

MONTANA SWIMMING

June 14, 2023

Dear Members of Montana Swimming:

Attached are the minutes of the Montana Swimming Spring House of Delegates (HOD) virtual meeting that was held May 13, 2023. Please review the attached minutes to ensure they accurately reflect the meeting and let me know by July 30 if they do not. If I do not receive any replies by July 30, I'll assume they are satisfactory.

Congratulations to Winston Sundeen, Bozeman Barracudas, and Julia Huffmaster, Bozeman Barracudas, who were selected the Male and Female Athletes of the Year by Montana Swimming.

Congratulations to Connor Mizner, Missoula YMCA Swim Team, and Addy Lewis, Missoula Aquatic Club, who were selected as the Montana Swimming Male and Female Sportspersons of the Year.

Congratulations to Ken Kunz, Billings YMCA Seahawks, who was selected as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

The 2023 Montana Swimming Long Course State Championship will be in Bozeman July 20-23.

There were no bids received for 2024 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championships. The meet host and dates will be determined later. The dates most likely will be either of the last two weekends in February. 2024 Montana Swimming Junior BC Championships will be held in Missoula hosted by the Missoula Aquatic Club March 2-3.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
Secretary, Montana Swimming
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Montana Swimming Spring House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2023

Virtual Meeting

The 2023 spring meeting of the Montana Swimming House of Delegates was a virtual meeting and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, by General Chair Jay Friend.

The meeting notice, which was duly and properly given, was posted on the LSC website, and emailed to clubs and board members. The meeting agenda is found in the appendix. Roll call was taken and those in attendance signified they were present. The attendance sheet is in the appendix. A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

Welcome, General Announcements, and Introductions: General Chair Jay Friend welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Old Business

At Large Voting Delegates: The at large adult voting delegates were appointed at the fall HOD meeting.

- The at large adult board voting delegates include Technical Planning Chair Beth Storey and Records Chair Seam Marshall.
- The elected athlete representatives present and voting at the meeting include Analise Belasco, Jesse McCormick, Aeri La, and Ella Stack.
- Caty Flikkema will vote as the coach representative rather than Jessica Marshall.
- The voting board members will include General Chair Jay Friend, Admin Vice Chair Michelle Schermerhorn, Program Development Vice Chair Jessica Marshall, Secretary Susan Huckleby, and Coach Representative Caty Flikkema.
- The at large athlete voting delegates include Sennett Pizzolatto, BAC; Laine Gilluly, BY; Winston Sundeen, BOZ; Claire Murphy, BMA; Isabella Pachek, GFST; Jackson Pitsch, HOT; Keanna Solomon, HAV; Addie Murray, HDST; Addy Lewis, MAC; and Michael Schermerhorn, MYST.

Agenda: The final agenda was posted on the website. There were no additions or changes.

Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the meeting minutes from the October 2022 House of Delegates meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Athlete Report: Analise Belasco and Jesse McCormick introduced the new junior athlete representatives Aeri La, MYST and Ella Stack, MAC. Jesse reported the athlete committee will be meeting again soon. They hope to have more input from smaller teams going forward.

Reports of Officers: Written reports by the officers are posted on the website and are included in the appendix. Oral reports are summarized below.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Matt Yovich was unable to attend the meeting. His reports are posted on the website. Matt filed an extension for the Form 990 tax return. Matt is working with

former treasurer Craig Smith on transitioning all the accounts and treasurer's paperwork to him.

- Coach Update: Current co-coach representatives Jessica Marshall and Caty Flikkema will be term limited out this fall. Coaches interested in serving as coach representative should contact them. For the coach of the year voting, coaches must be nominated to appear on the ballot. Each team receives one vote. Caty and Jessica will send out the nomination forms at the end of June or early July. Voting will be online.

There was no other old business.

New Business

Montana Swimming Funding Support for 2023 World Deaf Championships: Sy Pizzolatto, BAC, was selected to represent Team USA at the 6th World Deaf Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina in August 2023. Sy must raise his own support to attend the meet.

It was initially moved and seconded to award Sy \$800 to attend the swim meet in a onetime grant. During discussion the motion was amended to \$1000. The money will be from the Reach Out grant account. The money will be given to Sy in advance of the trip.

M/S/P: Montana Swimming will donate \$1000 from the Reach Out grant fund to Sy Pizzolatto to attend the 6th World Deaf Championships in August in Argentina. The money will be given in advance of the trip. This is a onetime award.

For the fall HOD meeting, it was suggested that a proposal be made to provide funding to attend this competition in the future.

Set Montana Swimming Registration Fees for 2023-2024:

Last year the LSC raised membership fees by \$2 to cover the credit card fees being charged for online registration. Should the LSC increase the fees again in 2024 to cover other costs including hosting the state meets? Susan submitted a list of the 2023 fees and the increases to the 2024 USA Swimming fees. Outreach and flex fees are set and cannot be increased. The outreach fee could be reduced by \$2 which is the LSC portion of the fee. The fees can only be adjusted once per year and should be reviewed each May.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded to increase the athlete and non-athlete fees by \$2. Outreach and flex fees will not be increased. The motion passed.

Awards:

Nominations were accepted for the outstanding volunteer of the year, male and female athlete of the year, and the male and female sportsperson of the year. The male and female athlete of the year awards are based on power points. The sportsperson of the year must be a junior or senior in high school. Due to the nature of the virtual meeting, an electronic poll was set up for the delegates to vote for the awards; however, nominees were approved by acclamation and no electronic vote was taken.

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year: **Ken Kunz**, Billings YMCA Seahawks.
Nominees: Ken Kunz, BY.

Montana Swimming Male Athlete of the Year: **Winston Sundeen**, Bozeman Barracudas.

Montana Swimming Female Athlete of the Year: **Julia Huffmaster**, Bozeman Barracudas.

Montana Swimming Male Sportsperson of the Year: **Connor Mizner**, Missoula YMCA Swim Team.

Nominees: Connor Mizner, Missoula YMCA Swim Team.

Montana Swimming Female Sportsperson of the Year: **Addy Lewis**, Missoula Aquatic Club.

Nominees: Addy Lewis, Missoula Aquatic Club.

2023-2024 Short Course Meet Schedule and Short Course Championship Meet Bids:

The 2023-2024 short course season meet bids were submitted to Technical Planning Chair Beth Storey and the draft schedule was posted on the website.

The 2024 BY Rubber Duck Open was listed with tentative dates in January.

There was one bid received from MAC to host the 2024 Montana Swimming Junior BC Championships in the amount of \$6500. MAC will host the meet March 2-3 at Griz Pool. The bid included \$4500 for pool rent, \$1000 for gym rent, and \$750 for hospitality and \$250 for listed miscellaneous costs.

There was no bid submitted to host the 2024 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championship meet. The executive board will consider possible locations and dates.

The group discussed what to do about the lack of bids for the short course championships. There is a lack of available facilities to host the swim meet. There is a lack of available funding to host the meet without the host team losing money. Jay felt having a long term contract facility to host the meet would be best. Butte is a central location. Matt and Jay are working with the Butte YMCA to determine if a long contract to rent the facility to host short course state can be worked out. If the facility can be rented, Montana Swimming could divide the state into three or so regions and those teams would rotate hosting the meet in Butte. If the Butte Y is interested in hosting the meet, that could be worked out as well. Jay did consider proposing the state meet be moved to April 1 and hosting it at Griz Pool. This date would be past the Griz basketball season; however, the UM Events Center did not have the spring football schedule finalized and needed all weekend dates open in April for football.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded that the 2024 Montana Swimming Junior BC Championships will be held in Missoula March 2-3. The BOZ bid was \$6500. The motion passed.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded that the executive board will consider host, bids, locations, and dates for the 2024 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championships. The motion passed.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded that the meet schedule was approved as currently proposed with an exception to determine the host, location, and dates for Short Course State. The motion passed.

The short course meet schedule is in the appendix and posted on the website. If clubs need to make any changes to the schedule, contact sanctions chair Eric Belasco and webmaster Susan Huckleby.

Nominations for Program Development Vice Chair (Zones Coordinator) and Safe Sport Chair: Jay Friend and Nicole Olson, governance committee chair, will accept nominations for the Program Development Vice Chair position previously held by Stephanie Boysen and the Safe Sport Chair position previously held by Brenda Huckert through May 20. Persons appointed to these positions will fill out the remainder of the term. The program development position is open for election this fall.

Resolutions and Orders

There were no physical ballots to destroy as this was a virtual meeting. There were no electronic ballots to delete.

Adjournment

With no further business, General Chair Jay Friend adjourned the meeting at 3:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
Montana Swimming Secretary
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Appendix

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Montana Swimming Spring H.O.D. Meeting Virtual – May 13th, 2023
See Meeting Invite for Link

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Sign In/Voting member identification (one adult and one A.G. athlete from each team)

Welcome/General Announcements/Introductions – Jay Friend

- MTS Board
- Athlete Reps
- Voting Members
- Others

Old Business

Review and approve minutes from Fall HOD meeting – Susan Huckleby

Athlete Update – Jesse and Anna – Introduction of Jr. Reps and others

Chair/Vice Chair Updates – Please see reports on LSC website

Gen'l Chair, Admin Vice Chair, Program Development, Program Operations, Tech Planning,
Finance, Registration, DEI, Safe Sport, Others

Montana Swimming Financial Report – Matt Yovich, Treasurer

Coaches Update – Caty Flikkema, Jessica Marshall

New Business

- Montana Swimming Funding Support for
World Deaf Swimming Championships
- Set Montana Swimming Fees for 2023-2024
Season
- Final Nominations and Election of Outstanding Volunteer Award
Announcement of male and female athletes of the year – Jessica Marshall
- Nominations/Election of Male/Female sportsmen of the year – Athlete reps
- Discuss/approve dates for SC Meets– Beth Storey
- SC Championship Meet Bids and Awards

Other Business

Adjournment

2023 - 2024 MT Swimming Short Course Meet Schedule

Sept. 21-23	USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting	Virtual/Colorado Springs, CO
Sept 30 – Oct 1	MAC Fall First Invite – Invitation Only	Missoula, MT
Oct. 7	MT Swim Fall Officials Meeting	TBA
Oct. 8	MT Swim Fall HOD Meeting	TBA
Oct. 13-15	BAC Fall Invite	Billings, MT
Oct. 14-15	HLST Jamie Turner Memorial	Butte, MT
Oct. 21-22	KATS/GAC Meet	Whitefish, MT
Oct. 27-29	GFST Fall Frost	Great Falls, MT
Nov. 3-5	BYSC Mining City Classic	Butte, MT
Nov. 11-12	MAC Fall Invite	Missoula, MT
Nov. 18-19	HOT Sugar Beet Meet	Hardin, MT
Nov. 29 – Dec 2	Toyota US Open	Greensboro, NC
Dec 1-3	BAC Speedo Holiday Invite	Billings, MT
Dec. 6-9	Speedo Junior Nationals West	Westmont, IL
Dec. 9-10	BOZ Teddy Bear Classic	TBD
Jan. 6-7, 2024	KATS/GAC Splash Meet	Kalispell, MT
Jan. 6-7	GFST Snowflake meet	Great Falls, MT
Jan. 6-7	HOT Tropical Meet (Tentative)	Hardin, MT
Jan. 20-21	BY Rubber Duck Open (Tentative)	Billings, MT
Feb. 2-4	BAC Last Chance Qualifier	Billings, MT
Feb. 3-4	MAC Winterfest	Missoula, MT
Feb. 9-10	MHSA State Swim Meet	Great Falls, MT
Feb. 22-25	Possible Date - MT Swim Short Course State	TBA
March 1-3	YMCA Regionals	Boise, ID
March 2-3	Junior BC Championships	Missoula, MT
March 14-17	Speedo Senior Sectionals (LCM)	Federal Way, WA
March 21-24	Speedo 4 Corners Sectionals (LCM)	Phoenix, AZ
March 21-24	NW Age Group Regionals	Federal Way, WA
March 25-26	HAV Bear Paw Invitational??	Havre, MT
April 3-6	WZ SCY Senior Zones	St George, UT

2023 Spring Treasurer's Reports

All reports posted on the Montana Swimming website.

General Chair's Report

In the early part of the year most of my efforts were focused on finding and developing a short course state meet for 2023. Since then I have been in conversation with our Western Zone contacts at USA Swimming to potentially open a discussion of sharing a full time employee with other similar sized LSCs. A full time employee could handle registration, webmaster, and more.

Jay Friend
General Chair
May 2023

Secretary Report

2023 Spring Secretary Report

The minutes from the 2022 Fall Montana Swimming HOD meeting were e-mailed out to board members and teams for review in December. The minutes are also posted on the website and should be approved at the 2023 Spring HOD meeting. Please let me know if there are any changes or corrections to be made.

The meeting notice for the 2023 Spring HOD meeting was posted on the website. The meeting will be a virtual meeting on Saturday, May 13. New for this meeting due to a change in USA Swimming rules, the club non-athlete and athlete members who will be voting for their club must be currently registered athlete members of MT Swimming/USA Swimming. Teams should send me the names and email address of their voting members for the spring HOD meeting by no later than May 10 so I can check their registrations.

Teams, please send me your team contact and team president's e-mail information so I may e-mail minutes and other LSC information to your team.

I am pleased to serve you and assist whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Huckleby
Montana Swimming Secretary
May 5, 2023

IT Webmaster Report

Coaches, parents, and graduating senior athletes -- please send me your graduation information to be included on the College Bound page which can be found under the athletes tab. Please send me the name of your graduating senior, club, high school, and where the athlete will attend college or

military, or other plans after graduation to post. If your college plans are currently undecided let me know about any changes and I'll update the page.

In August I had to complete new system updates to the website. I have another round of system updates to complete before June 1. Teams should find that their club Team Unify sites now sync with USA Swimming for registration.

Meet results are posted on the past meet results page.

Meet results from semifinal rounds held at meets offering prelims, semis and finals will not upload to Team Unify or SWIMS. Please do not hold meets with semifinals.

Information about the zones teams can be found on the home page and under the meets tab.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy information can be found under the Safety/Safe Sport tab along with other safe sport information.

As your team contacts change, please e-mail me your updated information so I can update the team listing.

Teams, please send your meet information to me to post once it is sanctioned. Many times, teams don't send their warm-up schedules and psych sheets prior to the meet for posting. Also, please send me an unlocked Meet Manager back-up after the meet so I can produce the various results reports to post on the website. If you attend an out of state meet, do send those results to me as well including any Team Manager or Meet Manager files you receive. For teams hosting time trials or dual meets send that information to me also for posting.

Please keep the information, pictures, times, suggestions, and stories coming! Also check out the Montana Swimming Facebook page which is updated by our co-coach representatives Caty Flikkema and Jessica Marshall. My e-mail address is shuckeby@msn.com. I love posting stories and pictures about the accomplishments of our Montana Swimming members! Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Huckleby
Montana Swimming Webmaster/IT Chair
May 8, 2023

Diversity, Disability, Equity, Inclusion Chair Report

Diversity, Disability, Equity, and Inclusion Chair Report

2023 Spring HOD Meeting

The Western Zone DEI Committee is planning to host the 2024 WZ DEI Camp at Indianapolis during Trails June 17-20. To date dorm rooms and cafeteria meals have been obtained at Butler University. Pool time is available at the Riviera Club near the University. The committee is hoping to obtain tickets to attend one session of Trials. The ticket prices are currently very expensive and past the financial ability of the group to purchase. Group ticket pricing will be announced in June. Hopefully the group ticket prices will be affordable. Should tickets not be affordable to camp will move back to a location in the Western Zone.

I am the Wester Zone DEI Coordinator. As part of my duties, I chair the WZ DEI committee, post information on the WZ website, participate in the National DEI committee calls and the DEI Alignment group calls, and disseminate information to the WZ DEI chairs.

The Montana Swimming Reach Out grant program awards funding to Montana Swimming teams to provide opportunities for low income/outreach, minority, LGBTQ, and disabled athletes to participate in swimming through such activities as learn to swim camps, scholarships, providing training equipment or swimsuits and more. This past year no clubs applied for the 2022 fall grants or the 2023 spring grants. After asking clubs why they hadn't applied, several said they were busy with the new and somewhat confusing registration process using SWIMS 3.0 last fall and the last-minute changes regarding the 2023 SC State and Junior BC hosts and simply forgot to apply.

The Montana Swimming board approved using these Reach Out grant funds to purchase external strobes for use in starting hearing-impaired swimmers for Montana Swimming clubs who requested them. I completed the application and sent it to coaches, referees, and at least some of the team leaders that I was aware of. To date, Montana Swimming has purchased Colorado Time external strobes for HOT, MAC, BOZ, MYST and KATS. Each strobe cost \$325 including shipping. Montana Swimming also purchased a cable to connect the strobe to the start system for BYSC.

HLST also asked for a Daktronics remote strobe at a cost of \$1025. I am unsure if shipping is included. I am asking for more information about this strobe. Apparently, it includes an internal battery that must be charged before using. It comes with a bracket and strap to mount it on a backstroke pole for use as a secondary start system and the A/C charger. It can be set on the deck as a remote strobe.

BAC also asked for a strobe for use with the Omega system at MSU-B. Currently, I have been unable to contact Omega/Swiss Timing regarding a quote for an LED Flash.

Teams that did not request a strobe include GFST, HAV, LAKE and BMA.

Sy Pizzolatto, a hearing-impaired swimmer from BAC was selected this spring to represent Team USA at the 6th World Deaf Swimming Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 13-19. I propose that MT Swimming support him in the amount of at least \$800 (which is given to swimmers at National Championship level meets) or even \$1000 since he is traveling to worlds. Funds leftover from purchasing the external strobes could be designated for Sy's travel expenses.

I would like to thank Montana Swimming Athlete Representative Addy Lewis (MAC) and Finance Vice Chair Tracy Flikkema (BAC) for serving on the grant committee. Thank you everyone for the continued support of the program. The fall 2023 grant applications and 2024 spring grant applications will be posted on the website soon.

Information about the Montana Swimming athlete outreach membership policy can be found on the website. In 2021 we voted to add swimmers with a disability to qualify for outreach membership. Part of the qualifying process requires teams to submit a letter to their club registrar verifying the athlete is disabled and the athlete must register as a disability athlete in the appropriate category (P1, P2, P3). Low-income families may submit a letter to their club registrar showing the family is qualified for SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid or other programs including the federal free or reduced hot lunch program to qualify for outreach memberships. A year-round outreach membership is \$7.00 per athlete. If a family member has lost his/her/their job or had hours reduced, please check out the outreach membership as your children may qualify.

I have been contacted by several people in the LSC who are interested in learning more about DEI. Thank you to Pat King (GFST) for reaching out to me to learn more about DEI and how to make an impact in the Great Falls community. I also spoke with Megan Belasco (BOZ) about how we can improve services for disability athletes in the LSC. I hope to host some online meetings so members of Montana Swimming can discuss how to include DEI in their clubs.

I would also like to encourage conversations between coaches, athletes with disabilities, and officials at swim meets to determine needed accommodations for a swimmer. As part of the discussion, this year I have had the opportunity to talk with a few officials about how to provide better start commands for deaf/hard of hearing swimmers by asking where the athlete would like the starter to stand. Sometimes moving a step or two to one side or the other can make it so much easier for a hearing-impaired athlete to see the starter. Last fall USA Swimming added a stand command to the hand signals used to start a hearing-impaired swimmer. USA Swimming also updated the officials N2 and N3 starter evaluation guidelines to include starts for hearing impaired athletes and the new evaluation templates are posted. A proposal about accommodations and modifications of the rules for swimmers with disabilities submitted by the National DDEI Committee will be voted on this fall at the USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting.

I would like to encourage all our athlete members and non-athlete members to check the box for ethnicity when registering with USA Swimming this fall using the SWIMS online member registration (OMR) process. The information is used by USA Swimming and helps them understand if programming and resources are of value to everyone in the organization. The information does not identify individual people.

The USA Swimming Policy 19 for transgender athletes is posted on the website. The policy explains how a transgender athlete may compete in USA Swimming. It is also posted on the USA Swimming website.

The Montana Swimming website features a tab for diversity and inclusion as well as disability swimming. Numerous resources can be found there.

If you have questions about diversity and inclusion, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
Montana Swimming DDEI Chair
May 12, 2023

2023 MT Swim Spring External Strobe Purchase Report - Reach Out Grant Program

With funds from the 2022 fall and 2023 spring Reach Out grant program, the Montana Swimming board approved using these funds to purchase external strobes used when starting hearing impaired swimmers for clubs with timing systems in the LSC. The total funds available are \$5000. No clubs applied for the grant. Many clubs were dealing with the new SWIMS registration changes in the fall and last-minute changes to where SC State and Junior BC would be held in the spring and may not have had time to apply.

February 2023:

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Hardin Otters (HOT) -- used at SC State

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Missoula Aquatic Club (MAC) – for use at Junior BC Championships
- Cable for a Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$50 for the Butte YMCA Swim Club (BYSC). BYSC had a strobe, but no cable.

May 2023

- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Bozeman Barracudas (BOZ). Shipped 5/12/23.
- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Missoula YMCA Swim Team (MYST). To ship 5/16/23.
- Colorado Time External Strobe: Cost \$325 for Glacier Aquatic Club (KATS). To ship 5/16/23.

Total Cost to Date: \$700 (February) + \$975 (May) = \$1675. (5 strobes and one cable)

Additional Strobes Requested:

- HLST – remote strobe for a Daktronics System: \$1025 quote as of 5/9/23. Unsure if that includes shipping. This strobe has an internal battery which must be charged and can be used as a secondary start system. Must have a cable to attach it to the start system. Comes with a mounting bracket and strap to attach it to a backstroke pole and an A/C charger.
- BAC – I have unsuccessfully attempted to contact Omega/Swiss Timing as well as MSU-B about an LED flash. I have no quote yet for this strobe.
- Montana Swimming clubs who did not request a strobe: GFST, HAV, LAKE, BMA. Colorado Time systems.

Support for Sy Pizzolatto as a member of Team USA at the 6th World Deaf Swimming Championships in Argentina August 13-19, 2023. Use at least some of the funds remaining after strobes purchases to support Sy as he travels to Argentina. We currently reimburse athletes attending Senior Nationals, World Trials, the US Open, Olympic Trials, National Disability Championships, and National Disability Trials \$800 each. I would suggest support of a minimum of \$800 or even \$1000 to travel to a world championship.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Huckleby
 Reach Out Grant Committee Chair, MT Swim DDEI Chair
 May 12, 2023

Officials Chair Report

All:

I would like to thank all the officials who make our meets run on time and provide fair competition to our athletes. Over the last 6 months we have had a handful of new officials complete their training and become stroke and turn officials. A big thanks to those officials for completing their training and to all the mentors who work with them during swim meets. The LSC SC championship meets had plenty of white shirts and ran very smoothly. I want to especially thank Ken Kunz and Dax Rice for stepping up and leading our team at the State Championship and BC Championship meets. We are

always looking for and need new officials, especially as we move into the short course season. Please encourage parents to get involved with officiating and contact me if they have any questions.

Thank you,

Eric Belasco
Montana LSC Officials Chair
Eric.belasco@gmail.com
May 8, 2023

Safe Sport Report

All:

I want to let you know that I have resigned my position as Safe Sport Chair effective now. This was not an easy decision as I strongly believe in Safe Sport.

Feeling unsupported by the Board and Executive Board for MT Swimming was the final decision maker.

It saddens me greatly to see and witness and be a part of how members and Coaches are allowed to treat Board Members, especially myself.

I wish nothing but the best for each and every team within the LSC.

I encourage every team that is not Safe Sport Recognized to work towards that goal. Those of you that are, continuing education for your members is key!

Any further complaints, incident reports or questions should be sent to Jay.

Best,
Brenda Huckert
March 17, 2023

Membership Registration Chair Report - 2023 MT Swimming Registration Fee Structure

September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

Premium athlete fees increase by \$2 per year payable to USA Swimming.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>LSC PRICE</u>	
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		
Premium Athlete	1 - 99	32.00	USA Fee \$68 (\$100 total)
Outreach Athlete	1 – 99	2.00 can't increase total)	USA Fee \$5 could reduce to \$0 (\$7 total)

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>LSC PRICE</u>	
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		
Coach	18 - 99	12.00	USA Fee \$68 (\$80 total)
Flex Athlete	1 - 12	10.00 can't increase	USA Fee \$10 (\$20 total)
Administrator	18 - 99	12.00	USA Fee \$
Official	18 - 99	12.00	USA Fee \$68 (\$80 total)
Apprentice Official	18 - 99	12.00	USA Fee \$
Year-Round Club	0 - 0	55.00 Billed by LSC	USA Fee \$70 (\$125 total)
Season 1 Athlete	1 - 99	24.50	USA Fee \$
Other	18 - 99	12.00	USA Fee \$
Season 2 Athlete	1 - 99	24.50	USA Fee \$
Junior Coach	16 - 17	10.00	USA Fee \$
Life Member	Non-athlete	20.00	USA fee \$1000 (\$1020 total)
Organization	0 - 0	55.00 Billed by LSC	USA Fee \$
Season 1 Club	0 - 0	35.00 Billed by LSC	USA Fee \$
Season 2 Club	0 - 0	35.00 Billed by LSC	USA Fee \$

2024 USA Swimming Fees

Non – Athlete Other, Coach, Official	\$70 USA Swimming Fee
Non – Athlete Administrators	\$30 USA Swimming Fee
Athlete – Premium	\$70 USA Swimming Fee
Athlete – Outreach	\$5 USA Swimming Fee
Athlete – Flex	\$30 Fee (\$20 to USA and \$10 to the LSC)
Athlete Seasonal	\$40 USA Swimming Fee
Club/Organization	\$70 USA Swimming Fee

Susan Huckleby
MT Swim Co-Registration Chair

Times Chair Report

Meet Results: Meet results are posted on the website on the past meet results page. I try to have the meet results uploaded to SWIMS and Team Unify within a day or two of receiving them.

Glitch in Meet Manager Affecting the Session Timeline: This spring an update was released for Meet Manager that had a glitch in it affecting the session report and the timeline printed on heat sheets. There should be a new update released later in May that will have this problem corrected. Until then teams can roll back the update to use a previous update. I can assist you with the how to's of this or you can search for it using the online help in Meet Manager. Thank you to Sara Gram (BOZ) who found the error during their Spring Chicken meet last month.

Semi-final meet results: SWIMS 3.0 and Team Unify will not upload semifinal results from meets. ((The only exception is foreign meets using a different meet software.) I have asked the Officials Chair not to sanction any meet with semifinal rounds, but to ask the meets to only offer timed final, prelims, and finals rounds.

SwimCloud: SwimCloud is an online platform showing meet results for athletes who wish to have their times available for college coaches to view. I do try to send the results to SwimCloud after each meet. I am unable to send them results from single team or dual meets – the team must submit those results.

Meet Manager File Names and Report Headers: The correct manner to name your Meet Manager file for a meet is the Year-LSC-Club Code-Meet Name such as the 2023 MT BOZ Smiles May Classic. If names are too long, they will not upload in Team Unify. Also, under the report headers, please list the meet name, location, course, and include the sanction number. The USA Swimming rules require this information. It is not required to list the name of the meet referee. An example would be:

2023 MT BOZ Bozeman Smiles May Classic, Sanction xxxx
Bozeman, MT, Swim Center 50 LCM Pool

Meet File Names: Some meet event file names that are too long to be uploaded onto the Team Unify platform, so I have had to shorten the names to upload the files. Please be aware of that potential problem when naming your Meet Manager files.

Flex Athlete Competing in More than 2 Sanctioned Meets: This year I encountered some problems with uploading results for flex athletes who competed at more than two sanctioned competitions. Flex athletes may only compete in 2 sanctioned meets and no championship meets unless they upgrade to a premium membership.

As I encounter this when doing pre-meet registration recon, I do email teams to let them know of the problem. Flex athletes may compete in additional meets after they have swum in two meets for the year, but their times will not upload into SWIMS until they have upgraded their membership.

18 and Over Athletes and APT: Athletes ages 18 and over who had not completed the athlete protection training prior to competing in a meet had their times rejected when uploaded into SWIMS. I did contact coaches of athletes when possible that I was aware of who had not completed the APT prior to a meet, but there were some athlete times that were not uploaded into SWIMS. If these times should appear in Team Unify, they cannot be used for entry using OME or with an event file when proof of time is required. I do try to delete out these athletes from the results file before uploading times in Team Unify.

Mixed Relay Errors: A legal mixed relay must be composed of two males and two females. All girls and all boys relays are not legal mixed relays and their times will not be uploaded into SWIMS (relays with 3 girls and 1 boy or 3 boys and 1 girl are also not legal mixed relays). These non-conforming relays should be disqualified. I encourage teams to offer girls, boys, and mixed relays at meets. The meet referee may combine those relays to swim together during the meet, but after the races are concluded the AO can adjust the relays and split the correct teams back into the correct events. If you have questions about how to do this, please contact me.

Relays: For relay times to be uploaded to SWIMS, each relay team in Meet Manager must list the names of the four swimmers who swam. The swimmers must be currently registered athletes from

the same team. Relays must conform to the relay information listed on the event list as far as age and gender. Open relays may include swimmers of any age. Unattached swimmers may not swim on relays.

Montana Top Times Reports: The Montana top times reports have been discontinued so far this year due to the changes in SWIMS 3.0.

Scholastic All America: I serve as the Western Zone women's tabulator on the Scholastic All America sub-committee. The online application opens June 1. Athletes must have completed the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12 grade; have a 3.5 GPA or higher in academic subjects; and have a 2022 Winter Juniors qualifying time to be named to the SAA team. I encourage all qualified Montana Swimming athletes to apply.

Single Team Meets: There were a couple single team meets held this year. There were no virtual meets held this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve all our Montana Swimming athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
May 8, 2023

Scholastic All America Report



The Scholastic All America application for the 2022-2023 year will be available online at the USA Swimming website beginning June 1, 2023.

<https://www.usaswimming.org/times/popular-resources/scholastic-all-america>

- The only method for application will be the online application on the USA Swimming website.
- Applicants will be required to have a USA Swimming account.
- Qualifying pool times for the applicant will be validated in SWIMS. Times **MUST** be in SWIMS and have been achieved between September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2023 (dates inclusive).
- Applicants will be required to have a transcript for the complete 2022-2023 academic year available for uploading to the application.
- Applicants must have been a member at the time of the swim and a current member when applying for the 2022-2023 SAA team.

- Applicants must have all application documents completed by the application deadline. Late applications will NOT be accepted or considered.

Susan Huckleby
Western Zone Women's Tabulator
May 10, 2023

POOL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have swum an individual pool time equal to or faster than the 2022 Winter Junior National qualifying time in any individual event during the SAA qualifying period (Sep 1, 2022-Aug 31, 2023, dates inclusive) with the qualifying times in SWIMS.

Only ONE time is necessary and only ONE application is necessary.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

Applicants must have swum an individual pool time equal to or faster than the [2022-2023 Para Scholastic All American Standards](#) (posted on the SAA page) in any individual event noted within their self-reported P1, P2, or P3 grouping during the SAA qualifying period (Sep 1, 2022-Aug 31, 2023, dates inclusive) with the qualifying times in SWIMS.

Only ONE time is necessary and only ONE application is necessary. A cap of 56 athletes will be named with 2/event/gender.

OPEN WATER SWIMMERS

Applicants must have swum an individual pool time equal to or faster than the 2022 Winter Junior National qualifying time in the 800, 1000, 1500, or 1650 freestyle during the SAA qualifying period (Sep 1, 2022-Aug 31, 2023, dates inclusive) with the qualifying times in SWIMS **AND** participate in the Open Water National Championships held on April 21-23, 2023.

Only ONE time is necessary and only ONE application is necessary.

If the applicant wishes to be recognized as an open water swimmer, make sure to select that on the application.

GRADE & GPA REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must have completed 9th, 10th 11th or 12th grade

MINIMUM GPA

Application must maintain minimum 3.5 GPA for the current academic year

GRADE CONVERSION

A=4, B=3, C=2. If numerical grades are used, the following scale will be used unless the school's letter grade conversion is given on the transcript: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79. In calculating the GPA, no rounding will be used – one decimal place only.

HONORS & ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, PLTW courses, and dual credit college level academic courses will earn one fifth (.2) extra Grade Point.

Only grades for academic subjects will be used to calculate GPA – history/social studies, English, mathematics, sciences, foreign languages, computer sciences, visual and performing arts if indicated as academic.

A grade lower than a C in an academic subject will mean automatic rejection of the applicant.

Grades for non-academic courses will NOT be calculated – art, band, orchestra, choir, home economics, health, driver education, physical education, shop, etc. and any other class marked as non-academic will not be included in the GPA calculation (unless transcript indicates 'academic' or AP or IB).

GRADE

There will be no special status designation for a 4.0 GPA other than for a National Champion in the pool or open water who also has achieved a 4.0 GPA. Junior National or 18 and Under Champions will not be considered.

Meeting Attendance Sign-In Sheets:

2023 Montana Swimming Spring HOD Meeting May 13, 2023 – Virtual Meeting

Sign in of those members present:

Officers:

VOTING MEMBERS:	Print	Print Email Address
General Chair:	Jay Friend <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>jayjfriend@gmail.com</u>
Administrative Vice Chair:	Michelle Schermerhorn <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>michelleskerm@gmail.com</u>
Program Development V.C.:	Jessica Marshall <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>coachjessicamarshall@gmail.com</u>
Program Operations Chair:	Vacant _____	
Finance Vice Chair:	Tracy Flikkema <u>ABSENT</u>	<u>fireresq24@me.com</u>
Secretary:	Susan Huckeby <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>shuckeby@msn.com</u>

Coach Representative: Caty Flikkema PRESENT cmflikk@me.com

Safe Sport Coordinator: Vacant _____

Diversity, Disability, Equity & Inclusion Chair: Susan Huckeby (Present-vote as secretary)shuckeby@msn.com

Sr. Athlete Representative Analise Belasco PRESENT analise.belasco@gmail.com

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Jr. Athlete Representative Aeri La PRESENT aeriannala@gmail.com

Jr. Athlete Representative Ella Stack PRESENT ella.stack@mcsmt.org

At Large Voting Delegates:

Tech Planning Chair (appt): Beth Storey PRESENT storeybeth@gmail.com

Officials Chair (elect): Eric Belasco ABSENT eric.belasco@gmail.com

Records Chair (appt): Sean Marshall (present – voting for BAC) bacstingrays@gmail.com

Operational Risk Chair (appt): Caty Flikkema (present - voting as coach rep) cmflikk@me.com
(10 votes)

Non-Voting Board Members:

Co-Membership/Reg. Coord (appt): Jay Friend/Susan Huckeby present – not voting

Co-Coach Representative (elect): Jessica Marshall present – not voting coachjessicamarshall@gmail.com

Treasurer (elect): Matt Yovich ABSENT coachmatt@bozemanbarracudas.org

Club ADULT Voting Representatives Present: (1 per club)

	<u>Print Name if Present</u>	<u>Print Email Address</u>
Billings Aquatic Club	Sean Marshal	bacstingrays@gmail.com
Billings YMCA Swim Club	Kristen Wyatt	kwyatt@billingsymca.org
Bozeman Barracudas	Hans Dersch	coachhans@bozemanbarracudas.org
Bozeman Brookies	Molly DeMarco	mollykdemarco@gmail.com
Butte Tarpon Swim Team	None	
Butte YMCA Riptide	None	
Great Falls Swim Team	Pat King	coachpatking@gmail.com
Glacier Aquatic Club	None	
Hardin Otter Swim Team	Jana Pitsch	jdpitsch@msn.com
Havre Lions Swim Team	Hayley Coursey	coachhrcoursey@gmail.com
Helena Lions Swim Team	Megan Stenzel	Megan.stenzel@gmail.com
Helena Dolphins Swim Team	None	

Missoula Aquatic Club	Robyn Lewis	reblewis76@yahoo.com
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	Brady Baughman	brady.baughman27@gmail.com
Polson Lake Monsters	None	

Club ATHLETE Voting Representatives Present: (1 per club)

	<u>Print Name if Present</u>	<u>Print Email Address</u>
<u>These athletes will serve as at-large athlete voting delegates.</u>		
Billings Aquatic Club	Sennett Pizzolatto	sennett.p222@gmail.com
Billings YMCA Swim Club	Laine Gilluly	lainegilluly@gmail.com
Bozeman Barracudas	Winston Sundeen	winston@cameronbridge.com
Bozeman Brookies	Claire Murphy	Mary_kay_woodin@yahoo.com
Butte Tarpon Swim Team	None	
Butte YMCA Swim Team	None	
Great Falls Swim Team	Isabella Pachek	bellapachek@gmail.com
Glacier Aquatic Club	None	
Hardin Otter Swim Team	Jackson Pitsch	jdpitsch@msn.com
Havre Lions Swim Team	Keanna Solomon	keannasolomon@icloud.com
Helena Lions Swim Team	None	
Helena Dolphins Swim Team	Addie Murray	frescafrisco@gmail.com
Missoula Aquatic Team	Addy Lewis	mtswingirl15@gmail.com
Missoula YMCA Swim Team	Michael Schermerhorn	mikeyscherm@gmail.com
Polson Lake Monsters	None	

Non-Voting ATHLETES Present

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Print Email Address</u>	<u>Club</u>
Ethan Brown	erbrwn06@gmail.com	BY

Non-Voting ADULTS -- Parents/Coaches/Officials/Guests Present

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Print Email Address</u>	<u>Club</u>
Nicole Olson -Governance Committee	nmolson@gmail.com	BOZ
Jennifer Krattiger	jendtiger@gmail.com	HLST
Alana Cunningham	alanac@406sportsandaquatics.com	HDST
Lisa Patchin	coachlisa@bozemanbarracudas.org	BOZ