

**UTAH SWIMMING, INC.**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
13 December 2005  
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Members present:** Corynne Armstrong, Brent Bunnell, Josh Dukes, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Jim Jones, Cathy Philpot, Martha Siggard, and Grant Skabelund.

**Excused members:** Ana Agy, Spencer Blake, David Chandler, Justin Christensen, Randy Christensen, Sara Jayne Christiansen, Norin Felton, Emily Reimschuessel, Kanani Wells, and Mike Werner.

**October Minutes:** October's minutes were approved by the Board and will be posted to USI's website. There were no official minutes for November, but the notes from November's meeting will be posted on [www.swimutah.com](http://www.swimutah.com)

**Officer Reports**

**General Chair:** Following November's Board discussion, Debby said there had been additional discussion per the problems that occurred at October's Eagle meet. Emily suggested a letter of warning be written to the Eagle Aquatic Team, expressing USI's concerns. Martha motioned, "Emily Reimschuessel should write a letter to [Eagle Coach] Joe Pereira, identifying the major violations of the sanction and saying that Eagle is on probation for one year from the date of the meet and that all Eagles' meets will be carefully scrutinized, and, if Eagle violates the sanction of a specific meet, an appropriate penalty will be assessed." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Debby reported that she had been informed by USA Swimming that USI is eligible for a swimposium in 2006—rather than 2007 as she was originally informed. The board encouraged Debby to set a swimposium date for early in the fall of 2006.

Debby asked Todd to report on the recent coaches meeting and the proposal the coaches have submitted to the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA). Todd reported that the meeting yielded positive results and that the issues are being resolved through the appropriate channels of the Utah Swimming Coaches Association (USCA) and UHSAA.

**Administrative Vice-Chair:** Jim had nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Grant had nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Brent reminded everyone to submit their FY2005 reimbursable expenses so they can be reimbursed. He is preparing to close the books for FY2005.

Brent presented the December Financial report. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved. For a copy, please contact USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at [skabelund@byu.edu](mailto:skabelund@byu.edu).

Brent will also review the data (More detailed data would be helpful, and Grant volunteered to follow up with Randy on this.) related to the clubs that provided volunteer service for the Zone meet and he will make a proposal at January's meeting per the disbursement of USI grants per the motion that was made in July.

**Senior Chair:** Cathy reported that Jennifer Fredsall had applied late for Summer 2005 Long Course Funding. The Board suggested that Fredsall be allowed to make an appeal with the Board for the funding.

The Board noted that this was Cathy's last Board meeting as Senior Chair and expressed appreciation for her service. No one has been found to fill the position. USI members are welcome to volunteer to serve as Senior Chair.

**Age-Group Chair:** Mike was not present.

**Athlete Representatives:** None was present. Grant encouraged those involved with the clubs for which the athletes participate to encourage the athletes to perform their Board duties.

**Club Liaison:** Kanani was not present.

**Coaches Representative:** Lela said she will encourage USI's coaches to dialogue about USI's league system.

**Membership Chair:** Martha reported that USI now has 1,049 athletes, 117 non-athletes, and 20 clubs registered for 2006. USI is waiting on eight clubs that simply need to provide evidence of having updated their coaches' credentials. Todd noted that the Hunter Aquatic Team (HAT) and West Valley City (WVCP) are merging and that USI has heard nothing more from Cottonwood and Vernal per their participation with Utah Swimming.

**Officials Chair:** Per her November assignment, Corynne provided new language for a policy and procedure change per the training of Starters. Item number 5 for "Starter" of the "USI Guidelines for Swimming Official Certification" read, "Begin training on deck at intrasquad, dual, and developmental meets. There must be a certified starter and referee present. There is not set number of hours for training. The candidate will be certified as a Level I Starter at the recommendation of the training referee."

Corynne proposed the following new language for item number 5 for "Starter" of the "USI Guidelines for Swimming Official Certification": "Begin training on deck at intrasquad, dual, and developmental meets. *There must be a certified starter and referee at all invitational, developmental, league, and non-qualifier meets. A trainee may be designated starter on the sanction application for intrasquad, dual, or tri-meets.* There is not set number of hours for training. The candidate will be certified as a Level I Starter at the recommendation of the training referee." Italics denote changed language.

Lela motioned that Corynne's proposed changes be accepted by the Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Safety Chair:** Josh noted that this was his last Board meeting as Safety Chair and that Bob Meyer will be the new Safety Chair as of 1 January 2006.

Josh will remain involved with Utah Swimming as the Team Manager for the USI's 2006 Zone Team, which will compete in Fresno.

**Technical Planning Chair:** Randy was not present.

**Disability Chair:** Barry had nothing to report.

**Publicity Chair:** Spencer was not present.

**Registration and Website Coordinator:** Todd had nothing more to report.

**Sanctions Chair:** Debby reported that Emily says things are going well with sanctions.

**Time Verifications Chair:** Norin was not present.

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 10 January 2006**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary