

Montana Swimming Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Emergency Meeting
Virtual Teams Meeting
June 26, 2022

Those present included Matt Yovich, Stephanie Boysen, Kristen Wyatt, Caty Flikkema, Tracy Flikkema, Susan Huckleby, and athletes Addy Lewis and Connor Mizner.

Matt called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Stephanie Boysen asked for an emergency executive committee meeting to be called to deal with a pressing deadline regarding the new Online Member Registration (OMR) platform for SWIMS 3.0. A quorum was present.

The new online member registration (OMR) starts September 1, 2022. With the new online registration system, when each person registers, they must check out and pay the USA Swimming registration fee. LSCs have the option to opt in and have USA Swimming collect the LSC registration fee or opt out. There is a 4 percent transaction fee for the LSC portion of the fee. LSCs may only opt in or opt out once per year. The LSC must decide by June 30 to opt in or out.

Stephanie recommends USA Swimming collect the LSC fee. USA Swimming would send a check once a month to the LSC as payment.

Outreach members would register through Montana Swimming.

Flex membership now is for 12 and under swimmers only.

The LSC registration fees must be set by no later than August each year prior to the start of the new registration year. No changes can be made for the current registration year once the fees are set.

To cover the four percent transaction fee Montana Swimming could raise the fees by \$5 per year for year-round athletes. The LSC could also raise club dues (set now at \$125 per year) or non-athlete fees. Current athlete membership categories include premium, season 1, season 2, single meet open water as well as outreach and flex. The LSC can't change the outreach or flex fees.

There was no support to increase club registration fees. Do the member fees need to be increased more to cover additional cost such as the state meet costs or zones?

At this time the Bozeman Swim Center is closed for repairs. If it doesn't re-open or the teams are unable to obtain practice time at other facilities in the area, there may be a large drop in the number of Bozeman athletes registered with a decrease as high as 200 athletes as a worst-case scenario.

It was suggested that year-round premium memberships could be increased \$5, season 1 and 2 athlete memberships be increased \$5 and non-athlete memberships increased \$2. The committee has until some time in August to set the fees.

Stephanie needs access to the bank account to view the USA Swimming deposits to reconcile the payments.

M/S/P: Kristen moved, and Stephanie seconded that Montana Swimming will opt in to have USA Swimming collect the LSC registration fees which will be reimbursed to the LSC. The motion passed.

The committee will need to meet again to set the registration fees and needs Treasurer Craig Smith to attend.

Stephanie reported several teams are behind in their payments to Montana Swimming for meet fees and registration fees. Stephanie has been working with the teams asking for payment. There are probably 5 or 6 teams that owe money currently to the LSC. Stephanie balances the accounts after the month due – June is balanced in July. The committee discussed requiring teams to have a current balance with Montana Swimming to enter Long Course State. Every club needs to have a zero balance (or credit balance) at the start of the new registration year on September 1.

M/S/P: Kristen motioned, and Matt seconded that all teams must have a zero dollar or credit balance with Montana Swimming as of June 30, 2022, to register athletes for the 2022 Montana Swimming Long Course State Championships. The motion passed.

Matt and Stephanie will send letters on behalf of the committee to the teams who owe the LSC money.

The discussion regarding registration fee increases was tabled until after discussion with Treasurer Craig Smith.

Susan asked if teams should be allowed to upload meet results or if the LSC should be the only entity to upload meet results. She will bring more details about it to the next meeting. With the new SWIMS 3.0 platform clubs can sanction meets online and then upload the results online. Montana Swimming must approve the sanctions and the results. Several other LSCs are only allowing the LSC to upload meet results and many also only allow clubs to sanction meets with the LSC rather than through the club dashboard in SWIMS 3.0..

The committee asked Matt if there was anything they could do to encourage the Bozeman City government to repair the Swim Center and if the Bozeman teams needed practice times at other facilities. Kristen reported there would be training space available this summer at the Billings YMCA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.