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Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to report that as of May 11th Montana Swimming had 82 registered officials. This is the fewest officials we have had in several years, so please go out and recruit. I have seen a few people completing their training and hope that when things start up, we will see more people joining.

We had a very successful short course season that concluded with the 2020 Montana Swimming SC State Championship Meet in Missoula February 21-23 and 2020 Montana Swimming B-C Championship Meet in Polson March 7-8, 2020. 41 officials that worked the Short Course State meet over the three days. With this many officials working, the meet ran extremely smooth, and we were able to set a full deck and fill the place judge/order of finish positions as well.

The 2020 Montana Swimming BC Championship Meet was held in Polson. We will need to make sure that clubs that want to host Championship Meets will have the support needed to run the meet. It was difficult to line up Referees for both Championship meets this year, so that is an area we will work on going forward.

Montana Swimming had several officials who traveled and worked upper level meets over the last year, we will see what this summer brings.

As the 2020 long course season starts, I would like to reinforce the need for all teams to step up and work to recruit new officials as we will continue to lose officials each year and the need for trained officials grows. I would like to ask that we continue to add two or more officials from each team every year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officials that have worked meets throughout the last year, and for all your efforts in training and mentoring our new officials. I would encourage all our officials to continue with the training and mentoring of each other. We have a great group of officials in our LSC and I know we all learn something at the meets we work.

If anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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