Montana LMSC Board Meeting, January 7, 2025, 7 PM

Chair: Jeanne Ensign

Minutes Recorded By: Jeanne Ensign & Mark Brooke

Attendees: Jeanne Ensign, Chair; Mark Brooke, Vice Chair; Donn Livoni, Immediate Past Chair; Sue Harkin, Club Rep BOZE; Bill Hughes, Club Rep BSMT; Josh Huckeby, Top Ten Recorder; Susan Huckeby, Officials Chair & Sanctions Chair; Paul Landes, Coaches Chair; Annie Kirklin, Webmaster.

Absent: Karen LeFebre, Secretary; Gayle Phillips, Membership Coordinator.

Once a quorum was reached at 7:05 pm, MDT, Jeanne called the meeting to order, via Zoom conference call.

A. MSA November 4, 2024, board meeting minutes. Mark suggested and the board concurred that getting meeting minutes out shortly after the meeting would be helpful when meeting discussions are fresh in our minds.

B. Treasurer's Report: MSA 2024 year-end financial statements. Cash in the bank is $6,001.05, and net income for the year was $1,151.09. Regarding the 2025 budget which the board approved at the November meeting November registration income (received in December) was up so actual income was greater than projected by $200.

C. Officer elections and nomination committee: Mark shared an overview, that elections will be held during the annual meeting in March at the State Championship Swim Meet, elected offices are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for two-year terms. He and Peggy Stringer have been reaching out to the current elected and nominated board members as the nomination committee to solicit interest and to develop a slate of names for voting by the LMSC membership.

D. LMSC Champs: The LMSC annual meeting will be held the weekend of Champs. Jeanne asked for ideas about time and location. The consensus was to have the meeting during the meet, time to be decided but during a break, possibly Saturday before the 400 IM (last event of the day), or during a break between Sunday morning events. The meeting will be short, primarily for election of officers. The annual year end summary will be sent along with the meeting notification to all registered swimmers. Ideas for a Saturday night social included a hotel room possibly where we book a block of rooms, have it catered, or bring in pizza; meeting at Metals; or finding another venue. Donn asked about backstroke ledges for the meet. Most of our swimmers do not have experience using them and it takes some practice to be able to use one during competition. It was decided to not use ledges during the meet, but to hold a clinic in the morning using non-

retractable ledges to provide practice time for those interested. Paul offered to lead. The Butte Y does not have them, but Bozeman, Billings, Missoula have ledges that can be borrowed, provided we have a way to get them to Butte and back. Paul suggested applying for a MT Dept of Commerce grant. Susan is asking for funding from Advantage Butte. Jeanne is following up with organizations, including Northwestern Energy, that provided funding last year

E. Website update: Mark clarified that Annie is not the content provider and that it is up to all of us to provide content. He suggested a standing agenda item for website content. He asked each of us to review for inaccuracies to our club and/or workout group information and to email Annie with any corrections or content to add. Annie noted that her employer may move her out of Helena this coming March or April so we may need to find her replacement.

F. Board Member Updates: Board Updates: Gayle via email 141 members, 50 men, 91 women (compared to 132 this date last year), BOZE has 54 members, BSMT has 68 members, 21 members are UNAT, within BSMT FLOWS has 13, Garden City 3, Hamilton 11, Helena Ridley 25, and 14 are not in a workout group; Susan issued her first sanction (for the KATS 1/26/25 meet in Kalispell); Paul is looking for a replacement Coaches chair, although he will stay on until we find someone. Suzette noted that they have eight coaches in Bozeman who share coaching duties for their five workouts a week; Josh has updated the records for swims from three dual-sanctioned meets held since our last meeting.

The next LMSC meeting will be held after Champs, date TBD, and may be an in-person. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.