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## General Chair report

We have nine team using TeamUnify. I need the other clubs to go through a demo of TeamUnify. The two Y Clubs need to take a demo with their managers of their Y's. After the demo's they can still say no that they don't want it but we need to have them at least go through a demo with TeamUnify. I made a commitment to TeamUnify that at least I would try and get everyone to look at their product. If the Y clubs don't go through a demo with TeamUnify they will charge every team an extra \$200.00 each year for the software.

We got our Leap review and there are a few things that need to be corrected. I am working on them and will have to resubmit them by 10/17/12. Our By-Laws are out of date and we need to adopt USA Swimming sample By-laws. They are on the Montana Swimming website for everyone to look at.

We are getting closer to having the Tri-LSC/Quad-LSC concept with Dave Berkoff and the General Chairs of the two other LSC's. Inland Empire and Snake River and possibly Alaska will be joining in with us. We have agreed to have a meet in Missoula on July 5-7, 2013, for all swimmers in our LSCs. There is a 'A' qualifying time to be able to participate in this meet.

Montana still has no Make a Splash program in our LSC. There is grant money available to help with this. If any club is interested in starting this program please refer to the Make A Splash tab in the USA Swimming website. The website address is below. It is a great program and I hope that some teams will be interested enough in getting this program started in Montana. It really does help your club membership with more kids learning how to swim.

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2092&Alias=rainbow&Lang=en>

I attended the USA swimming convention again this year. I met with the other Western Zones General Chairs and we talked a little about the new format of the two zones meets. The 14 and under swimmers are the only ones that will be able to participate in the current Age Group Zones program and as Team Montana. The 15 -19 age year old swimmers will be going to Senior Zones and any swimmers 14 and under that have qualifying times can participate either with your club or as Team Montana. I found that other LSC's allow 11 and old swimmers to ride on the bus to the Zones Swim Meet. The swimmers are either with the LSC team or with their parents, they aren't with both. If the swimmers don't ride the bus they are with their parents and don't stay with the team at the team hotel, or ride the bus to and from the meet each day with their team. The parents are responsible for them at all times unless they are swimming at the meet. The swimmers not on the bus do not partake in the outside activities. If a swimmer that is younger than 11 qualifies and wants to go they can ride the bus with one parent. That parent can also be responsible for one additional child of the same sex. These younger swimmers with their parents have to participate with all team activities. Also most of the other LSC's have one coach for every 10 kids and one parent chaperone for every 6 or 7 kids. They have an absolute policy of if you break the rules even once you are out, no questions asked.