

Utah Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Semiannual Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.
BYU Richards Building Pool Complex, Room 267

USI Officers present: Mike Werner, Bob LeMon, Todd Roberts, Andy Sipple, Ron Lockwood, Pam Chamberlain, Chris Westra, Joe Pereira, Carri Oviatt, Kyle Westra, and Lyse' Durrant.

USI Officers not present: Kaitie Jowers, Alexis Juergens, Dusty Ragland, Scott Sorensen, and Dani Caldwell.

Registered Voting Delegates present: Holly Jarvis, Donna Russell, Bryn Caraway, Jennifer Christenson, Denise Smith, Yolanda Bates, Julie Pabst, Bob Floerchinger, Dale Pantelakis, Joe Pereira, Cathy Coburn, Celeste Tiffany, Sheila Morrison, Chris Horne, Dawn Plaudis, Logan Greenberg, Caden Christiansen, Greg Christiansen, Cara Armstrong, Alicia Simon, Chris Miller, Carri Oviatt, Mark Tyler, Serena Reynolds, Audrey Bell, Kelly Jepsen, Matt Finnigan, Leslie Motley, Dale Ralph, Scott McDonald, Lela Hiatt, Mark Francis, Kristine Dukes, Kyle Kofoed, Derek Visser, Janna Empey, Andee Bouwhuis, Kyle Cluff, Mark Gray, Robert Pryor, Sam Cox, Shari Skabelund, Lorinne Morris, Tonya Finley, Ron Lockwood, Ruth Swallow, Shawn Marsing, and Nathan Geving.

USI At-Large Board Members present: None.

USI At-Large Board Members not present: Nik Hess and Debby Fleisch.

USI At-Large House of Delegates Member present: None.

USI Employee present: None.

USI Employee not present: Todd Etherington.

Guests: Wane Oviatt, Kathy King, Karen Pollock, Dan Peterson, John Harvey, Missy Bahr, Ted Swallow, and Markie Hiatt.

The meeting was called to order at 12:52 p.m.

Roll Call: USI Secretary Todd Roberts took roll from the sign in sheet, which is noted above.

Minutes: The USI House of Delegates Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2010 were read by Todd Roberts. There were no corrections to the Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made, seconded, and passed. There were no abstentions.

USI Officer Reports

General Chair: Mike discussed the USI Convention last year and what a success it was. We will plan on doing it again this year, probably in September. We do not have a venue for it yet. We will require that each team have a designated member attend a Meet Manager seminar in order for them to be listed as a meet manager for a swim meet. This requirement will begin this year after the Convention. The seminar allows each participant to understand how a meet is run, what information is required, what information needs to be sent in after the meet, etc. We may also be able to hold other Meet Manager seminars around the state depending on the need.

Utah Swimming has applied for Level 1 certification with USA Swimming for our LSC, and this will be required in order to host meets. Mike also reported that we will be discussing athlete protection in detail at our next Board meeting in April. We need the best people possible around our athletes and ensure that they are safe. Mike reminded everyone that any coaches or volunteers – including meet managers – that have direct interaction with the athletes must be USA registered and have background checks completed.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Bob stated that he is trying to help all of the Board chairs get their committees in place. If any of the clubs have people who want to get involved and help out, they should contact Bob. He reminded everyone that we are run by volunteers.

Secretary: Todd had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Andy discussed an accounting of the 2010 budget, and that it shows a profit of \$23,000. However, due to registration timing, it shows an inflated profit and this will smooth out over the year. Most swim meets last year made money and the cost for Zones is somewhere around \$46,000, which will affect the budget. Also, we spent about \$6,300 for Nationals.

He also handed out the budget for 2011. Andy reminded everyone that this budget was approved at the last House of Delegates meeting. He discussed the 2011 budget in detail, and reported that Utah Swimming is in a strong financial position.

Andy mentioned that our investment account balance is \$314,000 currently, with \$40,000 of that being cash. He would like to create a finance committee to help with financial decisions with this account. He also stated that he would like to look into some sort of a scholarship program.

Senior Chair: Ron mentioned that we have a lot of young athletes coming up and he would like to create a committee to help the senior swimmers in their swimming career. He also reported that the Senior State meet was terribly misrepresented, and that the clubs need to support this meet. Questions were asked about the timing and venue of this meet. We had a lengthy discussion about this.

Age-Group Chair: Pam thanked South Davis for hosting the BC meet, which enabled some swimmers to qualify for the JO Championship. The BC meet had over 500 swimmers, and we want to motivate the swimmers to move up a level. We discussed the venue and BC meets in great detail.

Pam mentioned that BYU has been great to work with for the JO Championship and would like to have it again next year at BYU. She discussed why we were using colored wristbands this year and how it relates to athlete protection.

Pam reported that it was disappointing to finish second to last at Zones last year. She encouraged our best swimmers to apply for Zones this year and attend, as we want to take the best team we can. Zones next year will be in Clovis, California on August 9-13.

Athlete Representatives: None were present.

Club Liaison: Chris wanted to make sure everyone is getting her emails. She passed around a current contact list for each club. Each club needs to review the list and make any changes needed.

Coach Representative: Joe reported on the Regional Coaches Clinic taking place on April 29-30. The cost is \$60 per coach or \$120 for the entire staff. The clinic will review all of the strokes, nutrition, dry land, etc. The clinic is taught by USA Swimming; however, a coach does not need to be USA registered to attend.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Carri reported that we have 29 registered clubs. From those clubs, we have 2,704 registered athletes, 60 non-coach registrations, 109 coaches and 98 officials. If anyone has questions about registrations, they should contact Carri.

Officials Chair: Kyle thanked all of the coaches for their help with deck control during swim meets. He reported that we have 2 new referees, and we need to encourage the advancement of our officials to starter or referee. He stated that we need more officials, so recruit your parents to get involved. Kyle also reminded us that a club must have officials on their team in order to host a meet. He also reported that we recently revised the certification process for officials.

Kyle stated that many parents think that officials are paid, and some believe that officiating is their full time job. He encouraged coaches to educate their parents about the voluntary nature of officiating and to get involved. Kyle discussed dive certification and the need to have swimmers dive certified for safety and to move meets along.

Safety Chair: Lyse' also reminded everyone about dive certification and the need to keep swimmers safe. Coaches also need to watch their swimmers during warm-ups for safety. She also discussed the requirement for all coaches to wear their credentials in order to be on the deck at any meet. Also, meet marshals are needed at meets to keep control of the deck.

Lyse' mentioned that she would like to create a safety committee to discuss ways to keep our athletes safe.

Technical Planning Chair: Dani was not present. Mike stated that Dani is working on an updated calendar and it has been sent out. Everyone was encouraged to review the calendar and send any upcoming meets to Dani and Todd Etherington to get them on the calendar and website.

USI At-Large Board Member Reports

Adaptive Coordinator: Position is vacant.

Publicity Coordinator: Nik was not present.

Sanctions Coordinator: Debby was not present. Kyle reported that we had 107 meets sanctioned in 2010, and 40 meets so far this year. Meet results need to be sent to Todd Etherington for posting as soon as possible after a meet. If meet results are not sent in, the hosting club will not be able to sanction any more meets.

USI Employee Report

LSC Administrator: Todd was not present.

Unfinished (old) business: None.

Elections: The positions up for current election were discussed, and include Administrative Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Age-Group Chair, Membership/Registration Coordinator, and Technical Planning Chair. Current nominees are Bob LeMon, Andy Sipple, Pam Chamberlain, Carri Oviatt, and Dani Caldwell respectively. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made for each position up for election, seconded, and passed. No one opposed and there were no abstentions.

Nominating Committee: Mike stated that Ron Lockwood will be looking for nominees for several positions that will be up for election in the next year. If anyone has people interested, they should contact Ron.

New Business: A motion was made to ratify the Board Meeting Minutes and actions from September 2010 to March 2011. The motion was seconded and passed. No one opposed and there were no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Roberts, USI Secretary