

Montana LMSC

Board conference call meeting - Monday, July 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Present were Jeanne Ensign, Emily Von Jentzen, Carrie Jacobs, Dick Weber, Ellen Parchen, Donn Livoni and Phillip Luebke.

1. MSA to waive the 15-day meeting notification.

2. Discussed the need to find replacement person for the Registrar position. Jeanne heard from one interested person in response to a request for volunteers sent out over the weekend. Sean Phelps (Billings) although not for Registrar. Katie Van Dorn (Missoula) also expressed interest in volunteering. It was suggested that we all start talking to folks to drum up interest. Jeanne and Ellen will look to Missoula swimmers. Phil will talk to Audrey Wooding from Bozeman. Ellen will look through current member list. Per the bylaws the Board can appoint a replacement until the next general or annual meeting.
3. Discussed other open positions: Secretary, Open Water/Postal Coordinator. Donn is willing to stay or to have someone else appointed – Jeanne will chat with him offline. Will keep a list of volunteers and small jobs to be filled going forward and then assign jobs as they come up.
4. Craig Jourdannais has expressed an interest in being the Montana delegate to the 2015 USAS Convention that will be held in Kansas City, Missouri September 30 – October 4th. Ellen suggested that as new officers are elected to the Board, they should be encouraged to attend convention; it is a great learning curve re: our local organization and the national operations. **MSA to have Craig be the MT delegate, subject to his acceptance.** Donn (Long Distance Chair) and Jeanne (Finance Chair) have automatic delegate status due to their national positions and will be attending.
5. Review and follow-up on Things to Do from January meeting. Carrie urged the LMSC to organize the clinics that we talked about and budgeted for. We committed to putting on four around the state in the coming year. Emily, Ellen and Jeanne will work by email – outlines on Google docs in the next week – to put together an outline of the clinic purpose, what the LMSC will provide and what the host will provide, cost to attend, length of clinics, etc. Will get back to the board in three weeks (August 8) with framework. Sites discussed were North/Polson (Emily), Missoula (Ellen), Bozeman, Billings and Great Falls. Start with framework, locate site hosts and dates, determine the clinician and then work to build interest with a point person designated for each location using similar curriculum. We may need to revisit budget needs as we continue working on clinics around the state. The point was made to remember to connect with our smaller groups to improve member services.
6. Other:
 - a. There was discussion about the sanctioning process for dual meets going forward due to possible pool sanction fees coming from the national level. Proposals will be discussed at Convention regarding pool and OW sanction fees. Frustration was expressed about the insurance fees required by USMS for open water swims by both Flathead Series organizers and Billings OW Clinic host. More conversation will be needed once more information comes out of convention. Concerns should be addressed to delegates attending so they can represent the LMSC in their voting.
 - b. Historically the budget for the year has been approved at the annual meeting in March, after the budget year has begun. It was suggested that we set the 2016 budget before the end of 2015. According to the bylaws the Board develops and proposes the budget to the membership “for amendment and presentation”. We have in-person options to do so at the annual meeting
 - c. In January, we talked about revising the bylaws. Dick, Donn and Jeanne will have draft, revised bylaws for the upcoming August/September meeting. They will use other LMSC bylaws to draw ideas from. We may discuss by section at multiple meetings. Amending of the bylaws must be approved by the membership either in a meeting or by written ballot.
7. Setting time for our next meeting: Jeanne will send an email poll by August 15th checking to see if a Monday, August 31st meeting works for most; if not we will offer some other meeting date options.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.