

Montana LMSC

Board conference call meeting - Wednesday, October 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Present were Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Phillip Luebke (Top ten recorder), Donn Livoni (Immediate past chair), Audrey Wooding (Club rep), Emily VonJentzen (Club rep, coaches chair) and Mark Johnston (Club rep). Three members were absent. It was established that a quorum was present.

1. Officer reports:
 - a. Chair: Jeanne asked that everyone make an effort to better communicate with each other. We can accomplish a lot by email and one-on-one phone calls between our board conference calls. Jeanne reported on the Registrar's Peer-to-Peer conference call hosted by USMS on Sunday, October 25. Topics discussed: 16 month membership, recognized coach fee, 2016 pool and open water event sanction fees, and club registrations which must be done prior to the start of 2016 registration on November 1. All club reps on the call confirmed that they have done so. The sanction fees for 2016 events will be \$50 per pool meet, and a minimum of \$100 per open water event at \$5 per swimmer up to a maximum of \$1,000. Because of the new fees the dual sanction process needs to be reviewed as we have been averaging 12-15 per year, with the number of USMS member participants ranging from none to 10. The chair appointed Phillip, Craig and herself to look into it. A memo addressing the fees and the process will be forthcoming from the national office.
 - b. Vice Chair: No report.
 - c. Treasurer: No report.
 - d. Top Ten Recorder: Phillip reported that six Montana swimmers made top ten in the 2015 SCY, and that he submitted Montana swimmer times for 2015 LCM Top Ten that is not yet published.
 - e. Registrar: No report.
2. Committee reports:
 - a. Sanctions: No report.
 - b. Coaches: Rolled in with update on clinics.
 - c. Communications & Webmaster: No report.
3. Clinics update and planning: Emily reported that the first of the four LMSC clinics was held October 25 in Polson. The clinic was well received, although attended by only 15 swimmers due to information not being sent to the membership at large. There were four coaches, two from out-of-state, with combined coaching experience of nearly 80 years. All participants were USMS registered swimmers but one who paid a \$25 fee. Other clinics will be in Great Falls before the end of the year, then in Bozeman and Missoula after the first of the year. Emily will let us know when dates are confirmed. Mark suggested having one in conjunction with the state meet when swimmers are congregated. Philip, and prior meet host Emily, said they couldn't imagine coordinating more activities that weekend. Jeanne noted that we budgeted \$1,000 for LMSC clinics for 2015 and asked Emily to compile mileage reimbursement amounts and a \$25-\$50 stipend for the participating coaches. She will inform the board of the costs. Jeanne noted that no board vote is necessary since we already approved the budget amount.
4. Convention report: Phillip, Donn and Jeanne reported on workshops and committee work. They will compile a report to post on the LMSC website and will send to board.
5. Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation: No report. Update will be forthcoming.
6. Winter planning meeting: everyone agreed that holding an in-person planning meeting in January was a good idea. Helena worked well last year, as it is centrally located. Jeanne will look into securing a meeting room at the Helena public library again, and survey the board for the best date.
7. 2016 Budget: Jeanne suggested that we draft the 2016 budget by the end of the year, even though it won't be approved until March at the annual meeting, so that we have a guide for the first three months of the year.
8. Club reports: representatives from Bozeman, KATS, and FLOWS gave brief reports. Carrie reported for MM by email. Emily noted in her KATS report that a USA Swimming Build A Pool Conference will be held in Missoula June 11-12, 2016.
9. The 2016 state SCY meet will be held in Bozeman March 19-20, 2016.
10. Next meeting: conference call in early December. Date to be decided by Doodle poll.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.