Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to report that as of April 17, 2011 we have 50 certified officials but only a couple of trainees working on their certification. This is a great retention rate as our LSC has only had a small number of officials that didn't complete the required background check. We as officials need to get ready as USA Swimming should have the athlete protection training done sometime this year and it will be another requirement all LSC Officials will be required to take.

We had a very successful short course season that concluded with the 2011 Montana Championship Meet in Missoula the end of February. We had 26 officials that worked the meet over the two days. With this many officials working the meet was ran extremely well and the comments which were made during and after the meet were all positive and with over 400 swimmers the meet was completed ahead of the projected time line each day.

Montana Swimming had 4 officials that went on to the 2011 Senior Sectional Meet and the 2011 Age Group Meet which were held in mid March at Federal Way, WA. giving them the experience of working upper level meets.

As we continue onto the 2011 long course season I would like to ask that we continue to recruit new officials from all the teams as we will continue to loose the older officials each year and the need for trained officials will grow each year. I would like to ask that we continue to add two officials to from each team every year.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the officials that have worked at the meet throughout the last year, the officials that have helped me this year and for all their efforts in training and mentoring our new officials. I would encourage all our officials to continue with the training and mentoring of all the officials. We have a great group of officials in our LSC and I know we all learn something at the meets we work.

If anyone has questions or need anything please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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