

Utah Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Semiannual Meeting
Minutes
September 28, 2013 @ 8:00am
South Davis Recreation Center

Attendance Report on file.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am.

Minutes: The USI House of Delegates Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2013 were presented via email by Gwynne Freeman. There were no corrections to the Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made, seconded, and passed. There were no abstentions.

USI Officer Reports

General Chair: Welcome and Thank you for coming. Adam Cazier, creator presented a video montage of "What is Utah Swimming?" to the Delegate Members. A copy is available on the Utah Swimming Facebook page. Mr. LeMon reported that Utah Swimming is growing, the USI Board is growing and participation on ALL levels is encouraged. Procedures are increasingly important to follow as our numbers continue to grow. No one person is in charge of any single decision. Committees are working together to gather a consensus and bring it to the Board of Directors for approval. Transparency is key! All committee business will be conducted with transparency. As always the Coaches Caucus had some "hot topics". The House of Delegates is not the place to rehash and rehash. The Board represents the entire membership. We want good ideas and governance. I am always available to anyone that has questions.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Chris reported that the Board has begun a review of all the policies/procedure and rules and regulations to ensure that we are in-line with USA Swimming Policies. USI will begin working towards the LEAP 2 level.

Secretary: New copies of the USI Policy and Procedures, USI Rules and Regulations, USI Aquatics Guide and USI Bylaws will be posted soon.

Treasurer: Brad reviewed the current Utah Swimming financial income statement and balance sheets. The financial figures were reviewed in detail. Utah Swimming is in solid financial shape. Documents are available for review from either the Treasurer or Secretary. The 2014 Operating Budget was presented. A motion was made for approval. All were in favor.

Senior Chair: Michelle opened with a request to please contact her if you ever have any questions or concerns regarding Senior Swimming. Her door is always open. Senior Meet Fees concerns have been cleared up and will be presented during the business portion of the meeting. Biggest concern facing Senior Swimming is that 1/3 of our senior swimmers are lost during the long course season. The issue of creating a Senior Swimmer Identity continues. Senior Circuit Meets are in the works in the hopes of giving these swimmers a place to compete at a higher level all season long, including the high school season. A Senior Camp/Clinic is in the works for Senior State. It will be more class room based with the emphasis being on swimmer education: how to get recruited, nutrition, cross-training seminars. Long Course State Meet will be earlier in 2014 to accommodate the USA Swimming Schedule and Utah's Pioneer Holiday. The dates are July 10-12. 10&unders will be moved to a timed final between sessions. Senior State is February 21-21. Recipients of the Swimmer of the Year were presented their certificates and awards.

Age-Group Chair: Chad is working on putting together a Camp for December. The camp would work with Senior Swimmers in the morning and then encourage the Senior Swimmers to give back and help with

instruction for age groupers in the second session. SC State Championship is set for March 5-8, 2014 South Davis Recreation Center.

Athlete Representatives: Senior Athlete Representative, Grace Peterson thanked Utah Swimming for all they were doing for our Athlete Members. Connor Anderson, Michael Pantelakis and Grace recently attended the USA Swimming Convention and learned that Athlete participation on the governance level is key to Athlete success. The Athlete Committee is beginning the Club Athlete Liaison program. Each club is encouraged to provide the name of an athlete member that will help to "get the word" out via social media or at the pool about things happening in Utah Swimming. Plans for the Senior State After Party are underway. All clubs are encouraged to participate in this. A Spirit Award is in the works for the Senior State to encourage teams to cheer for one another. The USA Swimming mandate is 20% Athlete representation on all committees. All athletes are encouraged to sit on a committee to help meet this mandate.

Club Liaison: Chris wanted to make sure everyone is getting her emails. She passed around a current email contact list for each club. Each club needs to review the list and make any changes needed. The only way we can communicate is if we have accurate emails.

Coach Representative: Ron thanked Coaches and Administrators that attended the Coaches Caucus last night. He would like to facilitate several more discussions through out the year to ensure that everyone's voice is being heard.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Laura Western thanked Carri Oviatt for her years of service to Utah Swimming. Registration numbers were presented. Specifics can be found on the 2013 Convention PowerPoint. The highlight is Utah Swimming is approaching 5000 members and has 34 clubs.

Officials Chair: Wane stated that ALL clubs wishing to host meets must have a certified Admin Official. There is still a need for the recruitment and retention of officials. 2014 will have scheduled monthly clinics to help meet this need. The Western Zone is also encouraging Official involvement from every LSC by requiring that 2 Officials attend the Western Zones Meets each year.

Safety Chair: Lyse' stated it is important that clubs have meet marshals at all meets. Diving Start progressions are still key to preventing injury. Parents must be educated it is better to go off the side of the pool than to risk injury.

Technical Planning Chair: The Technical Planning Committee is in place. Email her to get items on the website. If you do not receive a response from her place send another email. The need to regulate the meet scheduling was presented again. Guest Speaker Todd Schmitz suggested that a planning meeting be held in the spring for the following year. Any team not submitting for their weekends then would find themselves facing increased meet fees.

USI At-Large Board Member Reports

Adaptive Coordinator: A policy is in place for Adaptive Swimming. Information regarding adaptive swimming is being placed into meet invitations. The Adaptive Committee is in place and working hard.

Publicity Coordinator: Missy is working on getting the story out on Utah Swimming. Please send her any human-interest pieces you might have. These seem to be the most appealing to the news media. Still looking for a co-chair for this position.

Sanctions Coordinator: Debby presented sanction numbers. Suggested that if you are unable to afford a meet that a surcharge be placed to cover just the pool rental cost.

USI Employee Report

LSC Administrator: Todd informed the Delegation of his new office hours: Monday 9-12, Wednesday 8pm-10pm. Meets will be entered Monday morning. There is a new email. utahswimmingregistrations@yahoo.com for club registrations. There was an increase in registration fees. Electronic registration steps will be posted on Tuesday to help any club “walk through” the registration process. DeckPass is upgrading again. Membership cards are now available on your DeckPass app. Reports that can be run in the Club Portal section are getting better and better be sure to login and check them out.

Unfinished (old) business: None.

Elections: none

New Business: A motion was made to ratify the Board Meeting Minutes and actions from March 2013 to September 2013. The motion was seconded and passed. All voted in favor. No one opposed and there were no abstentions. A motion was made for the approval of the 2014 budget. No one opposed and there were no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gwynne Freeman, USI Secretary

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