

Saturday, November 12, 2011

HOD special meeting, UM Grizzly Pool

Representatives present:

General chair – Curt Jacobson; administrative chair – Peter Loyda; Program development chair – Jade Sobek; program operations chair – Luann Giammona; finance vice chair – Richard Allen; secretary – Ellen Parchen; coach representative – Deidre Loyda; Sr Rep – Lew Yong Gerbrandt; safety coordinator – Brenden Smith ; technical planning chair – Kirk Ermels; membership/reg coordinator – Lanni Jacobson; officials chair – Merle Gunderson ; records chair – Butch Gerbrandt;

Club representatives: BAC – Matt Marsh; BY – Brent Maas; BAC – Jani Peters; BTST – Ron Huckleby; Deerlodge – Susan Huckleby; FAST – Landon Smith; HLST – Sharon Hardwick; MAC- Eric Smart; MYST – Kirby Majerus;

Athletes at large – Shelby Sechena - FAST; Jordan Loyda- WRSC; Josh Loyda- WRSC; Jenna Marsh- BAC; Brandon Smith BOZ;

Not present: treasurer; jr rep, Ashland soaring eagles, Hardin otters, Havre lions, Peak waves, wave riders swim club

Call to order at 7 pm

1. Proposal 1 – I would like to make a proposal that no meet/event/time trail/dual meet or any other MT Swimming activity happen when there is another meet or event on the same day or dates with the exception of events are further than 350 miles apart. This could be waived if the club that has the date wants to allow for the other club to hold their meet or event. The club giving the permission must notify the General Chair with the exception that they would like to allow. If this permission is not given then it will not be sanctioned.

This would not allow for meets/time trials/dual meets or other activities to happen on top of other meets from other clubs. This can potentially take kids away from the attending scheduled meets. I think this is good for the whole LSC, we need to support as many of the other clubs meets as we can.

Discussion:

- how are meets scheduled when they are not bid at HOD? *people just sign up for them after, and sanctioning goes to chair. time trails are when closer to state,*
- concern re: distance of meets apart, what is a reasonable distance to set re: conflicts – especially mid state teams make it not possible
- some program have a required fundraiser, and have to meet a deadline due to facility timeline, and had to choose dates that might interfere with meets.
- teams have also done time trails to avoid all swimmers doing the mile event at big meets

- what is the bid process for bidding the meet – is it standardized? *Explanation of current process at HOD*

- **suggestion: why not have a standardize bid process, to make it easier.**

Discussion: the way we set up meets now is a dis-service to our swimmers and needing competitions, and most of us agree to it, but we need to be cooperative, and consider what is best for our swimmers

- problems and practicality of teams getting pool time at certain dates, etc, some teams can not hold their big meets in a season without some meets to have an income

- the process needs to be streamlined, and all teams have to account for facility scheduling, but we need to be able to work as a state to support our kids, and deal with scheduling issues, might mean giving u traditional weekends

Recommendation: other LSCs schedule two years out, as a tentative, current year is set in stone, and there is less conflict

- all the more reason to deal with ahead of time and not try and fit it all the choosing dates into one day – **can we agree to submit meet schedule to tech chair, a month in advance, so we can put together best for swimmer ahead of time.**

- is there a reason time trials can not be schedule during the week? For BOZ it is a conflict for facility use, however, other teams can make it happen during the practice schedules, dependent on available officials,

- do we want to exclude swim a thons, and other fundraising events, ? some of which is not known months in advance,

Agreement: meet dates are to be submitted by each seasonal state meet , that then will allow time for technical chair to organize the dates and locations, which then will be presented at HOD meetings. Ie: Spring house of delegate, have **short** course schedule ready to vote in –

**Executive committee can ask that meet date submission be sent to Kirk, with the exception of state bids, and championship meet schedule, things can be changed if needed along the way, can modify proposal for fall HOD

Proposal withdrawn as written, in deference to new agreement.

While on the topic of meets, another suggestion was offered re: the currently charged swimmer fee for meets, but not for time trials,

- if we are sanctioning something and times are going to count, there should be a per swimmer fee, just as there is for a meet.

Discussion:

- If there is no money being made, why would there be charges
 - In a meet other teams/families are coming in and bringing money to team and city to help create a complete environment for meet events
 - A time trial is different in that it is simply attempting to facilitate swimmer getting a time needed.
- if we are going to do that, and want an official time, we charge a swimmer surcharge
- big sky state games does not pay fees, neither does HS state

- in Midwestern swimming if you want times, you pay a fee
- as a parent with 6 swimmers, work on fundraising, not milking parents, there are no awards, still spending pool money for rent, just another burden on the team to charge sanction fee and swimmer surcharge –
- what is the difference in asking for a sanction for time trail and meet? Maybe we charge a reduced fee

it was decided to table this discussion to be further discussed in October

Proposal 2 = I propose that MT Swimming raises the USA Swimming registration fee by \$10.00 per year. With this fee increase MT Swimming will buy all clubs interested Team Unify if they want it For the clubs that will not use Team Unify, Montana Swimming will give clubs whichever is less of the following two options. Montana Swimming will reimburse any clubs who do not wish to participate in Team Unify, \$10.00 per swimmer registered for that particular club but not to exceed what MT Swimming pays for the Team Unify program. We would also refund a total of \$1245.00, which would be split 50/50 between Bozeman and Peak Waves. I have attached the TeamUnify proposal.

For example if a club has 68 kids that paid the \$10.00 extra your club will receive a check for \$680.00 once those fees have been paid for that year's registration. The reimbursement will not be before January 1st and no later than January 31st of each year. If a club has 125 kids that paid the \$10.00 fee increase they would receive back \$700.00 the first year and \$900.00 the second year or whatever amount Montana Swimming pays to Team Unify for their program.

Discussion:

- smaller clubs surveyed have no interest and would rather not pay the fee or have the program
- if we can make this happen, it is a great program for our teams, it can help all of our clubs
- the fee for lsc, as a stand alone cost is \$2500, if the teams were charged \$100/yr registration fee, That allows teams to sign up individually with team unify if they want to.
- As long as MT swimming pays for it with one bill, we get the discount rate, if a team wants to buy in they can pay MT swimming
- If processed as a Montana LSC – we can recruit as needed

Modify proposal – Montana swimming pays for team unify, and then offers the program to the clubs, payment schedule to be negotiated between the club and LSC ie: \$700 this next year \$900. New clubs can get in at negotiated rate with team unify, until they raise rates – clubs make payments to Mt swimming

XX seconded by Kirk, call for vote - all in favor, no opposed

- great program good for teams, but no need to push on clubs that don't want it
- Teams are encouraged to talk to BOZ re: how it works and how it has improved all that it does, if you want to know how it can benefit your team

Proposal 3 – I would like to form an exploratory committee to see if it would be viable for Montana Swimming to bid on holding a Summer Zones Swim Meet in Montana. I would like to form a committee of interested parties and teams to formulate the proposal by the May HOD meeting, if this proposal is acceptable we would then firm it up and present it at the USA Swimming Convention held in the fall of 2012. These meets can be very profitable for the host team, which would be Montana Swimming, and I think it would be a great way to showcase Montana and make Montana Swimming extra income to in turn help our swimmers and coaches.

Discussion:

- possible underwriting fees for the additional costs by the city hosting,
- will attendance be as high given that zones age bracketing has changed?
 - o Missoula does not have some of the disadvantage as Grand Junction
 - o Age bracket change should not change numbers, they are going to lowered standards to maintain #'s at the meet
 - o Senior meet will be just older kids
 - o Could bring in \$20,000 to Montana swimming

- can be hosted by a club, but we will need a large contingent of officials and volunteers, we need to come together as a state to make it a smooth running meet.
 - o boze could not host, due to facility needs and no shallow starts

Voted to have a committee for further work: Susan H, Lanni J, Deidre L, Kirk E, Jade S, Craig S, Brenden, Larry Johnson

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:30 pm