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Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to report that as of April 25th Montana Swimming had 73 registered officials. This is an increase of 10 officials from this time last year, which means we are moving in the right direction. There are several additional folks training to become officials. We need all the help we can get to put on great meets for our swimmers. Thank you for the work you've done getting new parents involved and please continue recruiting new parents into officiating. This year we added several new referees and starters which is great. Please continue to work your way up, and if you have any questions just reach out to any of our current starters or referees.

We're coming out of the COVID-19 shutdowns and have been able to host several meets that are starting to feel like they used to. As nice as a quiet pool was for meets, it's fun to have the facilities full of cheering swimmers and spectators. Teams are continuing to simulcast meets which is great for friends and family who can't attend in person. I'm glad to see that embraced and continuing.

MAC and BAC hosted the Short Course State Championship meet in Butte. This took a lot of teamwork from everyone to make the meet happen in a city that neither host team was from. It was making the best out of a tough situation. Thank you to all the officials who were able to make this a successful meet for our Montana swimmers. And a special thanks to Susan for stepping up and doing national evaluations for our officials.

The B/C Championship meet was held in Bozeman. The meet was a huge success for the swimmers who attended. We didn't have the number of officials that we had at the State swim meet, but we made it work.

As the 2022 long course season starts, I would like to thank you again for your recruitment work over the past year while still reinforcing the need for all teams to step up and recruit new officials.

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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