

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
10 January 2006
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present: Corynne Armstrong, Spencer Blake, Brent Bunnell, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Jim Jones, Bob Meyer, Martha Siggard, Grant Skabelund, Kanani Wells, and Mike Werner.

Excused members: Ana Agy, David Chandler, Justin Christensen, Randy Christensen, Sara Jayne Christiansen, Todd Etherington, and Emily Reimschuessel.

December Minutes: December's minutes were previously approved by the Board via an email vote and will be posted on www.swimutah.com

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby reported that Emily had written a letter to Eagles, and Eagles modified their New Year's meet information, taking into consideration Emily's feedback.

The Board discussed allowing athletes to swim fewer events in the 2006 Long Course Championships. Lela will poll the coaches per this proposal for both the Long and Short Course meets. Overall the Board is in favor of such a change.

Debby reported that USI has still not received its cut of the hotel revenue for the Zone meet.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim will assist Mike with the Short Course Championships arrangements. He will also ensure that USI has a room at BYU for the House of Delegates meeting.

Secretary: Grant will review the documents and submit a change per making the Sanctions Chair a non-voting position.

Grant will make the arrangements for parking at BYU for Short Course Championships. Grant has since made the arrangements, and the following information is included below for the benefit of USI's athletes and parents.

Utah Swimming JOs participants and fans have permission to park in two lots on March 15-18.

Lot 18 is located at 150 East 1230 North, Provo, and is on the north side of the road. Busses, large vans, and RVs should park in this lot. However, RVs are not allowed overnight. Those using Lot 18 may want to drop folks off at the Richards Bldg. before parking and walking back to the pool.

Lot 37 is located west of BYU's practice field, north of the indoor practice facility, and east of Zions Bank.

Grant will send out the House of Delegates mailing.

Grant noted that USI's website needed some updates, which have now been made.

Treasurer: Brent presented the FY2005 budget report. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved. For a copy, please contact USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at skabelund@byu.edu.

Brent will review the data, provided by Randy, relating to the clubs that provided volunteer service for the Zone meet. Brent will make a proposal at February's meeting per the disbursement of USI grants per the motion that was made in July.

Senior Chair: This position is vacant.

Brent volunteered to handle the Short Course funding applications. Kanani will get the word out on this. A 1 May 2006 deadline was set, but Brent invited athletes to submit their applications earlier than that date.

Age-Group Chair: Mike reported that he is preparing for the Short Course Championships at BYU. He noted that there are no major event-list changes from last year.

Mike reported that he is working with Josh to get Zones information ready for release at Short Course Championships.

Athlete Representatives: None was present.

Club Liaison: Kanani is communicating with the clubs; things are going well.

Coaches Representative: Lela asked if USI was planning to observe the high school championship meets. It was noted that USI had not yet been invited to do so. Lela made a motion that USI observe all three high school state meets. The motion was seconded and approved. Corynne will arrange for the observers; Martha will prepare a form for the athletes to fill out and for Todd to have as a record for recording the eligible times. Non-registered swimmers must register with USA Swimming by 1 February 2006, in order for their times to be recorded as official USA Swimming times.

Membership Chair: Martha reported that USI now has 1,303 athletes, 157 non-athletes, and 26 clubs registered for 2006.

Officials Chair: Corynne reported that Brian Vaughan has been advanced to a Level 1 Starter.

Safety Chair: Bob said he had nothing, but he noted that he will get with Josh to learn his duties.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy was not present. An inquiry per the status of the BC meet was made. Debby said she would follow up with Randy.

Disability Chair: Barry noted that the DART and BSST clubs each have one disabled swimmer registered. He encouraged clubs to insert an invitation to disabled athletes to compete in their meet information. The invitation can and should be included. It was noted that Emily should include such an invitation in her meet information templates.

Publicity Chair: Spencer filed the following report, dated 10 January 2006.

“I have met with the sports editors of the Deseret News, Daily Herald (Provo), Spanish Fork Press, Springville Herald, and Orem Geneva Times. I have made contact with the Salt Lake Tribune; however, I have not been able to set up a meeting time.

“Deseret News: They will publish winners of our state senior meet and age group championships. I plan on sending them the top three and see what they do. They are reluctant to publish results of swimmers under high school age. The DN would like to have the high school in which the swimmer would go to for a sense of community awareness. The editor believed that the non-swimming public does not identify with club names. The DN will publish the top three winners at Long Course Championships, for both groups. In the summer they have less national sports information so they will have more room for us. They would like a list of swimmers and the college they signed with. They will publish NRT swims. The editor will take any interesting stories on stand-by, depending on space availability.

“Daily Herald: Same as DN except they will publish top three individual swimmers and top six Utah County swimmers for both short and long course meets.

“Local papers will publish results of any competition with their local swimmers.”

Spencer said he would develop a standard template that clubs can use by filling in the blanks after each swim meet and then sending it to their local paper. He also plans to meet with the Ogden, Logan, and St. George papers, and he asked for feedback per trying to get some sports-talk radio exposure. The feedback on the last proposal was lukewarm.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd was not present.

Sanctions Chair: Emily was not present.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin needs some meet results, and she will work to get them from Emily.

New Business: Debby reported that the Swimposium has been scheduled for 29-30 September 2006. KYAT will host the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary