

Montana LMSC
Annual meeting – Saturday, March 19, 2016

Held in conjunction with the MT LMSC State Championship Swim meet, Bozeman.

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:45 PM MDT. Board members present were Jeanne Ensign (chair), Emily Von Jentzen, Carrie Jacobs, Dick Weber, Donn Livoni, Phillip Luebke, Audrey Wooding, and Mark Johnston. Approximately 45 other LMSC members were present.

1. **MSA to approve the minutes of the 3/21/2015 annual meeting.**
2. Officer Reports:
 - a. Chair: Jeanne thanked the board for their work during the year and Bozeman Masters for all their work putting on the 2-day State Championship meet.
 - b. Registrar: Jeanne (for Christina) reported that there are currently 237 registered USMS members in the MT LMSC as of March 19th.
 - c. Treasurer: Jeanne (for Keegan) presented the 2015 financial statements. The 2015 revenue from registration fees was \$2,517 less total expenditures of \$2,293 for a net gain of \$224. The LMSC currently has reserves of \$7,365. **MSA to approve the 2015 financial statements.**
3. Club Reports:
 - a. Bozeman Masters: Phillip reported on club activities and highlighted the difficulty they are having with the cost of lane space. The City of Bozeman is increasing the lane rate per hour.
 - b. Flathead Lake Open Water Swimmers (FLOWS): Mark reported that they now have eight swimmers registered with the club. He extended an invitation for all USMS open water swimmers to come to Polson/Flathead Lake this summer and join him for open water training and just “hanging out”.
 - c. Kalispell Masters (KATS): Emily also stressed the challenges they have with workout times and lane space. The problem is alleviated in the warmer months as they do a lot of open water swimming. She announced that KATS will be hosting the 3rd Annual Flathead Lake Swim Series July 15, 16,17 at Flathead Lake. They are anticipating 100 entrants.
 - d. Montana Masters: Carrie said that they have only two officers / board members and that they would like more. She will send an email to the members registered with the Club soliciting participation.
4. LMSC Stroke Clinics: Emily reported on the two clinics held to date (Polson and Bozeman) and the plans for two more in 2016. They are scheduled for Missoula and Helena, both in their respective outdoor 50-meter pools. Each clinic has 4-5 USMS certified coaches to work with the clinic participants.
5. New Business
 - a. Sanction Fees and Dual Sanctioning with USA-Swimming: Jeanne gave an overview of the new sanctions structure adopted by USMS at the 2015 convention. For open water events the new fee is \$100 plus \$5 per swimmer. For pool events, the new fee is \$50 per sanction. The fee is billed to the LMSC. In Montana in 2014, there were 12 dual sanctioned meets. The 2015 data is still being collected. Peggy Stringer said how much she enjoyed the Butte dual sanctioned event. Mark noted that if a USMS member

wants to swim in a USA-S event they can join USA-S and participate in the meet. Jeanne asked for 3-4 members, including non-board members to develop a policy or schedule to determine the number and location of dual sanctioned events for the LMSC to sanction. Phillip reported that Bozeman USA-S would not pay the \$50 sanction fee for a dual sanctioned event. Peggy Stringer and Mark Comfort volunteered to help on this issue.

- b. USMS Coach Certification in Montana: Emily has asked USMS for a date to hold a coaches certification in Montana. The soonest date available is in early 2017 but if there are cancelations in 2016 that date might be moved up to late 2016. This would be for Level 1,2,3 coaches. This would possibly be in Bozeman. Jeanne said she had put \$600 in the 2016 budget for this activity. If the class is full enough it is nearly self-supporting.
 - c. Incorporation and updated bylaws: Dick reported on the incorporation process and status. MT LMSC is now incorporated, but the by-laws still need to be drafted and distributed to membership for review and approval. Jeanne noted that the new by-laws would give the board authority to act between annual meetings on behalf of the organization. **MSA for the board to continue down the path to full incorporation and revision of current bylaws.**
 - d. 2016 budget: The 2016 budget will have a deficit of \$1,600. **MSA to approve the 2016 budget.**
 - e. KATS will host the 2017 Montana State Championships to be held in Kalispell at a date TBA. Missoula will host in 2018.
 - f. Volunteering: Jeanne asked for more members to volunteer. The LMSC always needs new ideas, energy and input. There are open board positions, and there are discrete projects that can be done as well. Emily suggested that we look to recruit members of our workout groups who are non-competitors, the ones not likely to be at this meeting.
6. Recognition & Awards: Carrie announced that the recipient of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year was Ellen Parchen for her many years of service and leadership to the MT LMSC. Ellen was unable to attend due to illness.
 7. Other items from the membership: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM MDT.

Respectfully submitted by
Donn Livoni

Approved at 2017 Annual Membership meeting 3/26/2017