

Montana Swimming Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Teams Virtual Meeting

November 14, 2021

Present: Matt Yovich, Jay Friend, Stephanie Boysen, Caty Flikkema, Tracy Flikkema, Susan Huckleby, Jessica Marshall, Kristen Wyatt, Ada Qunell, Addy Lewis, AJ McCormick, and Connor Mizner.

General Chair Matt Yovich opened the meeting at 8:30 pm. The agenda is included at the end of the minutes in the appendix.

2022 Montana Swimming Short Course Championship Meet Bids:

Three bids were received to host the 2022 MT Swimming Short Course Championships. Two bids from Polson/LAKE and BAC (to hold an east state meet) were submitted previously and discussed at the fall HOD meeting. Another bid from BAC and MAC to host the meet at Butte was recently submitted.

Jay introduced the bid from BAC and MAC. Jay and Sean worked with Phil Borup and Reyes Garza at the Butte YMCA to put the bid together. The bid is \$15,000. The bid breakdown of costs is as follows:

• Pool/Building/Equipment Rental:	\$8750
• Staffing (Lifeguards, set up, take down, admin):	\$3200
• Cleaning costs (labor and supplies):	\$ 750
• Miscellaneous costs (radios, bathroom supplies)	\$ 800
• Programs:	\$ 650
• Office Supplies (paper, labels, etc.):	\$ 350
• Hospitality:	\$ 600
Total	<u>\$15,000</u>

Other information regarding the bid:

- BAC and MAC will operate concessions.
- Seating on the pool deck. Additional seating in the first-floor hallway that is parallel to the pool deck. The meet will be live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and Boxcast.
- Equipment includes a CTS 6, 8 lane scoreboard, Spectrum Xcellerator starting blocks, and Spectrum backstroke ledges.
- The bid is to rent the first floor of the facility. It was unknown if the teams could rent the upstairs of the facility and at what cost.
- Jed will be the meet director.
- The support personnel and volunteers will be from BAC and MAC to run the meet.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded to accept the bid submitted by BAC and MAC to host the 2022 Montana Swimming Short Course State Championships in Butte. The motion passes.

2021 Havre Registration Issues:

Stephanie reported that Havre had a parent volunteer assist with the athlete registration last year. No one at Havre realized all the athletes were mistakenly registered as year-round athletes rather than as flex members. They also had some athletes that should have been registered as outreach members but

were incorrectly registered as year-round members. Montana Swimming submitted the registration to USA Swimming and paid the registration fees to USA Swimming.

The Havre parents are unable to pay the year-round athlete registration fee and the team is unable to pay the year-round athlete fees. The team owes approximately \$1500 to Montana Swimming. They could possibly pay a total of \$720.

The fee for a flex athlete is \$20. The fee for an outreach athlete is \$7. The 2021 year-round athlete fee was \$94.

Of the Havre athletes that were registered for 2021, all but two only competed in two sanctioned meets during the year. Flex swimmers may only complete in two sanctioned meets and no meets at the LSC Championship level or higher unless they upgrade to a year-round membership.

Would Montana Swimming consider waiving the LSC surcharge for this year to make up for the difference? It could be in the form of a waiver or covid grant.

M/S/P: It was moved and seconded that HAV will pay the fee Montana Swimming paid to USA Swimming for the 2021 athlete registration. Montana Swimming will then waive the LSC portion of the fee. The LSC portion of the fee will be in the form of either a waiver or grant. This is a one-time only elimination of the Montana Swimming registration surcharge fee. The motion passed.

Four Hour Rule:

Jessica asked if Montana Swimming would enforce the four-rule involving 12 and under athletes at meets. She mentioned warm-ups at the Butte meet began at 9:00 am and she had a swimmer in the 8&U 25 fly swimming at 4:00 that day. It was a very long day for young swimmers. There were 330 swimmers entered in the meet. To keep young kids interested in swimming, meets need to be fun and not last all day long. Young swimmers get very tired at long swim meets.

Teams could offer split sessions at meets to keep the 12 and under sessions less than four hours long. More questions about the size and length of the meet could be asked during the sanctioning of the meets. Meets with 300 plus swimmer should really be split session meets. Jessica mentioned that normally BAC and BY wouldn't be at the Butte meet but would rather be at the Hardin meet. The Hardin pool is currently close for renovations.

Confidential session:

The executive committee went into confidential discussions regarding two additional items on the agenda to respect the privacy of those involved.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Huckleby
Montana Swimming Secretary

Appendix

Agenda

MT Swimming Executive Committee Meeting

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- 2022 Montana Swimming Short Course State meet bids – previous bids from Polson and BAC. Another bid from BAC and MAC to host the meet at Butte.
- Havre 2021 registration issues

Move into confidential session