Montana LMSC Board Meeting, May 16, 2025, 10:00 AM, in person, Helena, MT

Chair: Mark Brooke
Minutes Recorded By: Jennie Boulerice
Attendees: Mark Brooke, Chair; Maureen Porter, Vice Chair; Bill Hughes, Club Rep BSMT; Josh Huckeby, Top Ten Recorder; Paul Landes, Coaches Chair; Annie Kirklin, Webmaster, Jeanne Ensign, Immediate Past Chair; Jennie Boulerice; Secretary; Karen Simpson, Treasurer

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Once a quorum was reached at 10:10 am, MST, the Chair called the meeting to order

Board members introduced themselves

Board approved meeting minutes for Montana LMSC Annual Membership Meeting – March 23, 2025 and Montana LMSC Board Meeting, January 7, 2025, 7 PM

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented 2025 financial statements as of the end of April 2025. Cash in the bank is $6,593.74, and net income for the year so far is $592.69. Treasurer reviewed the budget vrs actual expenses and profit and loss statement. The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

Chair notified the Board that Gayle Phillips abruptly resigned as Membership Coordinator but had provided some summary demographics that provide information on MT membership trends.

Webmaster's Report: Board discussed removing the workout page from the website and instead directing to the USMS workout page. Discussed club contact info and updating that page. Webmaster Annie will probably have to move in the next few months (October or earlier). Board discussed who to add as a user to the website and how to simplify the website. Webmaster to work on removing stuff that is redundant from USMS.

I**mmediate Past Chair**: Presented an overview of USMS structure, general board member roles and responsibilities; Jennie noted inability to provide legal advice to board due to legal professional responsibility rules.

State Championships Takeaway: Discussion of state meet location, Butte works well. Open to other locations if another workout group wants to host. Jeannie interested in being the meet director for another year and Maureen interested in shadowing Jeannie. Discussion about making running the meet a template so it would be easy for another person to help or take over. It would be good to set the date for the state meet as soon as we can. Discussed building anticipation and buildup for state meet through events through the year, such as the one hour swim and the mile swim.

Membership coordinator chair discussion: need to find someone to fill this role

Review of MT LMSC Bylaws, Primary Board Duties & LMSC Standards:
Discussion of adding that Indemnity provision that is recommended by national USMS to bylaws. Josh, Jeannie, Maureen, and Mark to work on Bylaws revision committee. Jeannie noted that membership will need to approve revised Bylaws with appropriate notice as described in current Bylaws. Board reviewed 2025 USMS LMSC Standards Questionnaire answers. The standards questionnaire is prepared by the USMS LMSC Development Committee and submitted to the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Sanctions Chair on May 1st and responses due by June 1st.

Upcoming National Events: Chair encouraged someone from board to go to one or both of these events - expenses to be paid by LMSC for Relay and apply for money for expenses from NW Zone for Annual Meeting

a. USMS Annual Meeting, Sep 12-14 (Hybrid) Kansas City, MO (Maureen Porter has expressed interest in attending)
b. USMS Relay Oct 24-26 Kansas City, MO (Mark Brooke is planning on attending)

2025 Board Goals Discussion: Increased sharing of knowledge and communication between workout groups (maybe social media). Discussion of USMS benefits that can be used to promote membership.

Business for next meeting: Look at new rules and other items for national annual meeting; no unfinished business

Observed that there was an eligibility review request filed for a swimmer at the 2025 USMS Spring Nationals in San Antonio.

The next LMSC meeting will be held on August 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.