

Utah Swimming, Inc. Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 24th 2016 Sandy Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Mr. Joshua Williamson

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

Athlete Representatives Present: Natalie Davis, Jake Anderson, Braden Tiffany

USI Employee: Todd Etherington

Members at Large:

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6. General Chair: Thank you to Cathy for an amazing Zones. Todd was asked if Lifetime contacted him about becoming a team, but they have not. Lifetime is still currently a team - they put the other two teams under their umbrella. Joshua also noted that Convention is coming up and Lorinne will share about that.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Zone Meet Director: Cathy Passed out an evaluation chart on Zones- was overall a very successful meet. Athlete Reps were such a help to the meet and did so much work. Use the Senior Athletes at other age group meets. KSL came out to the meet twice and filmed and then interviewed Todd. Still working on the budget and was able to fill out USA swimming financial impact-\$ 387,497 positive impact to the community
If we get asked to do this again we must remember and consider if we have the same resources to do this again. It was very difficult and time consuming but not sure if we can duplicate that.

9. Administrative Vice-Chair: Lorinne passed out a schedule of events for Swimposium and Awards Banquet. The Schedule can be found on the website. Friday night is the Craig Manning dinner. Everything is taking place down in Provo. Anyone can come 12 and over for \$10. HOD is from 7 am to 8 am Saturday morning. At 8 am Dana Vollmer shows up, at 9 she will get in the water and do a clinic. Giving every club 4 spots- 2 senior spots. Any unclaimed spots after 48 hours will go into a lottery and every club can submit an extra name. We also have Jake Taylor - Jake will be teaching backstroke. After that, any swimmer can sit on the deck and be part of it but not in the water and that is \$10. Parents will sign up online by September 9th and pay online. Email will go out to Utah Swimming that will have the link so everyone can sign up for each individual event.

10. Age- Group Chair: Chad reported that some are asking if we want to look at putting out a bid for teams to host Championship meets.

Ron - there is value in providing opportunity to teams to host championship meets. It's an easier meet to run with one team being in charge. The downside those teams will want to make money on the meets. In Colorado - it turned into how much can we make on the meet. Teams aren't going to host it if they are not going to make money - and the only way to do that is to increase fees. The cost of the pool rental for us has significantly increased over the last 3 years.

Lorinne- thinks our championship meets need to have a vision of what they could be, and hopes they evolve in the next 5 years. There is a point to be made that it is at the championship meets we rub shoulders with others from other teams and really get to know others from the state. As a board we really need to set a vision for those meets. Could be a greater divide between the have teams and the have nots.

Ron - with the nature of Utah Swimming and our limited pools is this really even a possibility at the moment.

Todd- board started looking at championships as one more way to give back to the swimming community. If you give it to the teams swimmers are going to be paying more.

After discussion, it was agreed to continue hosting championship meets and to have Chad move forward in signing contracts with pools for the next two years

Long Course meet - looking at separating the two meets. It would be possible with the pool, but financially it would cost the USI double. Liked the format this year so many felt there is no longer a need to split the meet. Chad will meet with Stan and then come with a proposal to the board.

12.Coaches Chair: nothing to report

13. Athlete Committee:

14. Safety Chair: nothing to report

15. Technical Planning: Dani has most things up on the website. CCAT and West Valley just sent meets to be added, but besides those everything is up on the website.

16. Sanctions Chair: Carri has send the list of sanctions over to Dani

17. Club Liaison: Is working hard to get emails out in a timely manner

18. Diversity & Adaptive Chair: Nothing to report

19. Officials Chair: Trying to recruit officials and will hold a clinic whenever this is an interest.

20.Publicity Coordinator: Not present

21. USI Employee:

Discussion Items:

Action Items:

22 . Last months minutes were approved and passed, none opposed.

23. Shane discussed the Financials. Investments are performing better this year- over 21,000. We are right on track with what we hoped to be.

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

Budget presented to approve at HOD for 2017- this budget was prepared assuming doing two long course championship meets. If the meet is split it will cost USI an additional \$5,000.

Proposal made to amend the 2017 budget to not divide the Long Course Championship Meet-
A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve amendment. All approved, none abstained.

An amendment was made to increase the Symposium budget from 8 to 15,000.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve amendment. All approved, none abstained.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed 2017 budget. All approved, none abstained

Josh will send out slideshow that each of you will need to update for HOD presentation.

24. Time Standards. Technical Planning presented two proposals- which can be found on the website.

Proposal #1 - just changing the language of the stuff that has already been approved.

Proposal #2 - same thing but Wane had proposed that we have two separate sets of time standards- one for short course one for long course.

Time standards committee would recommend proposal #1.

Proposal made to open discussion on the floor in terms of proposal #1.

Ron - using the 32nd place finish makes sense until you look at our numbers. Most of our events we are not fielding 32, and the 32nd place didn't do very well. Ron wondered if we do the 32nd entry instead of the 32nd place.

Friendly amendment - change the 32nd place to the 32nd entry.

Motion made and seconded for friendly amendment to read to the 32nd entry- all approved and none opposed.

Ron suggested that we change to the 25th - worried since we are not filling the 32nd our time standards will not be getting faster.

Time Finals- 1500 thinking of cutting those back.

Technical Planning felt it was not necessary yet- Time Standards recommendation is not to change that yet.

Friendly amendment to go to 25th has been removed.

Stan Recommends that the Senior time standards do not change again - to keep it the same for 2017.

Dani's frustration is that every month we talk about it and change and we never give it a chance to work -

Friendly amendment made to round to 9's. **Motion was made and seconded, not approved.**

Motion made to close discussion.

Motion made to vote on Proposal #1

Carri- we have voted 4 times to approve the second proposal simply because there are people who are cut out of the long course meet who shouldn't be. There's an inherent unfairness to some of the swimmers by just having one set of time standards.

Josh suggested if you want proposal 2 to be considered then vote down proposal 1.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Proposal 1 with the friendly amendment changing 32nd finish to entry.

All approved, two opposed and none abstained. The Time Standard Formula can be found below and on the website.

So, how it will read:

USI 1.18 Championship Meet Time Standards Formula

(The Age Group Chair, Senior Chair and/or Vice Chair) will convene a Time Standards Committee to evaluate the time standards at the conclusion of each Long Course and Short Course season of each year. Proposed changes will be made in a timely manner as to allow maximum prep time for both swimmers and coaches. Proposed changes for both seasons will be made once a year prior to the Fall House of Delegates and presented at the Fall House of Delegates.

- Time Standards to adjust to the following:
 - o Events with at least 32 swimmers for the past three seasons will have the time standard changed to the average of the 32nd entry time (from the three previous years) with the current USI Time Standard. (For example, average: #32 (2014) + #32 (2015) + #32 (2016) + 2016 USI-TS).
 - o In the absence of a 32nd entry time, the current USA Swimming "BB" Motivational time will be used in its place.
 - o If the adjusted standard is slower than the current USA Swimming "BB" time, then the current "BB" time will be the qualifying time for the age group. In the Senior division, if the adjusted standard is slower than the current 15-16 age group "BB" time, the "BB" time will be used.
 - o In the event that the current USI Time Standard is faster than both the adjusted time and the USA "BB" time, the current USI Time Standard will remain the standard for the upcoming year.

- SCM qualifying time standards will be set using the Team Unify standard conversion of SCY times to SCM times.
- LCM qualifying time standards will be set using meet data from the Long Course Championship meet.
- The Time Standards Committee may recommend No Change to the time standards from any given meet or meet event.

25. Specify that each team get two votes - one being a coach member and one being a team member.

Amend where it says 1 member from each team to 2 members from each team , one being a coach and one being a member.

Motion to vote on change was made and seconded

All approved and none opposed. There were no abstentions.

26. Public Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm .

The next regular meeting of Utah Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors will be held at HOD, September 17th at 8:00 am at the the Provo Recreation Center.