

Montana LMSC

Board conference call meeting - Sunday, March 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm. Present were Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Dick Weber (Vice Chair), Phillip Luebke (Top ten recorder), Carrie Jacobs (Team rep) Audrey Wooding (Club rep), Emily VonJentzen (Club rep, coaches chair), Mark Johnston (Club rep) and Ellen Parchen (Communications & website). Four members were absent. It was established that a quorum was present.

1. **MSA to approve the minutes of the 2/8/2016.** Ellen will post to the website.
2. Officer reports:
 - a. Chair: No report
 - b. Vice Chair: Dick reported that the LMSC has been known by several variations of our name and in discussion with Keegan and Jeanne agreed on the name Montana Masters Swimming Committee. This is the name we have been known as by USMS and the IRS since inception. **MSA to use "Montana Masters Swimming Committee" as our official name.** Dick will file the Articles of Incorporation using this name with the MT Secretary of State this week. Dick suggested attaching the bylaws to the member email that is being sent later this week.
 - c. Treasurer: No report. Jeanne will prepare a first draft of the 2016 budget.
 - d. Registrar: No report. We currently have 227 registered members.
3. Emily reported that the last two LMSC coaching clinics will be held in summer 2016 in Missoula and Helena.
4. The proposed pool sanctions fee policy was discussed extensively. After **MSA to approve (with one dissension) an amended policy to present to the membership,** the group continued discussion and agreed to ask the membership at the annual meeting about their interest in continuing dual sanctioning for USA Swimming meets. Participation the last two years has been low. If there continues to be interest in dual sanctioning (thereby providing more competitive opportunities) the next step would be to assess interest from the USA Swimming groups and their willingness to bear some or all of the \$50 per meet sanction fee.
5. **MSA to approve the Open Water Sanction Fee** (attached below).
6. Phillip reported that registration is lower than expected just a few days from the deadline. Ellen assured him that historically about 50% of the registrations come in the last couple of days. Phillip will have Christina send out a last meet & registration deadline reminder to the membership.
7. Emily is waiting to hear back from the national office on scheduling a USMS Coach Certification Clinic in Montana in early 2017, or sooner if available. It was agreed to put \$500 in the 2016 budget to cover any costs. If the clinic doesn't occur until 2017 we'll budget the amount in 2017.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

MT LMSC Open Water Sanction Fee Policy

1. This policy outlines the responsibility for the open water event sanction fees.
2. The LMSC will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the \$100 sanction fee (\$50) for up to four open water events per year. The event host will pay the other $\frac{1}{2}$ (\$50).
3. An exception is when the host donates the profits (or a portion of), if any, to a non-profit organization other than USMS. In that case the event host will pay the full sanction fee (\$100).
4. The \$5 per swimmer surcharge that will be assessed by USMS to the LMSC is passed through to the event host in all cases. The event host may add the \$5 per swimmer surcharge to the entry fee.
5. The event host shall submit payment to the LMSC within two weeks following the conclusion of the event.

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