

Utah Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Semiannual Meeting
Minutes
September 24, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.
West Valley City Fitness Center, Room A

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

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

Registered Voting Delegates present: Holly Jarvis, Tiffany Smith, Todd Etherington, Amy Etherington, Jennifer Christenson, Jerry Hodgkinson, Yolanda Bates, Nikki Bates, Jan Pantelakis, Joe Pereira, Cathy Coburn, Janet Oles, Sheila Morrison, Chris Horne, Dawn Plaudis, Caden Christiansen, Tricia Andersen, Cara Armstrong, Alicia Simon, Chris Miller, Carri Oviatt, Serena Reynolds, Todd Klarich, Audrey Bell, Kelly Jepsen, Matt Finnigan, Leslie Motley, Steve Doman, Scott McDonald, Lela Hiatt, Tonya Blow, Craig Bjorklund, Beth Wright, Shawn King, Adam Caldwell, Andee Bouwhuis, Todd Roberts, Mark Gray, Mel Roberts, Sam Cox, Shari Skabelund, Tonya Finley, Ron Lockwood, 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: Todd Etherington.

USI Employee not present: None.

Guests: Dan Peterson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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 March 19, 2011 were read by Todd Roberts. There were no corrections to the Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made, seconded, and passed. There was no additional discussion and there were no abstentions.

USI Officer Reports

General Chair: Mike discussed the need to improve our LSC and be the best we can. Athlete protection is still a big issue for us and for USA Swimming.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Bob stated that we need volunteers and that it is your sport too. We need people to offer to help out and come to Board meetings. We need your input, feedback and communication.

Secretary: Todd had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mike stated that Andy has resigned and this position is currently vacant. We are working to find another volunteer with an accounting background who will be appointed.

Mike discussed the budget for 2012 in detail and provided a handout with the budget figures. He took questions and provided answers regarding the budget. We have had a hard time keeping good accounting and budget records in the past and we want to turn that around. A motion was made to accept the 2012 budget. The motion was seconded and passed. There was no additional discussion and there were no abstentions.

Senior Chair: Ron talked about the funding set aside for senior athlete reimbursement for National meets. He will be presenting a shares program to determine the funding for each athlete participant. Ron described the program in detail and stated more information will be coming out soon and posted on the Utah Swimming website. He answered questions that were asked about the program. Ron asked all to provide their feedback and attend Board meetings to voice your opinion. He also discussed some changes to the National senior meets.

Age-Group Chair: Pam shared information from the USA Swimming Convention. The first issue was meet warm-ups. USA Swimming is thinking about regulating warm-ups that would not be positive for us and she discussed the changes. She reminded everyone of the need to closely supervise warm-ups.

With the Olympics coming up, we will see an increase in swimmers and we need to continue to hold shorter meets for beginning swimmers. One other issue from USA Swimming is the Patch Program. Pam described the program and encouraged everyone to check it out on the USA Swimming website.

Pam stated that Zones went very well. The athletes wanted to swim fast and did a great job. The coaches made it fun for the athletes as well. Next year's Zones will be held in Grand Junction, Colorado. Pam discussed the all-star camp for 14 and under athletes. It will be in November in Salt Lake and will have Bob Steele as the instructor. She encouraged anyone invited to the camp to go.

Pam encouraged teams to apply to host the Beehive Finale next year. The Beehive Finale will be held on March 9 and 10, and the JO Championships will be held on March 14-17.

Athlete Representatives: Dusty discussed his attendance at the USA Swimming Convention and what he learned. He stated it all starts at a grass-roots level and we can begin the change locally that we want to see.

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 that there was not a lot of interest for the last coaches clinic in April. He is holding mini coaches clinics at swim meets to get coaches together and discuss issues, workouts and share ideas.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Carri reported that we are continuing to grow and have 32 registered clubs. From those clubs, we have 2,979 registered athletes, 61 non-coach registrations, 127

coaches and 103 officials. There are currently 150 more female athletes than male athletes. If anyone has questions about registrations, they should contact Carri.

Officials Chair: Kyle discussed that when setting up swim meets and obtaining sanctions, please coordinate with the meet referee in your planning. We need to be more creative in our meets. Our current meets are too long and we need smaller and shorter meets such as dual or tri meets.

Our LSC has the lowest swimmer to official ratio in the Western Zone. Coaches need to recruit parents to become involved in officiating and help out. Each team should have multiple officials.

Safety Chair: Lyse' talked about athlete protection and a new rule that no videotaping or recording devices are allowed in locker rooms, changing areas or other designated areas at a swim meet. The next Board meeting will discuss not allowing any recording devices behind the starting blocks. Lyse' also reminded everyone to make sure any incident is sent to her for reporting.

Lyse' stated there has been an increase in diving injuries and we need to make sure our athletes are dive certified for their safety. She also reminded everyone that any head injury requires a sign-off by a doctor before that athlete can return to swimming. Coaches still need to be safety trained and there will be some changes coming out soon. Meet marshals need specific direction from the meet director and referee on their job duties to keep participants safe.

Technical Planning Chair: Dani was not present. Mike stated that Dani is working on an updated calendar and all meets are on the Utah Swimming website. If you have a meet scheduled or are planning on having a meet, please get the information to Dani. Long course JO Championships will be on August 1-4, 2012 at Kearns.

USI At-Large Board Member Reports

Adaptive Coordinator: Position is vacant.

Publicity Coordinator: Nik was not present.

Sanctions Coordinator: Debby was not present. Mike reported that sanction fees to date are \$3,075 and Splash fees to date are \$19,786. Clubs need to stay current with Splash fees. We currently have one team past due with their Splash fees.

USI Employee Report

LSC Administrator: Todd asked everyone to use the new 2012 registration form for USA registrations and not an old form. New requirements for when a coach is hired were discussed in detail. Background checks need to be completed timely and they are good for two years. Anyone can check their registration and certifications on the Deck Pass website.

Todd explained that USA Swimming has a new athlete protection test. All non-athlete members must take the test before the end of this year. You will need your USA registration number to take the test. Certification is good for two years.

Any change to club information needs to be sent to Todd for updates on the Utah Swimming website and on SWIMS. Todd also explained the new time standard changes that are available.

Unfinished (old) business: None.

Nominating Committee: There are no elections until March 2012. Mike announced the positions up for election in March.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Roberts, USI Secretary