Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

General and Admin Vice Chairs workshop

Peter Loyda and I were able to attend a great workshop in Colorado Springs for General and Admin Chairs. Peter did a great job documenting our trip and I hope all of you looked at the information we brought back. It is on the Montana Swimming website under the Resources tab, then House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting Information, 2010 Fall HOD Meeting Minutes under OTHER DOCUMENTS. If you haven't read it please do.

USA Swimming LEAP Program

Leap: LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program. Montana Swimming has until April 30 2012 to achieve our Level 1 status. This requires us rounding up a lot of our internal documents; create new ones, formalizing a lot of the things we do to help us make Montana swimming a better organization. We have to have a Mission Statement, Vision Statement, create and adopt Bylaws, create an annual budget, comply with State and Municipal Laws, have a conflict of interest Policy, have rules and regulations, Policies and Procedures, etc. Most of these things we already have and do but we need to formalize our processes and procedures on how we do them. There are 50 items in the level 1 program that we have to document or complete.

I will be calling on a lot of you to help Montana swimming complete this process over the next 6-8 months. My goal is to have this completed before the end of the year. So when I ask for input and ideas I would appreciate everyone's help.

USA Swimming Club Recognition Program

Dave Berkoff, Niki Bronec, Jo May Salonen, Lanni and I worked on the Level 1 certification for Missoula Aquatic Club. We completed this in December and submitted it by the deadline of December 17th. All the clubs in the state should look at this process and start working to achieve your level one status as a club. Once you achieve level one you can work toward the next level. I would like to have all our clubs in the Montana LSC achieve level one by the end of 2012.

Championship Swim Meet Committee

I put together the Championship Swim meet committee as directed by the new policy that was adopted at our fall HOD meeting. I included a representative from Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Bozeman, Billings and then me (Missoula). I have attached the notes from the two meetings that we had. We worked on

defining what was needed to run a championship meet and how Montana swimming was going to run theirs. We had a great group of people that helped us put together a lot of good ideas. We all kept in mind that we are doing this for the swimmers.

We will be using these new procedures to run the up and coming State Long Course meet. With this new procedure in place Merle sent out an email to the Referee's in Montana asking who would like to be the Meet Referee. When we get more than one application we will use our new process to choose the referee for that meet. Since we only got one application, the first state run meet Referee for Long course will be Brian Robinson. Thank you Brian for applying.

We will also be using the new procedures to bid on all the Championship meets in Montana. At the spring HOD meeting we will discuss this and make our choices for the Short Course session. Please look at the Meet Bid Form and fill it out for the State meets you will want to bid on. In the future these will be posted on the Website before the meeting for everyone to look at. Then we will discuss these at our HOD meeting and vote on the meets for the next season.

I am excited to try and get some corporate sponsors for Montana Swimming. My goal is to have at least half of our budget be paid for by corporate sponsors by the end of 2012. To accomplish this we will need to create some marketing materials to help the clubs sell the businesses in their markets corporate sponsorships. This will hopefully be easier than trying to sell a sponsorship for your local meet/club because they will have coverage across the state to thousands of different people in 10 cities in Montana. The club that sells the sponsorship will receive 20% of the sponsorship when it is received by Montana Swimming.

Hope to see you all in Bozeman at the Spring HOD meeting.

Curt Jacobson
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