

Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 14 2013 @ 7:00 p.m., Sandy Library, Small Meeting Room
10100 Petunia Way

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Bob LeMon, Gwynne Freeman, Brad Nielson, Michelle Anderson, Chris Westra, Ron Lockwood (incoming member), Carri Oviatt, Laura Western (incoming member) Wane Oviatt, Dani Caldwell, Joshua Williamson, Todd Etherington, Matt Finnigan, Ben Rae

Members excused:

Athlete Representatives present: Grace Peterson, Connor Anderson

Guests present: Dennis Tesch, Will Leonhart, Missy Bahr, Tonya Finley, Steve Doman, Ryan Pearsons of LifeTouch Photo

April Minutes were approved by an email vote; they were previously posted on www.swimutah.com.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Bob nominated Missy Bahr to co-chair the publicity coordinator position. The motion was made. All were in favor none were opposed. At the recently held General Chairs Meeting Bob learned that USA-S was making the strong suggestion that LSC's begin looking at the possibility of hiring someone on staff for shared services between the LSC's. This person would be responsible to handle all business matters. Currently USI is not seriously looking into the model but the board will re-evaluate our needs each year. USI is progressing with their LEAP certifications. The majority of LSC's are losing points in the athlete participation at 20% on committees. Committees Chairs must be mindful that athletes must also serve on your committees.

Administrative Vice-Chair: report submitted consent agenda

Secretary: report submitted consent agenda

Treasurer: USI is in good financial shape. Financial reports have been filed with the secretary and are available for review.

Senior Chair: The sanction is almost done for LC State. Timers will be held over in a few events to help things run quicker. We did this at SC JO's and it worked well. Teams should send only one event file to Ben for entries. The senior sectional funding form will be redone soon to make it clearer the events a swimmer can be funded in.

Age-Group Chair: The BC meet bid will be going out soon. The Age Group Committee will be voting on the matter as soon as bids come in. The meet file for LC State is done. The new time standards should be ready to be presented to the teams at USI Convention.

Athlete Representatives: nothing to report

Club Liaison: report submitted consent agenda

Coach Representative: Ron is working on brining in a Todd Schmitz from the Colorado Stars for a series of talks at the USI Convention. He will work on a schedule with him and fees that he may need.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Next year USA-S will mail registration cards to the athletes. Encourage them to use deck-pass so they always have access to their USA Swimming information. USI will continue to print the coaches and non-athlete cards.

Officials Chair: Officials Convention is this weekend and a major topic will be the Admin Official role. USI will begin training in June for this role. Name tags will be provided to all USI Officials. Christina Ross will work on getting the specific art file they need for them to be produced.

Safety Chair: Lyse' will be posting on the website a contact list for facilities/persons offering the correct coaches training courses. Training will also be offered at the USI Convention. All interested persons should contact Lyse on this matter.

Technical Planning Chair: report submitted consent agenda

Safe Sport Chair: Education is needed for clubs to understand the importance of getting in their Safe Sport policies in on time. Joshua found that several of the contacts on the website were out of date and this needs to be looked at. USA Swimming offered Safe Sport posters and flyers. Clubs should consider posting these at all of their meets.

Diversity Chair: Matt has been speaking with various clubs across the country to try and get up to speed on how best we can serve our membership with the USI diversity program. USI may want to consider offered a reduction in meet fees for outreach swimmers. Matt will investigate this further and report back to the board next month.

At-Large Board Member Reports

Adaptive Coordinator: Carri is becoming familiar with her role. She has been reading USA-S policy regarding adaptive swimming. USI will need to decide if they implement a set of time standards for our adaptive swimmers or if it is left to the Meet Referee.

Publicity Coordinator: Missy proposed we use our athlete reps to help USI begin reaching out to swimmers in social media. She would also like to work with the athletes in preparing a quarterly newsletter.

Sanctions Coordinator: absent

USI Employee Report

LSC Administrator: Todd reported Life Time Fitness is now a new team in USI. Olympus Aquatics is starting the club registration process. Registration fees will be going up in the fall.

New Business: A motion was made to open up USI to post age group swimming. All were in favor. USI now has post age group swimming. Modifications were proposed to USI 1.21. All were in favor. USI will now provide swimmers with certificates for new state records. USI 1.31 Awards was presented. USI 1.31 draws out the manner in which swimmer of the year, coach of the year, volunteer of the year, etc. awards will be handed out each year. All were in favor. USI 1.30 Table of Fines was presented. It has been sent back for further clarification on a few items. This item will need to be adopted prior to our LEAP application. The amended Table of Fines will be presented at our next BOD meeting. Copies of the newly amended procedures are available for review with the secretary

Ron Lockwood brought to the board a concern about teams and the equal access to swim meets. At a meet this summer it would appear as preferential treatment was being afford to select teams. After a lengthy discussion a special session was called to be held at South Davis Recreation Center, May 21 at 7pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION CENTER, MAY 21, 2013 7PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

Attendees: Gwynne Freeman, Bob LeMon, Doug Tonge, Andee Bouwhuis, Jedediah Knight, Dan Peterson, Brad Nielson, Joshua Williamson, Chris Miller, Todd Etherington, Jenny White, Erin Callaway, Laura Western, Ruth Swallow, Jessica Williamson, Ron Lockwood, Michelle Anderson, Wane Oviatt, Carri Oviatt, Kristen Puertes, Ben Rae, Matt Finnigan, Dani Caldwell, Adam Caldwell.

Joshua Williamson served as the facilitator of the meeting using his proposed ideas as a draft for issues to be discussed.

The matter of USI making a push with teams to differentiate meets was discussed. Teams should realize as Utah Swimming continues to grow a single meet may not be able to serve the novice swimmer to the elite senior swimmer. The consensus was Utah Swimming needs to encourage teams to host A level meets, B/BC Level meets and novice meets to ensure everyone is getting access to meets and not being shut out. It was suggested the formation of "leagues" might help ensure that all swimmers are being served better by creating smaller meets.

Access to sites was also discussed. Teams are finding it increasingly difficult to work with some facilities. Many ideas were suggested on what Utah Swimming can do to help foster better relationships between clubs and facilities. There is also a lack of access to timing systems at a reasonable rate. USI had proposed the purchase of a timing system and it considered worth the time or investment. Several teams would like USI to prepare another proposal for the purchase of a timing system. Brad Nielson will collect and research the costs again. There always seems to be access to short course pools. Teams may want to consider using this space for more developmental type meets and leaving long course pools open for more seasoned swimmers.

Access to official was also discussed. As USI began advancing officials the pool of stroke and turn officials decreased. Wane Oviatt is actively recruiting officials and encourages all teams to recruit more. The question was asked if USI is ready to institute a quota on official per swimmer. Wane did not want to do this just yet. Teams in USI have a year to work on their officials and we will go from there.

Clarity in meet invitations was also discussed. Wane Oviatt has prepared a policy to require clarity and fairness in meet access. A full copy of the proposal will be reviewed and voted on at the next Board of Directors Meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to the best way to move forward would be to have the technical planning committee present a full season calendar at the fall convention for meets to be offered during the long course season. This document would clearly list what type of meet was being held. Several present felt as though a lack of clarity in recent meets has created a sense that some or being left out. Utah Swimming does not want any swimmer to feel as though they do not have access to meets. Teams are encouraged to work together to create more meets so all are served in our community.

SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNED AT 9:00PM

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11th, 912 W Baxter, Suite 150, South Jordan UT 84095. It is about 1 mile west of I-15, off of 106th South.

All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Gwynne Freeman, USI Secretary

