
Montana LMSC Annual Membership Meeting – April 6, 2024

Chair: Jeanne Ensign

Minutes Recorded By: Jeanne Ensign

Board Member Attendees: Jeanne Ensign, Chair; Mark Brooke, Vice Chair; Bill Hughes, Club Rep BSMT; Sue Harkin, Club Rep BOZE; Josh Huckaby (and future swimmer Caitlin); Top Ten Recorder; Annie Kirklin, Webmaster

Board Members Absent: Karen LeFebre, Secretary; Donn Livoni, Immediate Past Chair; Gayle Phillips, Membership Coordinator; Susan Huckleby, Officials; Paul Landes, Coaches

Membership: Julie Ackerlund, Laura Granger, Lindy Hanson, Patricia Hastings, Katie Jimenez, Richard Knight, Phillip Luebke, Bryce Maxell, Tim Mehrens, Maureen Porter, Bruce Rose, Heather Shaughnessy, Kim Feig, Jennifer Turchin, Bob Vince, Richard Weber, Anne Weber, Libby Snelling

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm MDT at Metals Sports Bar & Grill, Butte MT.

Attendees introduced themselves by name, favorite stroke, and where they were born.

The chair recapped the year's activity – BSMT hosted the last (2023) state champs. In March at the last LMSC annual membership meeting, new officers were elected to a two-year term – Jeanne Ensign, Chair; Mark Brooke, Vice Chair, Karen LeFebre, Secretary, and Abby Thane Davis, Treasurer. Donn Livoni will assume the position of Immediate Past President. The MT LSC and LMSC dual sanctioned 4 meets (Bozeman Smiles, Jamie Turner, Mining City Classic, Teddy Bear). Two board members attended the USMS annual meeting in September, Mark virtually and Jeanne in person in Houston. In October Bozeman swimmers Suzette Harkin and Kris Kruid represented the LMSC at Relay 2023 (Event Development & Collaboration).

The chair introduced board members present and asked for suggestions or referrals for the two open seats on the board, Treasurer and Sanctions.

The 2023 Financial Report was presented. Cash on Hand at the end of the year was \$4,850. It is suggested by the national office that we keep at least six months operating expenses on hand. This represents over two years' worth.

Traditionally we have rotated state Champs between Missoula, Bozeman, and At-Large (anywhere else). This year's rotation was Bozeman, which they declined, and it is being hosted by the LMSC. Following is the traditional rotation and the actual host and location. Pool availability and a big enough group to host have impacted location and host.

2020 Bozeman; 2021 At Large – not held due to pandemic; 2022 Missoula – hosted by the LMSC at Butte Y; 2023 At Large – hosted by BSMT at Butte Y; 2024 Bozeman – hosted by the LMSC at Butte Y; 2025 At Large; 2026 Missoula. There was discussion about negative and positive aspects of location – centrally located enables easier travel, and availability of pools. Different locations were discussed.

The chair announced USMS will host Relay 2024 (Community Development) and the National Coaches Clinic together in Houston, October 18-20, and for swimmers to start thinking about who should attend. The LMSC has some funding available and can also apply to the NW Zone for assistance.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7 pm and everyone shared stories in remembrance of Charlotte Sanddal, who passed away in February 19th at age 101.