get more information and possibly put out a proposal in November, the issue is that the only take applications for plate designs twice a year.
  - Brendon Smith moved that we use Montana Swimming funds to cover the upfront costs for the plates, and Kirk Ermels seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - Susan Huckleby stated that we had three designs placed out for voting in the past

- Keegan Kampschroer stated that we could include the previous three designs with some new ones. His mother is a graphic designer.
- Another idea shared would be for each team to provide one option for MT Swimming to view. These choices can be placed onto Montana Swimming website for voting.
- Voting would narrow down the choices to the top three. Then we would choose the winner at Long-Course State.
- Plate designs would need to be submitted by July 1, 2010. Then people would have 3 weeks to look at them and vote. Final votes would take place at LC State.
  - Put a ballot into the Swim Meet Program. Then families can vote and submit their votes at the meet. (must be submitted by an adult)
  - Larry asked who we want to be voting and determining which plate wins. We don't want 8 year olds choosing, but it needs to be chosen by parent who will be purchasing them.
- Curt made a motion to have one license plate design into our webmaster by July 1, 2010. This will be posted onto the Montana Swimming Website for three weeks for voting to narrow it down to the top three choices. The winner of the top three will be voted by the House of Delegates Members. Winning plate will be announced at Long Course State. A picture of the winning license plate will be placed into the Long Course State Swim Meet Program for everyone to see.
- Second to the motion made by Keegan and Merle
- Larry shared that we should set up a plan for what we are going to use the monies earned from the license plate sales.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **All-Star Camp (Deidre Loyda)**
  - Will be held at Whitefish Wave Athletic Club
  - Housing will be for free at the club
  - Pool time will be free at the club
  - Guest speakers are arranged from coaches, personal trainers and former Olympic Swimmers
  - Invites were sent out to 44 swimmers with AAA times
  - This will take place over Memorial Day Weekend 2010
- **Question was asked if we could have any other Camps from Montana Swimming?**
  - Response stated that we've tried many options in the past, but have only had limited responses.
  - Age Group Committee put together a camp last Summer with the Havre Swim Meet with Dave Berkoff and it was attended by 40 plus kids.
  - Deidre shared that the Montana Swimming Camps have not done as well because they have not been promoted as well as it could have been. Many families cannot afford to send their kids out of state to attend swim camps.

- Parents feel that the location is the key. Many of the sites selected in the past and current location has not been affordable for families to drive to (economic times).
- Helena and Great Falls were sites used for camps in the past with limited attendance.
- Larry shared that any suggestions should be forwarded to Deidre Loyda and or Susan Huckleby.
- Tami Peters stated that her husband Ben, has a license to drive a bus and we could arrange for kids to be transported to different areas.
- **Junior All-star awards are in and Deidre Loyda will be handing them out.**
- **Selection of Head Coach for Zones 2010**
  - BAC has 12 kids qualified
  - MYST has 11
  - Helena, Bozeman and MAC each have 8
  - Sheila Potkonjak shared that 66 swimmers have qualified for Zones
  - Kirby was selected as the Head Coach for Zones 2010
  - Kirk from Helena will be attending as well
  - Sheila was concerned that because there was a male and a female coach that it would increase the budget by \$700.00
- **Selection of Phillips 66 Volunteer Award for 2010**
  - Non-coaching volunteer that has not been nominated in the past and who was not a recipient in the past. Someone who has volunteered and helped out Montana Swimming.
  - Susan Huckleby nominated Niki Bronec. She has been the general chair and has done a nice job and was also the past registration chair. She also has been a big asset for MAC and has helped at meets in Missoula and around the state.
  - Merle Gunderson nominated Peter Loyda. He has been extremely helpful with Montana Swimming and has stepped up with the Symposium camps and his team.
  - Recipient for the 2010 Phillips 66 Volunteer Award for Montana Swimming was Peter Loyda
- **Athlete of the Year** (Selected by majority points earned throughout the year and a swimmer who is very active with Montana Swimming in a well-rounded venue)
  - ***Female Athlete and Male Athlete of the Year 2010***
    - Lew Young Nominated by Butte Coach
    - There was some discussion regarding how these athletes were chosen. The rule states that it is based upon the cuts received by each swimmer and each cut has a point value, there is no cut off on age for the swimmer, so an athlete that is registered with Montana Swimming no matter what their age can win this award.
    - Larry shared with Athlete Representatives, Keegan and Lew Young to have a proposal for the fall meeting so that we have a clarification on the compilation of points and age requirements.

- Susan looked at Brittany Szelkley, Miranda Tornatore, Maddie Arciello, Jordan Debby and Lew Yong Gerbrandt in order to figure out who had the highest number of points. Lew Yong had the most points with 595 total points.
  - Lew Young was selected as the female Athlete of the Year 2010
  - David Cromwell has the highest number of points, followed by Matthan Stroethoff, Dave Berkoff and then Keegan.
  - David Cromwell has been chosen as Male Athlete of the Year, if he declines the award then it would go to Matthan.
  - Susan Huceby has offered to structure a “point system” in conjunction with the Athlete Representatives for the fall meeting so that it will be clear for the next time this is awarded.
- **Female Sportswoman of the Year 2010**
  - Kirby nominated Casey Robinson, who has been an athlete rep, zones and sectional swimmer. She teaches private lessons and Kirby feels she has done a lot for Montana Swimming.
  - Susan made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Merle.
- **Male Sportsman of the Year 2010**
  - Kyle Jones from Missoula YMCA nominated by Jake Byrne, he stated that he was a very respectful swimmer and a true representation of what we would like to see in Montana Swimming. Susan Huceby shared support for Kyle Jones
  - Keegan nominated from BAC by Brendan. He felt he is a great role model, great academics and an all around swimmer. He mixed well at convention and is great with other swimmers from around Montana Swimming. Kirby and Susan Huceby shared support for Keegan
  - Donny Nurse nominated from Butte by Lynne Shrader. She stated he has been great at meets, attended Zones. He has a true love of the sport and has been great support for other Montana Swimmers. Deidre Loyda also shared support for Donny
  - A vote took place and Keegan was selected as the Male Sportsman of the Year 2010
- **Can Am Meet – Hardin**
  - Susan Huceby shared information at the upcoming Swim Meet to promote the Native American Swimmers in Montana this Summer in Hardin. She encouraged swimmers, officials and parents to attend.
- **Western Zones for 2010 - Sheila Potkonjak**
  - Handout of Budget Breakdown
  - Bus arranged with 48 seats available. 21 seats are spoken for already.
  - Holiday Inn in San Jose, CA has been booked for athletes and their families
  - Need to have 44 athletes to attend to pay for the cost of the bus
  - Bus cost is \$15,000 which includes gratuity, lodging and food. Cost breakdown is around \$220 dollars per athlete
  - \$320.00 reserves a seat at this time

- \$465.60 per athlete reflect the costs needed to make this trip occur
- Sheila suggested that we should consider funneling more funds out of the budget toward the cost of this trip. It may be a good idea to look into raising some monies to offset these costs in the future.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to pay a \$2100 to reserve the bus
- Question asked - - - if we don't have 44 swimmers going, does the cost go up for each athlete and the answer is, "Yes"
- All of our uniform purchasing will be through SPEEDO. SPEEDO has agreed to give us items "at cost" which will help a lot.
- **SPLASH BASH 2010** offer through USA Swimming (shared by Merle)
  - Materials provided and handed out to those that wanted them.
- **Meet dates for 2010-2011**
  - Question, does Short Course State need to be after BC Championships? YES
  - Kirk recommended moving Short Course State to February because people have felt that there is not enough time between SC State and Senior Sectionals. Merle asked if we considered SC State to be after Senior Sectionals? Kirk stated that it was considered but not too favorably. Kirk stated that BC Championships could be during Senior Sectionals.
  - Kirk stated that we need to plan for where we need to go, versus where we are and what's always been. If kids are not swimming their normal events at State Swim Meet because of Senior Sectionals, then we do not see Montana's best swimmers in all of the events. We are asking the high school swimmers to taper too many times.
  - Butte Coach stated that having meets where the "older" kids are at, it charges the younger kids to want to be there.
  - Merle shared that 30 years ago the State Meet was held in late April or May. Then it was proposed to move the meet to an earlier month to get more of the older swimmers there. Bottom line is that there was no difference in the numbers of older swimmers when moving the date to an earlier time versus keeping it in April or May.
  - Coach Brenden shared that he fills that the older kids in MT Swimming has increased over the years. Why can't we hold BC Championships in early February versus later? He also thinks that we need to be proactive and that in the pool from September to March is a very long time.
  - The question was also posed will it hurt the other 380 swimmers if we move up the meet a week.
  - Susan would like to have the BC Championships and SC State in February.
  - Kirk states that he's been working on this since the Fall Meeting. He'd like to see it change to February 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> for SC State.
  - Vote went out for a selection of SC State Meet to be held on Feb. 25 – 27 or Mar. 4-6, It was decided that Short Course State would be held on February 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
  - Three teams bid for Short Course State
    - Butte
    - Missoula
    - Hardin

- **Short course State will be held in Butte.**
- Merle asked Deidre and Branden to get their Drive-N-Dive dates to him
- Three teams bid for the BC Championship
  - Butte
  - Great Falls
  - BAC
- **BC Championships will be held in Great Falls.**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by Lanni Jacobson**

**September 2010**

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Kalispell Drive and Dive (Sat)

**October 2010**

Oct 2-3 Helena HOD Meeting (Sat/Sun)

Oct 23-24 WRSC

FAST

Oct 30-31 BAC

**November 2010**

Nov 5-7 Missoula

Nov 12-14 Butte

**December 2010**

Dec 11-12 Bozeman

**January 2011**

Jan 8-9 Helena

Hardin

Jan 15-16 Kalispell

Jan 29-30 Helena

**February 2011**

Feb 5 Missoula Drive and Dive (Sat)

Feb 5-6 BAC

Feb 11-12 MHS State

Feb 13 Whitefish

Feb 19-20 BC Championships – Great Falls

Feb 25-27 SC State - Butte