

Montana LMSC

Board conference call meeting - Sunday, January 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Present were Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Audrey Wooding (Registrar, Club rep), Emily VonJentzen (Club rep, coaches chair), Mark Johnston (Club rep), Donn Livoni (Immediate past chair), and Dick Weber (V Chair). Three members were absent. It was established that a quorum was present. (It was not noted during the call but by email since the prior meeting, that Carrie Jacobs, club rep MM, has resigned).

1. The chair welcomed the members to the call, and noted that Emily can only stay on the call until 8 pm due to a prior commitment.
2. **MSA minutes of the March 6, 2017 conference call. MSA minutes of the November 27, 2016 conference call.**
3. **MSA to ratify Board action to fund a person to represent the MT LMSC Leadership Summit in March in Houston.** A vote was taken by email January 19, 2017. Since the email in January no other board member indicated an interest in attending. Jeanne will represent the LMSC.
4. Peggy Stringer requested that the LMSC sponsor a 'starts and turns' clinic in Helena March 17th 6-8 pm, and March 18th 8-10 am coached by Mark Johnston, and to pay the \$136 rental to the Helena YMCA. The YMCA offers a lower rental rate to exempt organizations. The Board discussed the proposal. MSA that the LMSC will fund the rental amount on the condition that the Montana Masters club (not a 501(c)(3)) reimburse the MT LMSC the full amount, and the LMSC will not be the clinic sponsor. The LMSC will pay the rental amount directly to the YMCA.
5. State SCY Championship meet update: Emily reported that the entry is live on Club Assistant. She has the Meet Referee and is working on securing the other necessary officials that she thinks she can find locally. As in other years, the meet is the ending weekend of spring break. Donn offered his assistance as a Stroke and Turn judge after having completed the training in Coeur d'Alene in January. Emily noted the 1650 freestyle is scheduled for Friday night, which means shorter days on Saturday and Sunday. She was asked if the pool has the backstroke ladders and she didn't know. Mark will follow up with the person at the Summit to see if they are available. Donn suggested that the LMSC might want to purchase a set that we can pass around from meet to meet. Emily has set up a Facebook event page that will have updates, and updates will be sent before the meet to the registered swimmers.
6. Proposed Bylaws: Dick, Donn and Jeanne presented proposed bylaws to the board accompanied by an executive summary of the changes. Our current bylaws were adopted by the membership in 2008. The process has been two years in the making, and a follow up to incorporation last year. Before leaving the call Emily asked why the date of April 1 (Article 8.6.B.) was chosen as the date for determining club representation on the board based on club size (registrations). Jeanne noted that most members are registered by then, and that allows club reps to assume office May 1 the same date as newly elected officers assume their positions. Emily said that she approved the bylaws as presented to the board, even though discussion and a motion to approve would not take place until later. She left the call. The chair opened discussion on the bylaws to the full board. Mark felt that club representation on the board from the 5 largest clubs including the one regional club (Montana Masters) was unfair to the smaller clubs. It was noted that each of the five largest clubs has a seat at the table, and one vote. Clubs other than the five largest will be ex-officio members of the board and have voice but no vote. After lengthy discussion no alternate proposal was presented and the club representation on the board was left as presented in the proposed bylaws. **MSA that the Board of Directors as composed under the current bylaws accepts the proposed bylaws and executive summary as presented tonight at this meeting.** The vote was four (4) yes votes, and one (1) no vote. Emily's approval was not included in this vote count. The timeline for distributing the proposed bylaws to the membership is at least 30 days prior to Champs, so before February 22nd. The bylaws will be distributed to the membership then be voted on at the annual meeting.
7. Jeanne asked for agenda items and ideas for the annual meeting. Business items will be first – minutes of last annual meeting approval; 2016 financial report & 2017 budget; officer slate from nominations committee, nominations from the floor, and election of officers; bylaws approval and discussion; state meet rotation for the next three years (2018 is Missoula); etc. Mark suggested sharing with the membership information from folks

who have served at the national level, been to convention or the LMSC Leadership Summit, and what they do or are doing. Donn suggested asking members what they expect and want.

8. Jeanne with help from Mark will talk to current officers and board members regarding their interest in continuing on the board, and to find other LMSC members interested in participating. Once we know what positions are open Audrey will email Bozeman club members for interested members.
 9. Other: Jeanne will work on a board member orientation to take place at the first meeting after officer elections. Also after elections we will try to find a day of the week or month that generally works for everyone. Jeanne noted that she is compiling a history of LMSC officers since inception in 1986.
 10. Next meeting: Board members discussed whether another meeting was required between now and Champs. If anything comes up that can be discussed by email we will do it that way, otherwise a conference call meeting will be convened.
 11. Our next quarterly call will be in April, date to be decided by Doodle poll.
 12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.
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