

Utah Swimming, Inc. Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th , 2016 @ 7:00 pm at American Fork Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mr. Joshua Williamson

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

Athlete Representatives Present: Natalie Davis, Jake Anderson, Taylor McCleavy, Claire Jackson

USI Employee: Todd Etherington

Members at Large: Kathy Vaughn

OFFICER REPORTS

6. General Chair: Utah Swimming is doing well. Audrey and I had the opportunity this past month to attend a training in Denver, Colorado put on by USA Swimming. The training was for Diversity Chairs, Safe Sport Chairs, and General Chairs. The Western Zone also held their Western Zone General Chair business meeting the same weekend.

The Western Zone is excited to attend Age Group Zones in Utah and is very impressed with the communication and professionalism evident in USI's preparation for this meet. (Credit for this all goes to Cathy Vaughn and her amazing committee.) There were no questions at the time of presenting meet information because of the amazing communication provided leading up to the meet. We were also able to visit with the Hawaii delegation and discuss a few other topics regarding Zones (ie box lunch/dinner, problems they experienced, etc.).

We are also one of three LSCs in the Western Zone working on LEAP 3. We are currently 74% complete, and have a few things to finish up. Leadership both at the National and Zone level are very impressed with the progress that Utah has made and our ability to progress with LEAP.

USA Swimming has also produced an amazing documentary that will premier at the LA Film Festival titled, "The Last Gold." After the premier, the movie will be made available to LSCs and Teams to host in theaters for possible fundraisers or other events. More information will be coming out shortly.

Needs – As the host of the 2016 Age Group Zones Championship we will need many volunteers to help put on this meet. Please go to utahzones2016.com and click "Contact Us." Please send us a message about how you would like to help at this amazing meet!

7. Public Comment: None

8. Administrative Vice-Chair: Lorinne reported that she is working on Symposium which will be held in Provo. She is working on the schedule for everyone to approve.

9. Senior Chair:

I have been working to get feedback on the event order for the 2016 LC Championships. From the Senior Swimming Committee, the only respondents with feedback are Wane and Carrie Oviatt, and Jake Anderson. Feedback received from outside the committee was received from Erin Calloway.

Attached is the First Draft of the Senior Event order. Feedback received so far is:

1. Move the 400 Free to Day 2. That evens out the prelims quite a bit. **I am in favor of this.**
2. Move both the relays to the finals. **This needs discussion. Timeline vs. convenience.**

I have not received any feedback from the Age Group committee, even though it has been requested several times.

We are in the process of writing the meet announcement for the LC Championships. Minutes of our next meeting (Wed, May 4) will be available for the Board meeting.

I have been struggling with a date for the Senior Select Camp. Any suggestions?

10. Age- Group Chair:

11. Zone Meet Director: Cathy wants to make sure that athlete safety at zones is paramount. Everyone on deck needs to be USA Swimming registered. Looking at doing other things to try and target that pool - trying to get as many people to the pool as we can. Trying to get assistant coaches - the best way to do that would be through the email blast. Todd will look into sending out an email to registered coaches. Equipment Review - stopwatches - borrow from certain clubs. Printers - two Utah Swimming Printers - Lorinne is contact for USI about equipment.

12. Coaches Chair:

13. Athlete Committee: Natalie reported that Athletes will be divided up and assigned to post on the 3 different forms of Media for the next 3 months and then will rotate again in September.

Twitter: Lucas Hess, Claire Brooks

Instagram: Natalie Davis, Braden Tiffany

Facebook: Jake Anderson

Please encourage your clubs and swimmers to follow Utah Swimming on Social Media - last week I worked on increasing our followers on Instagram and saw over 100 new followers in 3 hours.

We have had two coaches turn in items to be posted - thank you Dani C. and Chris H!

Is it possible to choose a winner from our Instagram site - an I Tunes GC?- for a week long contest to comment on why your coaches are awesome.

14. Safety Chair: We need reports from all of our host pools on where the public area is.

15. Technical Planning:

16. Sanctions Chair: We have done quite a few sanctions in the last month, and are working on the sanction for LC State. I asked Shawn to send an email to coaches, team administrators, and meet directors requesting that they consider doing SC meets to supplement the LC meets already scheduled for the season and offered to help them find a referee and starter if needed. So far I have been contacted by one coach in response to the email.

17. Club Liaison:

18. Diversity & Adaptive Chair: Adaptive Report: Our 3rd Just Swim Clinic for kids with disabilities was held Saturday April 30 at the Cottonwood Heights Rec Center. We had 1 participants and enough volunteers to work with the participants one on one. Several athletes that signed up to help didn't show up.

Amy Chapman was our guest speaker. The kids were in the water for about 45 minutes, they played for 15, and then everyone ate lunch outside. Each participant received a bag with a cap, goggles, a T-shirt, and some USA Swimming swag.

We received donations from Reams, Great Harvest, and Papa John's gave us 3 pizzas free. The pool time was also donated.

I need pics put on the Utah Swimming Facebook page with a shout out to Great Harvest for the donation.

A slideshow (a quick one I promise) of the event will be shown at HOD in September.

Diversity & Inclusion Report: Things for the WZ camp are coming along. I would like to have a board member welcome the athletes to Utah on the first day of camp. I am also looking for activity ideas for the adults coaches and D&I chairs attending the summit.

I will be sending out a reminder about the meet fee waiver policy, and info on zones scholarships for this year.

19. Officials Chair: As of May 1st the remainder of the amendments adopted to the Rules and Regulations by the House of Delegates at the USA Swim Convention take effect.

These include the discontinuation of calculating a differential to adjust a faulty pad time.

20. Publicity Coordinator: Would like to interview those athletes going to trial- Mike suggested she contact ASCA.

21. USI Employee:

DISCUSSION:

22. What do we envision our Championship Meets to be?

Board Members felt that a Championship meet is a cross state meet - not localized. Fastest swimmers in the state with qualifying meets. It should also serve as a season ending meet for our swimmers.

Is our Beehive meet a championship meet or a last chance meet?

Some board members felt that it has to have a qualifying time, be a season ending meet. It was also voiced that there needs to be good awards and to continue to provide support for the awards. Many felt that the last chance opportunities will be filled by individual teams if we leave it open for them.

What are these swimmers working towards if we don't have a championship meet? The Colorado Model was mentioned where you have a Gold Meet, Silver Meet, and a Bronze Meet.

Does USI want to do something similar?

One suggestion was brought up that rather than splitting it - north south- maybe we should increase the number of days of the meet and tighten the time standards. It was also pointed out that it doesn't have to be long course for the bc championship in the summer and that any club can host this meet.

So in conclusion many felt that a BC Championship is season ending meet, USI hosting it, 3 day meet with relays, 18 and under, awards, no high point but maybe IMX awards,

Joshua asked board members that between now and next meeting focus on the B Championship meet - what will help it from a coaches, volunteer, and athlete perspective? He would like to give a list to age group committee to set some clear guidance so they know what to work with.

Look at our time standards as a package - not just individually.

Next meet bring data - on number of swimmers who swim in the meets.

Chad meet with Todd and find ball park entries for a successful meet.

Action Items:

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

24. Shane discussed the Financials and that we are in a position to report on our two championship meet. Slight decline on meet entry fees for senior state championship meets - revenue 13,000 and we spent 11,400. 1,700 hundred dollars made. Stan would like an itemized budget from 2016 to look over to help plan next years budget.

We are down splashes from last year and the number of meets.

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

25. A motion was made to pass LEAP 3 Requirements.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed. There were no abstentions. Leap 3 Requirements can be found on the website.

26. New USI Logo

The motion was made to change the USI Logo. Stan motioned to call the discussion to a vote. Motion was seconded and vote taken.

The Vote was not unanimous, and motion failed.

27. Stan brought a proposed order of events for Long Course State. The question was asked about adding two relays for every club. A timeline was provided by Wane which showed it could make for a very long timeline if every team swam 2 relays.

Ron asked if this meet information been released? NO. He suggested Moving events around to accommodate a better day and to move 200 breast to day 4 - and 100 breast to day 2.

Todd pointed out that it was changed to 4 full days of prelims and finals to bring the 10 and unders back into the meet. He also pointed out that our rules have been set up to penalize those teams after the fact - if their relays do not meet the standard. He does not think it's a good idea to open two relays per team - this is a championship meet! Stan brought up that at nationals if your team swims a relay time - the club owns the time and then you can put in anyone you want to swim. The majority of members felt it a good idea to remove the substitution rule.

Ron also suggested we may want to consider swimming 2 per lane in the mile. Currently there is an 1 ½ hour gap between end and warm ups so there should be time, but Ron recommends you go fast to slow on those miles - and put on the sanction that there is a possibility that it will be 2 per lane if time line requires it.

Stan proposes to remove the substitution rule and use the same standard as last year. Up to two relays that are both qualified - qualifying time is owned by the team, verified before the meet. Athletes must be registered in the meet - even as a relay only swimmer- in order to swim relays.

Ron suggested putting 10 and unders as a timed final in the evening session. If we can get an established event list- Wane can do a timeline to see if that work.

If numbers support it after the numbers have been crunched, then let Wane and his committee do it. Stan and Wane and meet committee will look at the numbers to see if they can put 10 and unders in the time finals. All relays will be at night.

30. Public Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm .

The next regular meeting of Utah Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors will be held June 11th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the sandy city library.