



UTSI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 7:00 p.m.

American Fork Fitness Center Classrooms 1&2
454 N Center St, American Fork

Utah Swimming MISSION Statement: *Utah Swimming Inc provides the framework for athletes to achieve competitive success through innovative planning and education.*

Utah Swimming VISION Statement: *Building a community where athletes can reach their highest potential.*

1. Call to Order 7.05pm

2. Roll Call

Members present:

Paul Larsen, Lorinne Morris, Cathy Vaughan, Wane Oviatt, Carri Oviatt, Stan Crump, Audrey Bell, Susan Winter, Ron Lockwood, Shane Lamb, Serena Reynolds, Shawn King,

Athlete Reps: Tony Puertas, Rhys Winter

Public: Michelle Kiser, Jenn Nielson, Tim Leonhart, Dennis Tesch, Dale Leonhart

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda. PASSED

4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the 13 Feb 2018 Draft for Approval. PASSED

5. Consent Agenda Items: None

6. Public Comment: Public comments are included in point 7. Championship Meet Directors Report.

7. Championship Meet Directors Report and Review

1. BC: Susan Winter

Susan Winter and Tim Leonhart reported that the BC Meet held at the University of Utah Natatorium was a success financially and for teams having a significant number of athletes reach State qualifying times. There were a number of issues that the UTSI Board needs to consider for the future. The first consideration is the nature of the meet. Over 500 athletes attended which presented challenges for the facility. Spectator space is limited and the stands were over capacity. Overflow areas were set up in Hyper East. Swim Utah provided food trucks but they ran out. The number of bonus events had to be significantly reduced through coach and team approval requiring entries to manually be resubmitted three days before the event. In the past, the meet has been run after the

State Age Group Meet as a B level State Meet. Scheduling the BC Meet before State has the effect of being a last chance and potentially having athletes finish their season on a negative rather than a positive. This is not always the case however and there was general agreement that State should be the season ending meet. Ron Lockwood and Shawn King brought up the point that perhaps it was time to look at our Championship Meets differently. In Colorado for example they host a 10 and under festival which is a fun meet where athletes get to podium, they do not follow a prelim/final format but this presents an opportunity for a larger percentage of 10 and under athletes. Shawn suggested that it may be time to have different models for each each group: 10U, 11-14, Snr, 17 Up

2. AG State: Michelle Kiser

Michelle Kiser reported on the Age Group Championship Meet. The first take away from the meet was the fact that historically some coaches have not met the entry deadlines for championship meets. The age group meet committee imposed a penalty on Swim Utah this year that attempted to take into consideration the ability to standardize a penalty that would be appropriate for large and small teams going forward. There is a need to review this issue and standardize our Championship Meet sanctions that incorporates a correction period but allows for enforcement to make the Meet Directors job feasible. The second take away from this meet was the need for training both the meet committee, the deck team and our volunteers in regards to responding to medical issues. In general, the facility handles the medical emergencies since they have trained personnel on deck. The communication protocols and responses of the deck referee teams need to be communicated. The last issue that received some feedback was the format of the finals sessions. Age Group State ran a A followed by B final to allow for a no show position to be filled from the B final. The general consensus from the athlete reps and coaches is that a B final followed by and A final is better received. The issue again is one of standardization so that Utah swimming is not perceived as being “consistently inconsistent”.

3. Snr. State: Jenn Nielson

Jen Nielson reported that as for the Senior Championship the number of athletes attending has grown in recent years and is at capacity with the current format. Shane pointed out that we have a very positive relationship with Ben Rae who helps us manage with the frustrations that the facility has over hosting an event this large. In general, it was agreed that the two major issues are empowering the Technical Chair to review the time standards for the meet. Shane pointed out that there were 300 swimmers in the 50 Free. Michelle also discussed the challenges of the volunteer assessment by team. Less parents travel with their senior athletes and slots can be difficult to fill. Hospitality needs to be reviewed since traveling teams find it difficult to host hospitality. It was suggested that SUSA do hospitality each year at Senior State but this was considered too much of a burden for one team. A standardized hospitality list and items were requested (soda and coffee) if teams were going to share the job. Stan suggested that it was time to look at the selection of Meet Directors and appoint an Assistant Meet Director to manage a meet of this scale.

Another issue at the Senior State meet was that there were some coaches without updated credentials arriving on deck. Todd handled the updates but some had to leave the deck. The Board has been addressing this issue for the future and teams will be emailed when credentials are expired.

Championship Meets Review: Motion presented to appoint a Championship Meets Task Force headed by Cathy Vaughan PASSED

Action Items For Task Force

- Standardize meet announcement language for the 3 Championship meets (SR, Age Group & Long Course State)
- Standardize entry terms, deadlines and penalties
- Review volunteer assessment
- Review hospitality policy
- Standardize sanctions in regards to altitude adjusted time standards and related

issue

- Research and consider using USA Swimming OME (Online Meet Entry)
- Selection of Championship Meet Directors and development of committee
- Coordinate with Safety Committee on meet safety protocols/procedures
- Empower technical planning to review time standards and adjust if necessary.
- Review UTSI current meet policies and procedures, rules and regs according to proposed categories
- Members of Task force Cathy Vaughan, Stan Crump, Serena Reynolds, Wane Oviatt, Carri Oviatt, Lorinne Morris, Shawn King, Tim Leonhart, Todd Etherington, Mike Werner, Rhys Milton, Tony Puertas

8. Board Member Reports

1. Admin Vice Chair Report: Lorinne Morris
See discussion items.
2. Senior Chair Report: Stan Crump
A request to reimburse an athlete from WOW \$75 approved. Stan indicated that the ASCA access codes for Utah coaches would have expired in February. Shawn King mentioned that coaches can give a purchase code to ASCA and can download the content. Level 4 school is now online. The contact is Matt Huber@asca.
3. Athlete Committee
Welcome Rhys Milton Winter our new Junior Athlete Rep.

9. Staff Reports

10. Discussion Items

1. from Wane: Report regarding meet entry terms and terminology forwarded to the Championship Meet Task force for review.
2. from Lorinne:
 1. Volunteer Assessment at Championship meets: Need to make our volunteer assessment not a burden to team admins and the UTSI volunteer coordinators. Policy uses team entries: assessment out (1) week prior to meet; paying instead of playing. Recommendation to come from the Championship Meet Task force.
 2. Hospitality Policy: Adjustment recommendation that hospitality should be handled in St George not by travelling teams. To be reviewed by the Championship Meet Task force.

1. Action Items

from Lorinne: Rules and Regulations update. Board discussed and made the following changes in bold and italic:
Utah Swimming Rules and Regs Updated.

1. The UTSI Championship Meets are: Utah Short Course Age Group Championships, Utah Short Course Senior Championships, Utah Long Course Championships. Other meets may be designated as ***such by the UTSI Board.***

2. Non-Championship Meets: B or BC Finale. Meets may be designated as ***such by the UTSI Board.***
3. Entries:
4. All participating swimmers ***in championship meets*** must be able to prove current USA Swimming membership and be registered as a member of Utah Swimming. All entries are due eight days prior to the first day of the meet (unless specified differently in the meet information). The Meet Director must forward a meet database backup to the USI Registration Chair ***at least 3 days before the meet.***
5. UT 1.10 ***Seeding of 400 and greater events. Rule Eliminated***
6. UT 1.12 Championship Meet Committee
7. The Championship Meet Committee will be appointed to handle all issues pertaining to non-rule situations at the meet. Examples of issues under the jurisdiction of the Championship Meet Committee are: Severe weather, equipment ***and changes of program or postponement etc.***
8. ***Application of the USA Swimming 4-hour rule: (Age Group) See Policy 1.30.7***
9. UT 1.16 Beehive Finale Meets:
10. ***F Funding and Fees. Utah Swimming shall fund the Beehive Finale with \$700 to be used towards running the meet and awards.*** Awards must be approved by the UTSI Age Group or Senior Chair. Failure to receive prior approval may result in the host team being required to replace the awards. Replacement awards will be distributed to all teams not later than 30 days following the notification of inadequate awards. Awards must be picked up at the completion of the meet and will not be mailed out.
11. UT 1.18 Championship Meet Time Standards Formula: ***No Changes***
12. Task Force Requested to Review and Propose Changes to UTSI Championship Meets – (Cathy Vaughan)

2. From Cathy and Susan: Crisis Management Plan: Submitted with changes. Proposal to have policy shared to all teams and then voted into UTSI policy and procedures.
3. Treasurers Report Approval of Financial Budget and Expense Year to Date for February-
Motion for approval. PASSED

Adjournment NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Utah Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, 10 Apr.18 at 7 pm at the Sandy Library, 10100 Petunia Way, Sandy, UT.