Montana LMSC Board Meeting, November 3, 2025, 7:00 PM, via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Mark Brooke
Minutes Recorded By: Jennie Boulerice
Attendees: Mark Brooke, LMSC Chair; Maureen Porter, Vice Chair; Bill Hughes, Club Rep BSMT; Jeanne Ensign, Immediate Past Chair; Jennie Boulerice, Secretary; Karen Simpson, Treasurer; Josh Huckeby, Top Ten Recorder; Sara Wussow president & Donna Cruz-Huffmaster treasurer, Bozeman Masters (BOZE); Paul Landes, Coaches Chair.

- Board members introduced themselves
- Once a quorum was reached at 7:10 PM, MST, the Chair called the meeting to order
- Board approved meeting minutes for Montana LMSC Board Meeting – August 18, 2025

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented Balance Sheet showing current assets of $8,036.67 as of 11/1/2025 and total liabilities of $1,830.84. Cash in the bank once liabilities clear will be $6,205.83. The board discussed that we are down in terms of equity and over in expenses from previous years and individual registration rates received from USMS being less than last year ($12 to $10) and increased expenses primarily due to sending representatives to USMS Annual Meeting and Relay Meeting. It was noted that registrations will likely go up before the end of the year. Jeanne noted that the board may be able to get reimbursement from NW Zone for Annual Meeting attendance.

Webmaster Report: Mark noted that the position is open. Discussion of how board positions are typically recruited for and filled.

Membership Coordinator: Discussion of draft newsletter prepared by Jennifer Turchin. Discussion of items to add such as including workout groups, meets to include, and registration open for 2026 reminder. Brief discussion of whether the board should contract out the webmaster position but noted that the decision would be discussed and put to a vote.

2026 State Meet: Jeanne will be the meet director. The meet will be in Butte, MT on March 14 and 15, 2025 with a timeline similar to last year. Annual meeting will be the morning of Sunday March 15th. Jeanne to work with Mark and Maureen on agenda for the annual meeting. Board thought the social event at Butte Brewery worked well last year. Jeanne to call Butte Brewery ASAP to book ahead of the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Discussion of potential sponsors/donations.

National Events Recap:

- **USMS 2025 Annual Meeting (Maureen attended and reported out):** Sept. 12-14, 2025 (Hybrid), Kansas City, MO
    - Noted long distance committee had a lot of discussion around whether to allow watches and provided information on what rules, legislation, and amendments were adopted and rejected
    - Next year the meeting will just be virtual and there was a discussion of whether all future meetings will be virtual

- **USMS Relay (Mark attended and reported out):** October 24-26, 2025, Kansas City, MO
    - Learned about how clubs within LMSC worked, presented adult swim and adult learn to swim program
    - Noted we can get a banner with our club name for free from USMS

    - Noted USMS has great resources on finding a workout group while traveling
    - The meeting will likely be in Kansas City next year again

Board member reports:
Josh:

- summarized recent meets and upcoming meets
- to provide upcoming dual sanctioned meet info to Jennifer for inclusion in the newsletter
- noted some new records
- noted that if people swim in a sanctioned meet and think they set a record, then should let Josh know

Club reports:

- Bill noted he is working on coordinating with FLOW swimmers re. state meet
- Sara provided description of current Bozeman facility and swim group (50 meters once a week then 25 yards rest of the week), membership has been growing

Other:
Organic discussion of how to get more people to meets and why some people might be intimidated about dual sanctioned meets and why dual sanctioned meets with younger swimmers are fun

No Announcements

Next Meeting and Adjournment:
The next LMSC meeting will be held on January 5th, 2026, at 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.