

Board conference call meeting - Monday, February 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Present were Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Dick Weber (Vice Chair), Phillip Luebke (Top ten recorder), Donn Livoni (Immediate past chair), Audrey Wooding (Club rep), Emily VonJentzen (Club rep, coaches chair) and Mark Johnston (Club rep). Five members were absent. It was established that a quorum was present.

1. **MSA To approve the minutes of the 8/31/2015, 9/14/2015,10/28/2015.**
2. Officer reports:
 - a. Chair: Jeanne reported that Mark (Coaches) and Phillip (History & Archives) are members of national committees for the coming year. Donn continues as chair of Long Distance Committee and Jeanne as chair of Finance Committee. Jeanne has inquired of Ellen if we can add spots to post events and board meeting minutes on the website
 - b. Vice Chair: Nothing to report.
 - c. Treasurer: No report.
 - d. Registrar: No report.
3. LMSC Coaching Clinics update: Emily reported that the clinic held in Bozeman was attended by 23 swimmers and was well received. Two more clinics will be scheduled this winter and spring, in Missoula and Helena or Great Falls. Jeanne will send Emily contact information for other Missoula coaches. The series of four clinics, which started in late 2015 in Polson, will conclude with these two.
4. The board discussed costs for holding and/or attending USMS coach certification clinics. The 2016 clinics are all scheduled, so we could not bring one to MT until 2017. The nearest one this year is in Boise, and Phillip shared some calculations on what it would cost for a Bozeman area coach to attend. Transportation and time involved are big factors. The board discussed different ways of offering scholarship assistance. The board thought it was a good idea to apply for an early 2017 clinic to be held in Montana. Emily will follow up with the national office. The topic will also be on the agenda for the annual meeting so the members can help decide what kind of financial assistance can or should be provided by the LMSC and the four Clubs, and whether the LMSC should host a clinic in 2017.
5. Event sanctions: The board offered thoughts on how many and which events the LMSC should support by paying the new in 2016 \$50 sanction fee for pool events. Jeanne will forward research to date to Donn and Emily and the three will develop a proposal. **MSA for the LMSC to pay the \$50 sanction fee for the state championship meet.** The motion carried with 5 ayes, 1 nay (chair votes only in case of a tie). Donn & Jeanne will develop a proposal regarding treatment of OW sanction costs.
6. State Meet Update: Phillip reported that all is on track. Sponsors are in place, the meet is sanctioned, and the entry form is posted on USMS.org. It was noted that the One Event fee that we pay to the national office increased by \$2 this year (to \$15), and that our rate should rise proportionately to \$20.
7. The annual meeting will be held during the state meet in conjunction with the dinner and social on Saturday. Board members discussed the agenda, which will include officer reports, recognition and awards, 2015 financial results and 2016 budget, events-rotation for the state meet, coach certification (see #4 above) and volunteering. Members will be contacted ASAP for nominations for the Most Inspirational Swimmer and Volunteer of the Year awards. The third award will be from the meet host to a person or group of their choosing. Members will be sent information prior to the meeting regarding coach certifications, rotation of events at the state meet, and incorporation and updating the bylaws.
8. Other: The Peak in Missoula (Ellen) and the Canyon Cutthroats (Donn & Dick) are planning Adult Learn to Swim programs during April. Mark's 2016 Postal Swimtathlon League is sanctioned and posted on USMS.org. The sanction is pending for Emily's Flathead Lake Swim Series scheduled for July 15-17.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.