

Montana LMSC Board of Directors Conference Call  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present were Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Richard Weber (Vice Chair), Edie VanBuskirk (Secretary), Mark Johnston – Club Rep Flows, Donn Livoni (Immediate Past President), Libby Snelling (Sanctions), Audrey Wooding (Club Rep BOZE and Registrar), Keegan Witt (Treasurer), Glenn DeHekker (Club Rep BSMT [formerly Montana Masters]).

1. Welcome and Announcements

The chair welcomed Edie to her first board meeting as secretary. The Chair announced she has appointed Sue Falsey as Webmaster. The Chair has authority to appoint the position, but asked for a motion to approve the appointment. **MSA to approve the appointment.** Emily von Jentzen has resigned as the Kats representative. Jeanne contacted KATS club members asking for interest in assuming the KATS club rep position on the LMSC Board. She has not heard from anyone.

2. **MSA to approve minutes of 5/6/2017.**

3. Treasurer's report, Keegan. As of now we have \$7500 in the bank. About \$600 should be coming in from Nov & Dec registrations for 2018. We have a net loss of \$529 as of November, although we do have enough in the bank to cover 2 years of expenses. We budgeted a loss of \$1,975. At the next scheduled meeting we will have updated information.

4. Ratification of email vote to reimburse Donn Livoni 100% for level 3 coaching class \$215. **MSA to ratify the email vote.**

5. Consideration of Philip's motion on 11/3/17 "Move that BOZE be reimbursed for the costs paid to our coaches to attend USMS certifications in Idaho prior to this past season". Jeanne asked Philip for costs and has not heard back from him so will table until Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. **2018 budget- tabled and will discuss in 2 weeks, December 12<sup>th</sup>.** Mark asked that we have the information prior to our Dec 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

7. Website (Sue and Jeanne). Website is almost ready for the board to review.

Questions for the board:

A. Who should have permission to make changes? Philip will need access to make changes to records and results. Others noted they didn't need access, but news items and other information could be funneled through Sue, Jeanne or another volunteer. Members thought that seeing the website would help them formulate an opinion.

B. Jeanne proposed that the LMSC website should provide links to other clubs website or face book pages, provide contact information and publish news items the clubs and workout groups sent to us. Glen noted that BSMT has not done a webpage (they have a FB page). The possibility of putting theirs on the LMSC website would be less cost to them. Matt Miller of Oregon Masters is hosting our LMSC website on his servers for free. Our cost so far is \$25 plus a lot of time from Sue and Jeanne. Jeanne will send a link shortly for Board members to look at the website.

8. Club Reports

A. Big Sky Montana Masters Swim Club (BSMT) (formerly Montana Masters). Glenn reported that BSMT has changed their name starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at ways to spend money. Dick has written Articles of Incorporation to be filed for Sec. of State as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be setting up bylaws, with several examples to look at, may need to set up new bank account, will apply for tax exempt status. Donn reported on state meet planning. MAC will give up some of their pool time at University of Montana Grizzly Pool, April 6-8 to allow us to have Friday night and Saturday morning pool time. Friday meet warm up is 6 pm for long distance events, Saturday warm up is 10am with full day and Sunday 9 am warm up. Donn has submitted a bit for our meet to be the Northwest Zone SCY Championship. Glenn suggested putting on stroke clinic or a nutrition talk sometime during the meet weekend. Donn noted it is \$190 per hour for pool rental. Jeanne recently joined a Peer-to-Peer call, sponsored by USMS, on annual meetings. The most successful model for an annual meeting is in conjunction with a meet, which is what we do. Jeanne noted that with some marketing we might get some non-competitive swimmers to attend the meeting.

B. Flathead Lake Open Water Swimmers (FLOWS): Mark reported his coaching is basically virtual. Of the club \$150 registration fee: \$50 goes to support clean water testing of Flathead beaches, \$50 to the Club and \$50 to Swimming Saves Lives Foundation. In 2017 the club hosted the USMS Check Off Challenge with \$5 of each entry fee going to support clean water testing. The club hosted the Swimtathlon and will run again in 2018. Mark volunteered his time and boat to take anyone for a Flathead swim for free.

C. Bozeman Masters Swim Club (BOZE): Audrey reported that they are still paying high rates for pool time with less time available which imposes a financial burden. Reported that Phillip wants to pursue the reimbursement motion (see #5). Their pool now has the bulkhead in to make it a 25-yard by 25-meter pool. Even with the additional lanes pool time is tight.

D. Kalispell Aquatic Team Swim (KATS)- no report.

9. Sanctions update – Libby issued 7 sanctions in 2017 including some dual sanctioned meets.
10. Registrar update – Audrey: to date there are 60 2018 registrations. We finished 2017 with 261.
11. Other Business: Mark noted that Bozeman coach Janelle Higashida was selected as a USMS national coach for FINA World Masters in Budapest, Hungary during the summer. Mark re Phillips motion and Emily’s resignation: Things change over the years and it is unfortunate we lost someone to frustration issues. Glen noted that in the BSMT Vice President Sean Phelps qualified for Triathlon Worlds in the Netherlands. Donn said he could represent the MT LMSC for Jeanne at the NW Zone meeting Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Jeanne reminded board members to register for 2018 prior to the end of December.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.