

Montana Swimming General Chair's Report

Oct. 2015 – April 2016

Maybe I am just getting more comfortable with the General Chair's position, but our Montana Swimming Family seems to be getting better and better at running the sport of swimming. I think this is 100% due to the fantastic volunteers we have and the efforts they put forth to do the best job they can, even though it is not their "real job".

The meet sanctioning was much smoother with everyone using the template provided on the MTS website. Now that everyone is used to that, there is a good chance we will stream line the form and you'll have to make some changes in your template. Will let you know, but no worries, I can work with the current version very easily. We are just trying to make it better for you and any suggestions you have are always given consideration.

We have had monthly conference calls open to all MTS board or position holders. These minutes are posted on the website.

The USAS Aquatic Sports Convention was held later than normal thus was our Fall HOD. Montana took our 4 athlete reps; 9 other MTS members including an athlete at-large, and committee members also attended representing MTS interests. During Convention Montana was awarded the \$1000.00 check for achieving LEAP Level 2.

Wow, the new website skin!! Need I say more?

SC season and SC State Championship were not without conflict, but all issues were resolved keeping both the Policies and Procedures and the athlete's best interest in mind.

Our all Montana MixerMeet was held April 30-May 1 in Bozeman and again was a great success for all those who attended. Some of the athletes "tested" the officials which planted the seed for us to think we can also use this meet to help officials see things they just don't see at every meet. All of the swimmers had smiles on their faces the whole time. Can you say that about any other meet?

That same weekend, on Saturday, in that same town (so you had no excuse for not attending), Bill Krumm from USAS held the CLBMS 201 workshop which was the last requirement needed to fulfill our LEAP 2 designation. We had 11 attendees representing 5 Montana clubs.

I look forward to another year of moving forward and making Montana Swimming a standout in this Olympic year.

Big Sky. Big Dreams. Big Success!

Dr. Tony Popp –A.J.'s Dad - Montana Swimming General Chair