
Montana LMSC Board Meeting

Chair: Jeanne Ensign

Minutes Recorded By: Karen LeFebre

Attendees: Jeanne Ensign, Chair; Mark Brooke, Vice Chair; Karen LeFebre, Secretary; Donn Livoni, Immediate Past Chair; Bill Hughes, Club Rep BSMT; Gayle Phillips, Membership Coordinator; Josh Huckaby, Top Ten Recorder; Annie Kirklin, Webmaster

Absent: Susan Huckleby, Officials; Paul Landes, Coaches Chair; Sue Harkin, BOZE Club Rep

Mark Brooke called the meeting to order at 7:03pm MDT on September 9, 2024, via Team conference call. A quorum was present.

- A. Approved June 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes.
- B. Jeanne reviewed treasurer's financial report. Mark asked if we need a report each quarterly meeting. Jeanne said that is easy for her to take on the treasurer duties for now; however, she is wearing too many hats and would like to hand off the job to someone else.
- C. Board Positions – Treasurer and Sanctions Chair are both open; Josh said Susan might be interested in Sanctions Chair. One idea was to send out an email to the entire LMSC membership to stimulate interest for these positions. The time commitment is a few hours each month. The other idea was to have each club representative send out an email to their membership to entice their respective members to apply for open Board member positions. Gayle can send out emails to each club or the entire LMSC membership.
- D. Jeanne announced dates for the USMS Relay 2024 (Oct 18-20 in Houston), and National Coaches Clinic (Oct 18-20 in Houston). Jeanne asked if anyone wanted to attend the National Coaches Clinic or the Annual Meeting.
- E. Champs will be held at the Butte Y, March 22-23, 2025, hosted by the LMSC, Jeanne meet director.
- F. Board Updates: Gayle reported that the LMSC membership for all clubs increased greatly and is currently at 202 members, 71 men and 131 women; 103 BSMT; 66 BOZE; 6 UNAT.; Mark – said he was enjoying open water swimming and invited others to join him; Josh- No report; Annie – no update; Karen – no update; Bill – attended the Queen Bay OWS and said it was well-planned and a great event. Kris Kruid BOZE club rep via email – “BOZE membership has experienced a 27% growth in Membership in the last 3 months. According to the June 2024 board meeting minutes, BOZE membership was 52. It is now 66. The members on our team range from 19 to 82. The swim center is projected to reopen in November. Thanks to our networking efforts, we have offers from two local pools to swim during the time the outdoor pool closes, and the swim center reopens. One of the early goals of the present board of directors was to develop strategies for knitting together the entire Bozeman swim community for the benefit of all swimmers. We've developed an interactive cooperation with the age group team leaders for the purposes of sharing information and resources. One of our BOZE members was invited to sit on board the Barracuda's. BOZE members were also tapped to teach students from neighboring schools in specialized youth clinics offered by the city. We are pleased to enjoy a healthy and cooperative relationship with the Swim Center's Executive Director and the city officials. All of this has allowed us to accomplish collective goals for the good of the entire swimming community. Thanks to an extremely healthy financial basis, we have been able to offer long-term members fee-free swimming for all of 2024. We hope to continue offering this

benefit in 2025. We secured Montana's LSC Coach of the Year, Matt Yovich, to provide free stroke clinics to our members. Our team currently consists of 7 US Masters Level One and Level Two coaches who all serve on a volunteer basis. We have a scholarship program for anyone who needs financial assistance to make swimming possible. Thanks to adopting a Yovich inspired swim instruction discipline, some of our newest members were able to significantly improve their swim that allowed them to win or place in the top 3 of their first triathlon!

The next LMSC meeting will be held Monday, November 4th at 7pm MDT. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.