

Montana LMSC Meeting 3.30.14

Started 8:05

Dick Weber new Vice Chair LMSC.

Prior minutes 2013 approved.

Reports from Officers

- Chairman: Donn-membership rising 220 members (last year 238), one of the highest percentages of increase in membership from Nov-Feb.
- Treasurer: Keagan-discussion of 2013 budget statement. National disbursing registration money back to local clubs now. 1630.22 Net excess revenue. 2013 statement approved.
- Top Ten: Michael-Anyone swimming in Masters meets who breaks a record needs to submit to Michael to update the records, send results from meet manager.
- Registrar/Sanctions: Ellen-18 swimmers registered as unattached, educate swimmers prior to registration as to where their fees are going. (Bozeman 67, Kalispell 24, Greater Montana 108) Six short of our total last year. This year for first time we have had very few paper copies, most online.
- Club reports:
 - Montana Masters: Carrie-decided as election year...Carrie Struck voted back in s president, Mark Johnston, Vice President, Peggy Stringer Treasurer and have communications manager Kristen.
 - Bozeman: Michael: consistent with membership, biggest number turnout here.
 - Kalispell: Emily club is growing slowly. Limited pool time, focusing on building open water program.
 - Mark from Polson proposed coaches of workout groups becoming the conduit for registration in order to work on educating registrants. Ellen responded that prior to online registration paper copies were somewhat grouped by workout group, but once we moved to online not so much. Ellen said Billings used to monthly send in hard copies in that fashion. Ellen discussed a coaches rep position to bridge that gap
 - Donn mentioned the need for a coaches chair rep for the LMSC for Montana. National office distributes information to coaches chair.

New business:

- Budget: Donn discussion on budget
 - Open water Insurance Surcharge: KATS Masters wishing to host Flathead Lake Swim Series in Big Arm modeled after Cascade Lakes Swim Series in Oregon. Donn discussed the Rebate program for the National Office to offset the insurance/sanction cost of \$1000. Donn proposes splitting LMSC paying cost that rebate does not cover. Important part of the sanctioning piece is the insurance, National Safety Compliance Officer must review and approve the Safety plan.

- Officer's reimbursement: Donn discussed USMS Officers reimbursement of \$35 USMS registration for officers. Motion to approve \$165 to reimburse (5) LMSC officers the \$35 USMS registration, discussion, amendment to motion to require $\frac{3}{4}$ attendance for reimbursement. Attendance requirement voted down. Motion to reimburse approved following vote.
- Coaches clinic sponsorship: Carrie said Montana Masters will reimburse a coach 50% of the fee to attend up to 12 coaches. Donn said that coaches that are not part of Montana Masters club should have option to apply for assistance through LMSC. Ellen said the new USMS course is recommended for all coaches. Motion was made to allocate \$200 for coaches clinic scholarship. Approved after vote for \$200.
- LMSC development workshop in Seattle, Paige from Idaho discussed the program being hosted by Bill Brenner at USMS. Bill will be training folks to serve as program developer for the training. After vote approved \$500 for funding for LMSC development training.
- Ellen raises concern of struggle with timing of meetings, suggests meetings be held during break in the meet to increase attendance.
- Online state meet entry: Donn suggested online registration with club assistant, cost is \$2.50 surcharge per swimmer. LMSC fund cost on trial basis for next year. After vote LMSC funding for online registration for 2015 state meet.
- Budget in amount of \$1895 for 2014 approved for 2014
- Convention: Donn this year in Jacksonville in September 15-19. Interested officers can receive some assistance to offset expenses.
- Sanctions, pool measurements. Helena pool not legal yet so can't have meets there yet. Senior games not USMS, but records set there can count as USMS record, if USMS member.
- State meet rotation: Polson for 2015, Bozeman 2016

Meeting Adjourned 9:00am

Approved as presented, at the 2015 LMSC State Meeting 3-21-15, Polson, MT