

Utah Swimming, Inc. Board Meeting
Tuesday January 12th , 2015 @ 7:00 pm at American Fork Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mr. Joshua Williamson

Members Present: Joshua Williamson, Lorinne Morris, Stan Crump, Chad Reimschuessel, Mike Werner, Kathryn Davis, Shane Lamb, Ron Lockwood, Wane Oviatt, Carri Oviatt, Shawn Stringham, Dani Caldwell

Athlete Representatives Present: Natalie Davis, Jake Anderson, Chad Patterson, Mara Selznik, Claire Jackson

USI Employee: Todd Etherington

Members at Large: Kathy Vaughn

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General Chair: On January 23rd the USI will be meeting with Jane from USA Swimming. We will be looking at our numbers and vision and mission and how to help Utah Swimming grow. I need to know your plus 1 and an email address in the next 24 hours because she would like to reach out to them individually. Joshua needs that final number by tomorrow. Start at 9 at the Provo Marriott with an extended lunch to accommodate the BYU/Utah swim meet. Please go online and read or skim Mindset. ASCA is offering us the opportunity to have access to their full library for all coaches for 2500 dollars. Any coach in our USI could watch the library and everything online - the license is for one year including professional development, material, stroke school and Psychology of training. Everyone agreed that this seems like one of the reasons why we increased splash fees - to provide better opportunities for our coaches. It sounds like everyone is in favor of moving forward with it and Joshua will send out info to all coaches and Utah swimming. A new company opening in Sandy is a swim lab company - interesting in partnering with us and working with teams. They have infinity pools that they can film and analyze stroke analysis, -Swim Lab. In addition, Joshua is looking at more holding more board meetings down here rather than up in Salt Lake - easier for many of our members to attend down here in Utah County.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Lorinne has some house cleaning items and is working on getting lists together - board member lists. She wants to reduce duplicates on the board - she is working with meeting with all the athlete reps. If you have something you have the athletes interested in let Lorinne know - reach out to these teenagers and make sure that they feel welcomed here and that their voices are heard. She is looking in to the IMX awards - moving that to the short course meets getting awards out in just one place and is working on having an annual banquet in conjunction with our convention. HOD convention in September for the 16th and 17th. She has spend a lot of time in the past couple of weeks in by laws - by laws help us with decision making - help make it fair. Look at them and our decisions will be more fair for everyone.

Senior Chair: nothing to report

Age- Group Chair: Beehive finale locations are Murray, weekend before state (11th and 12th), and the south bid went to UV Rays. Putting everything together with the cup - looking for a location and will be the weekend after state. According to our rules and regulations this meet needs to include senior swimmers - 18 and under - going back and reevaluating what was written and discussing seniors wanting a finale meet. Beehive finale was designed to be a season ending meet - it was not a qualifier for JO's. Joshua suggested that the committees meet and discuss what would be in the best interest for all swimmers and bring a proposal to the board for next years Beehive Finale meets- but for this year they are to include 18 and under,

Zone Meet Director: Cathy passed out the zone media release and is working on getting meet information together for zones and will sanction that through our LSC. Meet information should have a media release - Josh will get a copy to Kathy from last years sanction. The biggest need they are seeing are for volunteers. The Zone committee really feels that by getting volunteers to this meet it will benefit Utah swimming and individual clubs and the more parents they get involved the greater opportunity to have deeper committed parents.

Coaches Chair: Ron expressed the concern that it's 2016 and we don't have a full calendar on the website. Carri and Dani have not received sanctions for summer meets - even if teams are committed to holding it the dates are not on the website, for long course state meets even. Josh asked Dani to work with Shawn to send out email to coaches that they must send in dates, reminding them of USI policy we have implemented asking for dates a year in advance. Todd should be cc'd so that he can put those dates up on the website. Iorinne would like to have the dates for the 2017 championship dates -

Athlete Committee: nothing to report.

Safety Chair: Mike sent out an email to all Utah swimming called safe deck initiative - having to declare what the each pool deck consists of and where spectators can be. We will have to put something in to our policy and procedures indicating where banned individuals should not allowed to be and we will have to update this annually. That info will then be emailed out to individuals on the list so they are aware of where and where they are allowed .

Technical Planning: Dani will send emails out and get it on the website and try to catch up on the website

Sanctions Chair: 135 sanctioned meets last year - starting strong again this year.

Club Liaison: Shawn reported that things are going well and he is caught up on all the email and tries to get those out 2 to 3 times a week. Shawn followed up on a team unify emailing list and everything for that must be entered in.

Diversity & Adaptive Chair: not present

Officials Chair: Wane reported that our zones meet will be our oqm meet for this year - will use the extra budgeted money to pick up some radios. Also we do have a national evaluator coming who is willing to teach clinics if anyone has any suggestions give them to wane.

Publicity Coordinator: Michelle is working on haiku deck which is an easy app to use and free.

USI Employee: nothing to report

Action Items:

Last months minutes were approved and passed, none opposed.

A clarification on the interpretation for the breast - free turn rule was asked for. Wane stated that the interpretation of the new rule is to get swimmers to not kick on their back. The rule states that when a swimmer has traveled a sufficient distance to determine what stroke they are swimming. Wane clarified that this is a body position call identical to what we do on the breast-stroke and fly - when the last toenail leaves the wall, then look at the shoulders and in order to be legal the plane of the shoulders must be vertical or past vertical. The rule to let the swimmer travel enough distance to determine what stroke they are swimming is *still* the rule. Wane has determined from national discussions that it will be enforced when the feet leave the wall. If anyone is interested further information can be found by contacting the officials chair.

Shane discussed the Financials. For the year end report Shane reported that USI is within 67 dollars of budget. Registrations were up about 11,000. Short course meet was down about \$3,500 of projections. As an LSC we were 36,00 behind our budget. 34,00 was from income from our investments. Investment projections is not included in 2016 budget. Our expenses were 14,000 less than we had budgeted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the budget. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Davis, USI Secretary

Public Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

The next regular meeting of Utah Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors will be held February 9th, 2015 at 7:00 pm.