

2021 Montana LMSC Annual Membership Meeting Agenda  
November 21, 2:00 PM MST

- A. Welcome and introductions
- Called to order at 2:02 PM MST
  - Administrator of Webinar: Lorina Sims
    - a. This webinar will be recorded for future viewing by members.
    - b. Camera and microphone are inactive for non-presenters.
- B. Approval of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 annual meeting minutes
- Motion (M) (Jeanne Ensign) / Second (S) (Richard Weber) / Discussion (D) (none) / Approved (A) (100%, 14 voted)
  - We did have five non-board members at the Annual Meeting.
  - 12 attendees and 2 panelists on the call.
- C. Election of Officers
- Elections are held every two years, in odd-numbered years at the annual meeting.
  - This year the board is presenting a slate of officers for the elected positions. The slate is President: Donn Livoni, Vice-President: Dick Weber, Secretary: Mackenzie Jones, and Treasurer: Jeanne Ensign. In addition, there was an opportunity for nominations to be made via email between Oct. 22 – 27. None were received.
  - Donn also opened nominations from the floor. No hands raised to nominate other people for these positions.
  - Therefore, the slate of officers as presented were elected through acclamation and will continue until the Annual Meeting of 2023.
- D. Officer & Other Reports (2-3 minutes each)
- President – Donn Livoni
    - a. 2022 Volunteer Relay – tentatively scheduled on March 4-8<sup>th</sup> in Denver Colorado. Help local volunteers share ideas, motivate, and collaborate with each other. Info is listed in the blue section of the USMS website → go to the bottom right to the “volunteer central” → go to where it says “2022 Volunteer Relay”. The whole plan is to help club development.
  - Vice President – Dick Weber
    - a. Later in the meeting we will address an amendment to the bylaws. This will allow people to make changes as needed.
  - Secretary – Mackenzie Jones
    - a. No report: minutes from last meetings should be on the website.
  - Treasurer – Jeanne Ensign
    - a. Financial Statement: For details see the Financial Report.
      - i. At the end of last year there was \$9,399 and now there is \$9,326 in the bank.
      - ii. Goal this year was to use more funds. We were successful with the Membership Rebate Program.
      - iii. Difficult to budget this year because we didn’t know what COVID would bring. Therefore, the budget does not match the expenditures.
    - b. Jeanne calls for a motion to approve the financials as presented.

- i. M (Donn Livoni) / S (Richard Weber) / D (none) / A (100%, 13 voted)
- c. Membership Rebate program:
  - i. Goal is to get this money out to support swimmers and the clubs.
  - ii. This was to renewing members only at first, then it was revised to include renewing and new members.
  - iii. There were 161 registered members, rebates were given to 72 members: 21 to their club, 34 to their workout group, 17 for the individual.
  - iv. COVID relief program in 2020. USMS set up a grant and LMSC matched that with parameters. From LMSC, Helena Ridley and Bozeman received \$180 to Helena Ridley and \$390 to Bozeman.
  - v. For a separate COVID-19 grant, LMSC paid Bozeman \$1365 and Helena Ridley \$1050.
- Membership Coordinator – Marcie Bochman
  - a. 161 current members.
  - b. 27 members have registered for next year already.
  - c. Find this information on website → go to the bottom of the screen → click on LMSC resources → navigate the map of Montana → click on Montana and find the registration numbers.
- Sanctions – Jeanne Ensign
  - a. First Sanction: Fred Schwendeman Orthodontic May Classic: May 14, 2021; Bozeman Barracudas
  - b. Second Sanction: Teddy Bear Classic December 11-12, 2021; Bozeman Barracudas
    - i. USMS website has had sanction issues, linked to us uploading sanction paperwork. Do not worry, this event is sanctioned.
  - c. The Whitefish Coaching clinic scheduled for August 30, 2021 was sanctioned but then cancelled. Hope to reschedule this event for August 2022.
  - d. A sanction was not necessary for the filming clinic that Paul Landes did with the Hamilton Masters.
- Top Ten – Donn Livoni (**replacement needed**)
  - a. Annual compilation of the fastest times of each age group across each event in the three platforms that we swim: 1) short course yards, 2) short course meters, 3) long course meters.
  - b. Short course yards are finalized
  - c. Recognition for the long course meters have been finished. These will be finalized and posted on the USMS website by November 22, 2021.
  - d. Recognition:
    - i. Charlotte Sanddal, Helena (short course yards)
    - ii. Jeanne Ensign, (long course meters)
    - iii. Mark Johnston (long course meters)
    - iv. Suzette Harkin (long course meters)
    - v. Wendy McNamara (long course meters) fastest in the country

- e. Donn would like to find a replacement to take over this position. Please share this opportunity with members in your club. Donn will train them.
  - f. Recording the records:
    - i. If you are swimming in Montana, you do not need to do anything for these records.
    - ii. If you swim out of state in a meet other than a national championship, then you need to send Donn Livoni the official meet results and tell him the events you believe you beat a state record.
    - iii. A Montana-specific platform for records: Long distance swims.
  - Coaches – Paul Landes
    - a. The LCMS bought us a Go Pro video camera to use to record swimmers and provide feedback.
    - b. Paul went to Hamilton and videotaped the Hamilton Masters swimmers. Seven swimmers participated. There was an hour and a half of filming followed by 30 minutes of general technique building. Paul then sent the videos with individual analysis to each swimmer later.
    - c. Paul would love to do more. **Please reach out if you want to use the Go Pro.**
    - d. Adults Learn to Swim (ALTS) – successful in the past in Helena. Paul and Peggy are going to start it up again after the new year. Paul is certified as an instructor.
  - Officials – Donn Livoni
    - a. **We need more USMS officials.**
    - b. Most of our officials are USA swimming officials. We need more USMS officials which will help us have more meets here in the state.
    - c. More information is on the USMS website. RECRUIT!
  - Webmaster – Janelle Munson-McGee (**Replacement needed**)
    - a. Janelle is not in attendance; the report was provided by Donn:
      - i. Minutes and resources are posted on the website.
    - b. Janelle is spread too thin and would like to find a replacement.
      - i. Mackenzie Jones is willing to act as interim until a replacement is found.
- E. Club Reports (2-3 minutes each)
- Bozeman (BOZE)– Guro Lindgren
    - a. Bozeman has 19 active members that hold a membership. For USMS, there were 45 members registered for 2021 and 7 registered for 2022.
    - b. Increased practices from 2 to 4 per week.
    - c. We have a challenge finding and keeping volunteers on the board.
    - d. Good savings in the bank, but we are losing money in our general business. However, ALTS is a money maker for the club.
    - e. We are hoping to have volunteers to create events to keep our club going.
  - Big Sky Montana Masters Club (BSMT) – Peggy Stringer
    - a. Helena Ridleys. Coach with Paul Landes.
    - b. For USMS, BMST had 74 members registered in 2021 and have 15 members registered for 2022.

- c. Two workout groups: Helena Ridleys (5 members for 2022 and 40 members for 2021)
  - d. Missoula workout group: (2 members for 2022 and 20 members for 2021)
  - e. 20 members registered as NA (do not belong to a workout group).
  - f. Hamilton Masters Group registered in 2021 as a workout group and had 10 members. Not sure if they will register as a workout group again for 2022.
  - g. Events open to members: Mediterranean senior games in Italy; National Senior Games in Fort Lauderdale on May 13-16, 2022; Spring national championship on April 28-May 1, 2022.
  - h. Paul Landes – received the 2021 Charlotte Sanddal inspirational swimmer award and the Kerry O’Brien Coaches award. Paul does a lot of community work as well as coaches with the Ridley workout group. The write up about Paul is on the LMSC website.
  - i. The BSMC and Helena Ridley swimmers, set out to chorale swimmers to participate in the 1-hour swim. There were 46 participants leading to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the nation. This increased our membership by 25%.
  - j. Congratulations to Elizabeth Hughes who swam her first and longest open water swim at the 2.4-mile Coeur d’Alene swim. She received the first annual Turtle OWS award because she stuck her neck out.
  - Missoula Masters (MMMT) – Brady Baughman
    - a. For USMS, Missoula had 7 registered members in 2021. We haven’t renewed the club yet for 2022 but plan to renew.
    - b. They swim at the Grizzly Aquatic Center (4-5 practices a week) and at the YMCA (2 practices a week). In the summer there are outside practices at Splash Montana.
    - c. Try Masters Swimming event in the summer. Many new members came and participated. No swimmers stuck around but the connections were cool.
  - Flathead Lake Open Water Swimmers (FLOW) – Mark Johnston
    - a. Not in attendance.
- F. Proposed Bylaws changes
- A summary and the entire bylaws are included in the meeting materials. The bylaw changes are shown in red.
  - Three bylaw amendments were addressed:
    1. Allow membership meetings to take place at other times than the state meet. This would be determined by the board of director resolution.
      - i. Motion to amend Section 10.1 of the bylaws which deals with the Annual Membership Meetings to allow membership meetings to take place at other times than the state meet.
        - M (Jeanne Ensign) / S (Donn Livoni) / D (none) / A (100%, 12 voted)
    2. Allow meetings to be conducted electronically or virtually.
      - i. Motion to amend Section 10.1 (Annual Meeting) and 7.4 (meetings generally) to allow for flexibility of how the meetings are conducted so they can be conducted by virtual electronic means.

- M (Jeanne Ensign) / S (Donn Livoni) / D (none) / A (100%, 12 voted)
    - ii. Motion to make the previous two amendments retroactive to start January 1, 2021. There were no provisions of the bylaws prior to that.
      - M (Jeanne Ensign) / S (Donn Livoni) / D (none) / A (100%, 12 voted)
  - 3. Clean up the language of the bylaws to conform with the terminology at the national level. For example, changing the retitled “Registrar” to “Membership Coordinator”.
    - i. Motion to clean up the wording of our bylaws to align with the correct terminology used by the USMS organization.
      - M (Jeanne Ensign) / S (Donn Livoni) / D (none) / A (100%, 12 voted)
- Changes to the bylaws can be made at any membership meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. Any further changes can be brought up at the quarterly board meetings.

#### G. State Championships 2022

- Rotation and location
  - a. Currently, Missoula does not have an available pool to host this event.
  - b. Polson and Butte have been brought up as possible locations.
    - i. It will be easier to find officials in Butte than Polson.
    - ii. Butte has a great pool at the YMCA. The Montana state short course championships are at this pool at the end of February.
    - iii. Butte is an 8-lane pool and they have 3 lanes for warm down and warm up.
    - iv. Butte was promoted as the best place by multiple people on the call.
- Meet director and referees/officials
  - a. **We need a meet director.**
    - i. Peggy Stringer will ask around.
    - ii. The handbook for being a meet director is on the USMS website.
  - b. We will need timers.
    - i. Swimmers can officiate the events they are not swimming.
  - c. Susan Hucceby – USMS certified referee.
  - d. This task will need people across the state to help pull this off.
- Dates
  - a. Spring nationals are at the end of April/first of May. Often people will use the state meet to lead to qualifying times to go to the national meet. Our state meet could be used as a tune up or a taper.
  - b. The second weekend in April is open for officials.
  - c. There is a possibility of doing a Friday night and Saturday all day meet.
  - d. **Tentative dates:** Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>

- H. Ideas! – as in: what fun and useful things can we do for our members and how do we get there?
- Continue the rebate program:
    - a. Jeanne says, it would be helpful to have the rebate opportunity again with the LMSC members for 2022. This supports all swimmers and not just those who do the meets. This was agreed upon by many attendees.
    - b. Donn adds: LMSC could also pick up the \$50 sanction fees (\$100 for OWS), which would allow smaller areas to have a sanctioned meet. There is no discussion to have these fees raised in the coming years.
    - c. Guro added that Bozeman also benefited from the rebate last year and the \$200 grant to support meets will remain helpful even though there were no opportunities to use that grant this year.
  - Ideas to increase number of meets:
    - a. Swimmers can officiate on the events that they are not participating in. This could help us have more meets.
    - b. Do another meet like the Butte one in January 2020 when they did a high school style meet.
  - Thank you to Lorina for stepping up and being a volunteer to organize this webinar. Thank you to all the members who joined us today.
- I. Other Business
- J. Adjournment 3:20 P.M. MST
- Next meeting – budget meeting on December 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.