

Utah Swimming, Inc. Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 10th , 2015 @ 7:00 pm at American Fork Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm by Mr. Joshua Williamson

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

Athlete Representatives Present: Natalie Davis, Mara Selznik, Jake Anderson

USI Employee: not present

Members at Large: Michelle Anderson

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General Chair: Joshua is going to Colorado this weekend to meet with other mid size LSC's. Hr has gone around to a few meets and practices and reports that there are good things going on in our LSC.

Administrative Vice-Chair: nothing to report

Senior Chair: Time Standard Proposal to be discussed and voted on later in the meeting.

Age- Group Chair: Chad was able to reach Scott at Davis Recreation Center and discussed a contract for this year and last year for Age Group State.

Zone Meet Director: Cathy Vaughn discussed the benefits that will be coming to Utah swimming because of hosting the Zone Meet. She feels the Utah swimming base of athletes and volunteers can be strengthened. Senior swimmers can get volunteer hours - volunteers can utilize experience in their clubs. Her committee is working with KSL and it is looking good to be able to get some media coverage, and they are currently looking at the possibility of creating public service announcements. Paul Larsen has joined the committee and will work to increase community involvement and education. The committee is also looking for block improvements at Kearns and hopeful we can be seen as a good meet host which will increase future opportunities. This can increase our human resources.

Coaches Chair: Ron would like to clarify for all coaches that the maximum time standards posted for Sectionals are not for swimmers, but for hosting.

Athlete Committee: nothing to report- they are swimming and training hard.

Safety Chair: All is well. Mike is now receiving quarterly reports and people are filling out reports. There is a Safety training for coaches in December in West Valley.

Technical Planning: nothing to report

Sanctions Chair: Carri and her committee are working on getting the short course championship meet ready.

Club Liaison: not present

Diversity & Adaptive Chair: Audrey has revamped her committees and is going to revamp the athlete application. She is looking at getting application translated in to Spanish and figuring out how to deliver those more effectively. Reminder that the zone diversity camp is June 16-19 at the U.

Officials Chair: nothing to report

Publicity Coordinator: Michelle is working with zones and is starting a new campaign with the desire that everyone feels like they are a part of Utah swimming. She is currently making signs that say *We are Utah Swimming* and looking to take pictures with signs and post them. Hoping this will create a greater sense of community. Have athletes send pictures and send to Michelle so she can send out. Encourages all Utah Swimming to use twitter and Instagram and Utah swim page.

USI Employee: not present

Action Items:

Last months minutes were approved and passed, none opposed.

Shane discussed the Financials. Last month was a little better for Utah Swimming Investments. The financial report and budget was passed there were none opposed and no abstentions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to open the discussion on the proposal to purchase new fins for the blocks at Kearns. The question was raised by both coaches and athletes on the size of the Kearns blocks. It was agreed that if they were only 20" deep this would not be deep enough to make the fins effective and would be a poor investment. A proposal was made to table the discussion for later until the exact measurements could be verified. The proposal was passed and none opposed.

A motion was made and passed to open the discussion on the Time Standard Formula proposal presented from Stan and his committee. Stan said this proposal was an attempt to synthesize what was in the minutes from last board meeting in regards to the Time Standard Formula, into a readable formula. We need to put something in the books and that is understandable. Wane ran a comparison form of the various conversion forms discussed in the proposal and it shows the gender difference compared to team unified. Ron wanted to make clear that if we do this, we can't do the if you qualify for short course state you automatically qualify for the other. There may be kids who qualify for short course who don't qualify for long course - feels strongly that a swimmer who qualifies for short course should be able to qualify for long course as well.

Dani felt very strongly that people go through all the work to set the time standards and it is frustrating to have them change every month or so and wanted clarification on what USI 1.18 B would be used for and when. After much discussion it was clarified in the rule that a vote must occur before the fall house of delegates once a year if there are changes made.

The concern is that using the formula now would drastically change short course Senior State and until the time that the meet is too large, technical planning and senior swimming committee would like the option to keep any or all time standards for the coming year.

After much discussion a motion was made to call for a vote and approved. A motion was then made to approve the proposal. All were in favor with 3 abstentions. Majority passed the USI 1.18 championship meet Time Standards Formula which can be found on the USI website.

Confirmation was texted in that the Kearns blocks were in deed only 20" deep. Motion was made and passed to go back to vote on the fins proposal . A vote was called for on the fins proposal. All were opposed with no abstentions.

A motion was made and passed to open discussion on the proposal from Shane as the Finance Chair on the apparel bid to be an event specific apparel for USI championship meets. Much discussion followed on concerns that it was a 5 year bid and the length of the contract. Shane did point out that the contract had a 90 day refusal policy which at any time either party could withdraw from the contract.

Many felt like we needed to contact more local vendors and give them the opportunity to make a bid. This would ensure that everyone had a fair chance to bid and many board members felt like this would allow us to be fair and to have a defensible position. A discussion was had on how to contact local vendors and that the opportunity to bid would be emailed out to all of Utah Swimming and would be placed on the website.

A motion was made to table the discussion until Utah Swimming could contact local vendors and open the bid process for 13 more days. On the 14th day, November 25th, all bids must be sent in. The bids will then be send out on November 26th to the board members to vote on and all board members will have until Sunday, November 30th to vote on all submitted apparel bids.

A friendly amendment was made that if no bids are received within the two week window, this current bid proposal is automatically approved. A motion to vote on the friendly amendment was made and passed. There were none opposed and 2 abstentions.

A motion was made and passed to vote on the 14 day bid process as explained above was made. The motion was passed. There were none opposed and 1 abstention.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Davis, USI Secretary

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

The next regular meeting of Utah Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors will be held December 8th, 2015 at 7:00 pm, at the American Fork Fitness Center 454 N. Center St.

