

Montana Swimming Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda

May 19, 2012

Magnuson Grand Hotel-City Center Conference room, Bozeman, Montana

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1. **Roll Call – meeting called to order: 7:00 pm**
Officers and positions in attendance: Curt Jacobson, Peter Loyda, Jade Sobek, Luann Giammona, Kris Hall, Ellen Parchen, Larry Johnson, Deidre Loyda, Abigail Wheeler, Jenna Marsh, Brenden Smith, Lanni Jacobson, Merle Gunderson, John Heryla, Kirby Majerus, and Susan Huceby.
Club Representatives: Lynn Carter BAC, Brett Maas BYSC, Tami Peters BOZ, Maria Hansen FAST, David Evans HOST, Susan Foster HLST, Brandon Rannenbarger KATS, Eric Smart MAC, Kirby Majerus MYST, Patrick King PEAK, Glenna Thon Wave Ryders.
Athlete at Large: Brandon Smith BOZ, Keegan Whelan BTST, Kathryn Heryla FAST, Maxie Scroggs KATS, Hailey Jacobson MAC, Amanda Kump MYST.
Other people in attendance: Ryan Mainard Wave Ryders, Andrea Schmidt MAC, David Berkoff MAC, and Jordan Loyda UNT.
2. Review, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting - passed
3. Announce appointment of new Records Chair and Adaptive Swimming Chair- John will be up for election in fall, Kirby Adaptive chair
4. Questions about any of the officer reports that were posted on the Montana swimming website. – registration report– two columns with shorter number reflects seasonal athletes, with about 72 more in past two weeks.
5. Old Business
 - a. Proposal 14 – Susan Huceby Proposal for change of Short Course State meet format.

Proposal 3 (MT Swimming Proposal 14)

New Short Course State meet format – withdrawn as of 5/19/2012

Montana Swimming will host three short course state championship meets each spring – ‘A’ State, ‘BB’ State and the Junior BC Championships. ‘A’ State will be held generally the week after MHS A High School State meet. (The date may fluctuate depending upon the date of Senior Sectionals.) ‘BB’ State will be held one week after ‘A’ State, and the Junior BC Championships will be held the week after ‘BB’ State or later. Time trials will be offered at both ‘A’ and ‘BB’ State.

This meet format change will not take place until the 2012-2013 season (state meets to be held the spring of 2013.) The delay in implementing the change is to allow for the evaluation of the 2011 MT Swimming Senior Championship meet and to allow teams time to bid for these new meets.

‘BB’ State:

- No changes to the current Montana Swimming Short Course State meet policies, procedures, and rules except a de-qual time will be added.
- The de-qual time shall be: Any swimmer with an “AA” time or faster in any course in any event may not enter that event or the corresponding leg of a relay at the ‘BB’ Short Course State.
- Senior recognition will be held at ‘BB’ State for those athletes competing at the meet.
- The MT Swimming athlete representative meeting and elections will be held at BB State.
- The Spirit award and team awards will be awarded at BB State as per past practices.
- The Excellence in Officiating award will be presented at BB State.

A State:

- To qualify for 'A' Short Course State, swimmers must enter at least one event with an "A" time or faster in any course. The swimmer may then enter any other event with a "BB" time or faster in any course.
- There are no 8 and under events at this meet. Any 8 and under swimmer who has achieved the 10 and under qualifying standards may enter the meet.
- There are no 13 and over 50 yard/meter backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly events at this meet.
- The oldest age group will be changed from 17-21 to 17 and over.
- Athletes may enter seven (7) individual events total with no more than 3 individual events per day. Athletes may enter three relays total with no more than 1 relay per day.
- All individual events for all age groups will be prelim-final events with the exception of the 500 yd/400 m freestyle, 400 yd/m IM, 1000 yd/800 m freestyle and the 1650 yd/1500 m freestyle. These distance events will be timed finals and will be swum in prelims.
- All relays will be swum during finals as the last events of the day.
- Only the top scoring relay team in each age group and sex from each team will be eligible for points.
- The qualifying time will be from January 1 of the previous year through the entry deadline.
- There will be a spirit award and team trophies awarded at 'A' State and selected and awarded in the same manner as at 'BB' State.
- In prelims individual events will be combined and swum (depending upon the event) in the following age groups: 12 and under (for events that may be swum by athletes ages 10&U and 11-12), 11&O (for the 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 400 IM, 1000 freestyle, and 1650 freestyle only), 13&O, and Open for the 500 freestyle.
- Relay events will be swum, scored, and awarded as follows: 12 & Under, 13-14, and 15&O.
- Finals will be swum, scored, and awarded by age group as follows: 10&U, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17&O.
- The event list will remain the same as BB State with the exception of removing the 8 and under events and the 13&Over 50 backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly events.
- Championship scratch procedures will be used at the meet.
- The meet format will remain the same – three day prelims/final meet.
- All relay swimmers must be entered into an individual event to compete at this meet. No relay only swimmers.
- No converted times will be accepted. No 'no time' or 'NT' entries will be allowed for any individual or relay entry. Seeding will be as per Montana Swimming and USA Swimming rules.
- Proof of time must be submitted for all individual entries. Times must be proven through the SWIMS database. Relays do not have to submit proof of time.
- No deck entries except for time trials.
- Scoring will be the same as for BB State.
- Senior recognition will be held at 'A' State for those athletes competing at the meet.
- The remaining policies and procedures for BB State would be in effect for this meet including entry limits, scoring, seeding, and awards.

Rationale: I am proposing this as a means to allow for more competitive opportunities for our Montana athletes.

Submitted by Susan Hucceby

Tabled until May or October HOD meeting

b. Proposal 17 – Dave Berkoff TRI – LSC concepts, report and discussion.

Proposal 2 (MT Swimming Proposal 17)

My second proposal involves the issue I am frankly tired of talking about—lack of competition at our LSC championships. To be blunt, I think we have let politics and old thinking get in the way of what is best for swimming in Montana. Our job—our charge as a member organization of USAS—is to help produce the best and fastest swimmers we can. We are not doing that by having an LSC Championships with half of the lanes empty. It

is also no surprise why our swimmers do so well when they compete at the Sectional and Zones meets every year—they finally get to race against equals.

In speaking with representatives of both Inland Empire and Snake River, they, not surprisingly, have the same problem—empty lanes and a lack of competition. I propose that we hold a Spring and Summer Tri-LSC Championship Meet with Inland Empire and Snake River to take the place of our current MT LSC Championship meet. Again, the devil is in the details, but my thought is that the meet could rotate between the three LSCs upon a bidding system. I propose that we start these meets in 2013 so that we have enough time to put them together. I have discussed this proposal in detail with several Montana, Inland Empire and Snake River coaches and officials and have had very good support.

The positives are obvious. We (1) have a much higher level of competition; (2) we get to see new faces; (3) we get to swim at least four times every three years in a new facility, many times at or near sea level. The obvious downside is that we have to travel further and lose the “old” LSC championship meet. To offset these downsides, I propose three things:

First, at the tri-LSC meet, we keep the local LSC scores and the overall score. That way a Montana champ, a Snake River champ, and an Inland Empire champ are crowned. We also would retain tri-LSC records and local LSC records just as we have in the past.

Second, the new tri-LSC proposal would be limited to 9-10 and higher age groups. This would cut down on the strain (and disincentive) that taking 8 and unders to a far-away meet might pose.

Third, to assure that those Montana kids who might not make the tri-LSC time standards have a place to swim, we would continue to run a winter and summer B/C meet. Doing so would actually expand this program and would boost participation.

I ask that you think about these proposals. Montana Swimming is at a grow or slowly die stage. I think these proposals can help us go in the right direction and will benefit all of us in the long run.

Dave Berkoff

MAC Head Coach

This proposal is to establish an exploratory committee to meet with other LSCs and develop a proposal for presentation at May 2012 Montana Swimming HOD meeting.

10/2/2011 For 22 Against 5 PASS

5/19/12 - Recommendation to have a tri LSC meet – in Missoula, July 5 – 7th, 2013, each LSC puts in \$ for awards, \$ to meet host, revenue split between LSC based on swim numbers, A qualifier times or higher standards, with splash swims possible

- Or Fall meet, Sept – Dec season, late fall championship meet

- And/Or combine LSC for centralized management, having an executive director, paid position,

Discussion: if summer meet is successful is the fall meet added on? After summer meet, consider fall date and location

*As a group we need to approve \$1500 toward awards for our LSC, want awards to be super, MAC and Coeur D’Alene would be putting on food

Motion to approve budgeting: Lynn motioned up to \$2000.00, 2nd, voting results: 29 yes, 1 no

Motion passed.

- c. **Proposal 9 – Kirk Ermels – discuss if we want to change or tweak this. Wording needs to be changed from exhibition swimmers to something else like non scoring swimmers because there are no exhibition swimmers in USA swimming.**

Kirk Ermels, HLST

Proposal 1 (MT Swimming Proposal 9)

Combine the 15-16 and 17-21 Age-groups at the Long Course and Short Course State Meets at Finals. Offer A and B finals for this Age-group.. Guaranteed at least 8 places for 15-16 and 17-21 Age-groups.

Empty lanes will be filled with the next fastest 15 and over swimmers as exhibition swimmers. Athletes will be scored as 15-16 and 17-21.

Rationale: We did this out of necessity at the Montana Short Course Championships this past year and we had some fabulous races that we would not have had otherwise. This made the meet more fun and exciting for the kids. Not only do the fastest swimmers race the fastest swimmers, there is an added level of accomplishment/competition for kids on the border of the A or B Final, and swimmers in the B final will have the opportunity to race kids who are similar in speed. There are a number of different ways we can do this to ensure that we don't take opportunities away from any swimmers and I am open to anything that makes this work. We are a small enough LSC that we need to make sure we are giving kids the opportunity to race the best they can.

Pass

Discussion: in college swims, they are called non-scoring swimmers

- Non scoring swimmers would fill the lanes after the scoring swimmers have been placed in lanes, for finals events
- USA rules and regs meeting June 2nd – item was discussed, “can a meet host fill up empty lanes to enhance competition”, if USA swimming says it is not permitted, this will be null and void but we can decide our LSC process until such time.
 - o Last year(SC state), non- scoring swimmers were placed based on their times, based on how previous proposal was written, fastest kids were in fastest lanes, even if non-scoring
 - o USA swimming will not pass any legislation until the fall meeting
- We need to know consensus for summer meets – re: lane placement in finals:
 - o Wording will be changed to “non-scoring”
 - o How will swimmers be placed?

Proposal: swimmers will be placed as 8 fastest in A heat, and 8 next fastest swimmers in B heat – based on time, whether scoring or non-scoring, and regardless of age. Top 8 out of each age group, if there is that many,

recommended to place qualified swimmers first and non-scoring swimmers next so that qualified swimmers are not displaced

- Final swimmers will be announced, so they know prior to leaving for break
- Heats may have mixed ages.

Motion: change wording from exhibition to non-scoring – motion passed 26 yea, 3 nay

d. Proposal 3 (Special HOD meeting at Senior/MAC meet – Curt Jacobson bidding on Zones.

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

- Age bracket change should not change numbers, they are going to lowered standards to maintain #'s at the meet
 - Senior meet will be just older kids
 - 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.
- 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

Zones format will be changing for 2013 season: Sr zones and Age group zones will overlap, and Jrs

If we are going to bid on a meet recommended that we put in for age group, and wait

- the intention is to balance the gap, between time standards and qual times for upper level meets – Jr's will become an 18 and under Nationals, Zones is the third tier they want to work on , bolstering up the qual times, Age group will be closer to AA times and increase younger ages, 15 and ups will have "softer" Sr Zones cuts to increase participation at that level, and have more swims. Sr zones can swim as Team Montana or swim as Club teams. If a swimmer has a 15 and over time they can go to the Sr meet even if they are younger at this point. There are not any current "disqualifying times". Zones require that you award age groups, Sr zones will swim open, but awarded with an age group element.
- The LSC needs to consider that split for supporting both teams traveling and budgeting.

Motion withdrawn – 5/19/12

e. License Plates

Richard Allan sent this - We have made progress with the graphic artist regarding the license plate design though I do not have a mock up to send for showing at this meeting. I expect to have a draft design of the plate to send to you by the end of the month.

6. New Proposal – Call of special HOD meeting to be at the Spring HOD meeting. This is time sensitive and can't wait until the fall HOD meeting.

a. Proposal 1 – Curt Jacobson – Drop the renewal of Swim Connection and use the money to support the smaller clubs with TeamUnify. I also want to add the money we save on the hosting fees of Montana Swimming's old website.

b. Discussion: Swim connection costs \$1600, and \$300 for web hosting

- a. 9 teams out of 14 on team unify**
- b. You can see how kids compare across MT on the USA swim site -**
- c. Team unify allows for comparing across a team, in order for parents to see times on the LSC site, there will need to be accounts established**
- d. There will have to be information put behind password and account enabled anyway**
- e. Swim connection is not maintaining quality of service, USA swimming offers that same information and don't need swim connection to duplicate that info**
- f. Deck Pass on USA swimming has the info– if we are discontinuing, we will need to communicate to families so they know how to access the information on USA swimming**

allocate funding to maintain the domain name each year – general chair has authorization to pay up to a certain amount.

- f. LEAP – Talk about the information that was submitted. We will have proposals to adopt or modify a lot of the stuff that we submitted for our LEAP that was completed by 4/30/2012. Documents are on the website, and will need to be voted on in the fall HOD. They are in the process of reviewing, as of 4/15/12. We will be given a report as to what needs to be fixed, and will have 6 months to remedy and resubmit.
- g. Talk about the PNS newsletters. If student athletes want to add articles we can post them on the state website. There are pages on the website, if athletes want to submit things simply contact John to get that done.
- h. Election of the Phillips 66 Outstanding Volunteer award
Nominations : A. Lanni Jacobson;
h- Nominations closed, Lanni by landslide ☺
- i. Select the Male and Female Athletes of the Year based on points from submissions (Proposal 1 2010 and Proposal 12 2011).
Based on numbers submitted: 5 females and 3 males Jenna Marsh, Lew Young Gerbrandt, Whitney Peters, Kaitlyn Kleppelid, Emily Sullivan, Chandler Crowe, Brandon Smith, and Peter Kotson
i- Winners are Jenna Marsh 3859 pts and Chandler Crowe 3577
- j. Election of the Male and Female Sportsmen of the Year
Male nominations: # 5, A: Brandon Smith; B: Nolan Bower; congratulations to Brandon Smith
Female nominations: #6 A. Abigail Wheeler; B: Andrea Schmidt; C: Emma Foster; D: Maxi Scroggs
j- congratulations Emma Foster
- k. Set dates for Short Course, B-C Championships and potentially Seniors meet.
A – Feb 22-23rd B - March 1- 3rd
#7 14 for A, 16 for B – March 1-3rd
BC championship – Feb 22- 23rd
k- at this point – no date is set for the Seniors meet (fall); MAC will host a prelims finals meet in November
- l. Selection of location for Short Course Championship meets, B-C Championships and potentially Seniors meet.
Bids for state # 8 A: Butte for SC state(Y will now be asking for fees, Butte is asking for \$2500 above the state allotment, butte will pay the pool rent); (MT swimming pays \$5000)
B: MAC bids -\$2500 ; (MT swimming pays \$0)
C: HOT will bid for - \$1500; (MT swimming pays \$1000)
Butte won the bid for state

BC Championship Bids: # 9
A: FAST bids \$1500 (net to MT swimming is \$4000)
B: BAC bids \$0 (MT swimming pays \$2500)
l- Fast wins the bid for BC
- m. Short Course meet schedule for 2011-2012. See schedule in excel spreadsheet.
- n. Other

8. Resolutions and orders

9. Adjournment 9:20 pm