

Montana LMSC
Annual Membership Meeting – Saturday, March 25, 2017

Held in conjunction with the MT LMSC SCY State Championship Swim Meet, Kalispell.

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5 PM MDT at the social at the Hampton Inn. Board members present were Jeanne Ensign (President), Dick Weber (VP) Emily Von Jentzen (Coaches Chair and KATS Rep), Donn Livoni (Immediate Past President), Phillip Luebke (Top Ten and Records) and Craig Jourdonnais (Sanctions). Absent were Keegan Witt (Treasurer), Audrey Wooding (Registrar and BOZE Rep) and Mark Johnston (FLOWS Rep). Approximately 35 other LMSC members were present.

1. **MSA to approve the minutes of the 3/19/2016 annual meeting.**
2. Officer Reports:
 - a. President: Jeanne reported on the bi-annual USMS LMSC Leadership Summit she attended in Houston two weeks ago. The theme was volunteers – Attract, Develop and Inspire. All there shared information and stories about their LMSCs, worked in breakout groups to prioritize and solve problems, heard from an inspirational keynote speaker and came away motivated and hopeful.
 - b. Vice President: nothing to report.
 - c. Treasurer: Jeanne (for Keegan) presented the 2016 financial statements. The 2016 revenue from registration fees was \$3,084 less total expenditures of \$2,442 for a net excess of \$642. The LMSC currently has reserves of \$8,007. **MSA to approve the 2016 financial statements.**
 - d. Registrar: Jeanne (for Audrey) reported that the LMSC has 217 registered members as of March 24th, 121 of which are female and 96 male. The final tally for 2016 was 291. Club registrations are: Montana Masters 98, Bozeman 63, KATS 19, FLOWS 16, MAC Masters 3 and 29 unattached.
 - e. Sanctions: Craig talked about the process of sanctioning pool and open water events, the current \$50 fee for pool events and the need for sanctioning.
 - f. Top Ten and Records: Philip talked about the process of getting swim times into the record books and to let him know about swims in out-of-area meets. He can be reached at MTTopTen@USMS.org.
3. Adoption of revised bylaws: Jeanne gave some background on the process and described the two primary changes – moving much of the responsibility for managing the day-to-day operations from the membership to the Board, and composition of the Board which will be ten members: four elected offices, the immediate past president and reps from the five largest clubs. Other club reps, the registrar and committee chairs and liaisons will be ex-officio members of the board with voice but no vote. An executive summary of the changes and the proposed bylaws were approved by the Board in January, and distributed to the membership in February, in compliance with the 30-day notice required by the current bylaws. **MSA to adopt the revised bylaws.**
4. Election of officers: The Board presented a slate of officers as follows: President – Jeanne Ensign, Vice President – Dick Weber, Secretary – Open, Treasurer – Keegan Witt. Nominations from the floor opened. There were no nominations from the floor. **MSA to elect the slate of officers presented.**

5. New Business

- a. 2017 LMSC Budget: The budget is based on 300 registrations. Jeanne (for Keegan) reviewed the major expenditures. The budget contains assistance for attending coach certification clinics, funding for LMSC-sponsored and other clinics, attendance at the LMSC Leadership Summit and funding for two convention delegates. Peggy Stringer asked about help with clinics such as pool rental. After discussion the line item for LMSC coaches clinics was increased from \$700 to \$1,000. We have 14 certified coaches in Montana. **MSA to approve adjusted 2017 LMSC budget with net deficit of \$1,975.**
- b. Website. Jeanne reported that the site is going off line at the end of the month and the LMSC needs IT help to get a new website started, and then a content manager. Craig recommended we find a professional. Donn suggested giving it until the end of April to find help and then if no luck find a professional vendor.
- c. State meet rotation: the 2018 meet will be held in Missoula, 2019 is an at-large year, 2020 in Bozeman. The board will put out a call for meet bids for 2019 in the next few months.

6. Club Reports:

- a. Bozeman Masters: Phillip reported that they receive an ALTS (Adult Learn to Swim) grant for April and May programs, and introduced club member, Suzette Harkin, who is heading up their ALTS program. They have three USMS certified coaches. They will no longer be able to host meets at the MSU pool, but the city pool should have a bulkhead in time to host the 2020 state champs. They are struggling with participation – keeping their numbers up means keeping pool time.
- b. Flathead Lake Open Water Swimmers (FLOWS): Jeanne (for Mark) reported that any USMS member can join he and Dana out on the lake – just contact him ahead of time to set it up. FLOW swimmers are hosting 1) the Anchor Swim Project, an open water swimming camp July 20-23rd featuring Oceans 7 swimmer and motivational speaker Darren Miller, 2) the USMS Check-Off Challenge, and 3) the USMS Postal Swimtathlon League (with thanks to the Helena Ridleys and BOZE Masters for supporting The League). Mark is the lead person on the selection committee for USMS coaches at the FINA World Championships in Budapest in August. He is hopeful that Janelle Hagashida of BOZE will be submitting an application and encourages any other interested coaches to get in touch with him.
- c. Kalispell Masters (KATS): They now have 18 members and Emily thanked the age group team for all their help in putting on this weekend's Champs. Those present applauded Emily for hosting a great meet. KATS will be hosting the 4th annual Flathead Lake Swim Series July 14-16. The Summit Fitness Center is planning a 6-8 month major pool renovation this year so during that they will be without a pool.
- d. Montana Masters: Following Carrie Jacobs' resignation Donn has taken over as interim president until individuals can be found to fill leadership positions. The club is offering scholarships to attend the clinics next weekend in Bozeman.

7. Due to time constraints – like dinnertime – the information and ideas session was cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM MDT.