

Montana Swimming
Executive Board Meeting
February 24, 2014
WebEx/conference call
Approved - April 21, 2014

Present:

Curt Jacobson - President
Tony Popp - Admin Vice Chair
Richard Allen - Finance Vice Chair
Jade Sobek - Senior Vice Chair
Lisa Keyes - Age Group Vice Chair
Craig Smith - Treasurer
Tami Peters - Secretary
Hailey Jacobson - Sr. Athlete Rep.
Andrea Schmidt - Jr. Athlete Rep.

Absent

Jacob Byrne - Coach Representative
Jenna Marsh - Sr. Athlete Rep.
Sami DuVal - Jr. Athlete Rep.

Business

1. President Curt Jacobson called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM
2. Shared Services position:
 - a. Information was sent to us (MT Swimming board) by IES (Inland Empire Swimming) a few days ago. Please look these documents over in the next few days. We need to decide if we want to go forward with this position or not.
 - b. Tony - Do we want to send this information to the other LSCs that opted out of the co-operation and see if they might be interested in again. Curt says he can do this.
 - c. Craig - We might want to send the information out to the people that expressed interest in the position and get their feedback.
 - i. There have been a few people that have expressed interest in the position: John Heryla, Gina Leonhardt, a coach from Helena- Angela?, Susan Huckeby.
 - ii. Curt will email the information to these 4 after tonight's meeting and ask for feedback by Friday. If there is anyone else other board members can think of, please feel free to send it to them also.
 - iii. Curt - This position should start probably no later than August 1st, 2014.
 - iv. Richard - Do we really feel like our communications with IES have developed to a level we are ready to enter a business relationship with them?
 - v. Although most of the board is currently feeling hesitant about a business partnership with IE, we would like to at least move forward and get some

feedback from within our LSC and not give up on the potential shared services position yet.

- vi. **Motion by Curt:** Send the information out to interested persons within MT Swimming, have feedback due back by SC state, forward our feedback to IES, set up a conference call with IES and members of our board in April to refine the options and feel out the communication relationship with them, then make a final decision at the May HOD meeting. Seconded by Tony, motion passes.

3. Mixed meet

- a. Survey for the Mixed-Team Meet (see Tony's summary of the survey - conducted during MAC WinterFest, Feb. 2014). Highlights include:
 - i. 18/19 coaches heartily in favor of the idea. Hardin Otter will not be swimming in April, so will not be able to participate.
 - ii. All officials surveyed were also in favor.
 - iii. Coaches requested different colored swim caps as opposed to wristbands.
 - iv. Late April is a good time.
 - v. Lots of feedback and ideas for relay varieties and awards.
 - vi. Athlete reps are strongly in favor.
 - vii. Curt has reservations (Grizzly pool, gym space, green areas, ect) set up for April 26-27 if we want to host it in Missoula.
 - viii. **Motion by Richard** - Host the first Montana Swimming Mixed-Team Meet in Missoula on April 26-27, 2014. Seconded by Lisa, motion passed.
 - ix. Curt, the athlete reps, and Tony will work on the details and plans. Athlete reps will spread the news and gather fun ideas at the athletes' meeting at SC state.

4. Team Unify

- a. Only a few teams in the state have not joined to have a Team Unify website. Curt feels we can now get a Team Unify website to these last smaller teams for a very reduced cost. He would really like to get this useful resource to these teams, and suggested the board to consider at least partly underwriting the cost for them.
 - b. If MT Swimming teams start using TouchPad (Team Unify's version of HyTek software) we might get an even further discount for our smallest teams.
 - c. Craig gave an update on the experience Bozeman Hawks had in testing TouchPad out during a meet they recently hosted. Report is positive; seems to be very straight forward, logical, and easy to use.
 - d. This software is free to any team in Montana Swimming who wants to use it.
5. Approval of January 20, 2014 minutes tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting - 8:00 PM, March 24, 2014

President Curt Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM

Submitted by Tami Peters - Secretary