

Meeting Sunday, September 29, 2109 @ 7:00PM MDT

Montana Local Masters Swimming Committee (MT LMSC) Board meeting

Call in information: (515) 604-9099

Access code 279-927-158

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Board members present were Donn Livoni (President), Jeanne Ensign (Treasurer), Edie VanBuskirk (Secretary), Audrey Wooding (Bozeman Club Rep and LMSC Membership Coordinator), Dick Weber (Vice Chair), Mark Johnston (Flows Club Representative)

Phillip Luebke (Top Ten and Records), Peggy Stringer (Representative Big Sky MT club)

Absent: KATS Club rep, MMMT Club rep

1. Welcome

2. Ratification of July 14 minutes – MSA unanimously approved the minutes

3. USMS Convention Reports - Mark, Jeanne, Donn

Mark-

- a. Highly recommended new people go, get a feel for the organization nationally
- b. He suggested clubs to register with the new web site for marketing purposes- club and work out groups will pop up and the web site will promote your club.
- c. Main take away- upload your information, he can help with this.
- d. Good motivational speakers, adult learn to swim program from Kentucky and Josh Davis, Olympian. Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) program -- Bozeman does this well.

Jeanne - Chair of Finance Committee

- a. Ditto to Mark, keynote speakers were great
- b. Authorization to approve the USMS budget will now be with the Board of Directors rather than the House of Delegates and will happen later in calendar year.

Donn

- a. Worked on the Open Water Task Force- look on convention website for recommendations for a summary of recommendations
- b. Task Force will continue in 2020 with major changes approved for 2021 season

4. Unified fee

Approved by MT LMSC board of directors at July 14 meeting.

Next year MT LMSC members will pay \$60. And the LMSC will get \$12 back from National Office. The National Office will pay for delegate housing costs at convention. Club or local fees are secondary beyond the \$60 and Clubs will need to let Audrey know if this applies to their club. This will need to be put on the registration form. November 1st will start the registration process for the 2020 year. A challenge that we face will be what services will be provided to members.

5. Club/workout unified fee

The club registration / workout group registration fee is \$45.

Currently there are no workout groups listed for BSMT swim club on the USMS website. How can we get workout groups and clubs to register for US masters as a club? This will open October 1st.

Donn and Peggy will visit offline regarding this for BSMT.

Registration fees need to be on the registration form so people know what to pay.

6. Officials

We are having a hard time finding officials. Donn is trying to organize a meet in the fall – but there are no officials for the entire state available. Donn would like to have USMS members become certified as a USMS official. There are several tests to take in order to accomplish this. There is no fee involved and Donn will help with any questions. It would be great to provide our own officials to hold meets.

This could be a goal for our group to increase our USMS members who are certified.

7. Membership coordinator

The national office retitled and redefined the registrar position and made it the Membership Coordinator. Audrey will continue in this capacity. Thank you!!

8. Top Ten/Sanctions Coordinator

The national office wants to combine these two positions.

Nothing was passed or decided at the national level but hoping to have a decision in 2020. For 2020, each LMSC has the option to opt-in. Libby will step down and Philip will do both positions. If he does not want to continue with this, we will find a sanctions coordinator.

The national office will need to give him access authorization, which Donn will check into.

Jeanne and Libby are available to help Philip.

Philip rocks as the top 10 coordinator!!

9. Plans for fall swim meet – Aqua-pentathlon (Date – Nov. 17 and location – Missoula)

There are no officials yet. Timing equipment is an issue due to the cost. MAC is having a meeting this Tuesday to see if they want to run the meet and keep the profit.

The LMSC can help subsidize the fee MAC would charge the registered members. Once Donn hears from the MAC board he will report back to us and see if we want to move forward with the meet or not.

10. Open Water events

Donn asked if Mark would serve as the LMSC Open Water Coordinator. He wants to see if he has the volunteer support and get back to us. He does like the idea.

On July 25th Lake Como has a triathlon and we would like to have a 1500-meter open water swim after swim leg of the triathlon. Mark Butler, event director, is open to this and will need to work out a safety plan to be USMS Sanctioned.

On Flathead Lake there is interest to put together an event(s). Mark Johnston will be getting together with others in early October to go through event ideas. He is aiming for early in July or August to host the open water swims.

11. Annual Meeting – Election of officers, budget approval for 2019 & 2020.

Donn would like to hold this after the November 17th swim meet.

There are 10 certified coaches in MT. We need to have better communication to our coaches. We need to have a coach's chair to be in contact with all the coaches to notify them what is happening. Please forward names of people who are coaching to Donn. Provide him the names, phone numbers, and email addresses so he can start a list of coaches.

We currently have 189 members. If we want to hold some clinics we need to have at least 25 people to hold the event in Montana.

12. Other business

Philip asked if the LMSC would help subsidize for the state meet. Donn agreed that the LMSC help out the state meet and every other meet.

13. Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next meeting

Sunday 27th of October 7pm