

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
9 October 2007
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Members present: Juan Aguilar, Corynne Armstrong, Janie Dahle, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Jim Jones, Matt Krambule, Bob Meyer, Diane Peterson, Grant Skabelund, and Kanani Wells.

Members excused: Spencer Blake, Brent Bunnell, Emily Reimschuessel, Ali Siggard, Martha Siggard, and Mike Werner.

Guests present: Craig Bjorklund, SURF; Lyse' Durrant, CHAT; and Bob LeMon, DDDR.

A motion to approve **September's Minutes** was made, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on www.swimutah.com.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby reported the following on the recent 2007 United States Swimming Convention:

- LSCs that do not file their financial reports will lose their convention voting rights.
- There were no major rule changes.
- USA Swimming is moving to change the dates of its seasons: Long Course will end in the summer; Short Course will end at end of the calendar year (December). This will match USA Swimming up with the remainder of the world's swimming community.
- USA Swimming's Top-16 rankings have been discontinued.
- New USA Swimming rankings will be a Top-10 for 9-and-unders, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17-year-olds.
- There will be changes to those meriting All-American honors due to the difficulty for some to travel.
- LSCs and clubs are encouraged to hold IMX meets.
- Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah's LSCs discussed holding a four-corners meet in March 2009.

Finally, Debby noted that the at-large members of USI's board will be relieved of their duties when Corynne takes over as general chair on 1 January 2008. In due time, according to Corynne's discretion, those positions and/or others will be filled.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim had nothing to report.

Secretary: Grant did a quick roll call and had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent was not present.

Senior Chair: Diane motioned that although Joe Beutler had missed the deadline for spring funding that he receive the reimbursement funding for short course. The motion was seconded and approved.

Diane also noted that the senior short course championship is scheduled for 15-16 February 2008 at BYU. She will touch base with the University of Utah's new coach, Greg Winslow, to discuss the future use of the U's pool for this annual event.

Age Group Chair: Lela led a discussion of changing the format for Zones; she will request feedback from the coaches. She also noted that the potential four-corners meet (mentioned above) will be for age group swimmers.

Athlete Representatives: Janie, Juan, and Matt wondered about time standards for sectionals. Todd responded that it is his understanding that the standards would be faster, especially in the distance events.

Club Liaison: Kanani requested clarification for her response to Richard Costen. It was noted that the swimmer registration fee would go up in 2009 and that it is slated to go up every three years.

Coach Representative: Lela is eager to get coaches' safety training underway.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Martha was not present.

Officials Chair: Corynne noted that Chanin Gammill had been promoted to a Level II Referee. She said starter training is bottlenecked. The idea to have training meets for starters was floated. It was also suggested that scored meets have time standards.

Safety Chair: Bob said Lyse' will set a date for safety training. He will also remind the clubs of the need to complete and submit accident reports when necessary.

Technical Planning Chair: Mike was not present.

Adaptive Coordinator: Barry noted that the Special Olympics competition was coming up this week.

Publicity Coordinator: Spencer was not present.

Sanctions Coordinator: Emily was not present.

Registration and Website Technician: Todd added that safety training for coaches would be changing to on-line testing and coursework. He then suggested Utah Swimming give its best swimmer awards based on IMX (Individual Medley Xtreme) rankings. Five events are scored for 12-and-unders: 200 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 100 fly, and 200 IM. Six events are scored for 13-and-overs: 500 free, 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly, 200 IM, and 400 IM. A motion to use IMX scores for 2008 through 3 March 2008 to determine USI's most valuable 14-and-under swimmers (to be awarded at the 2008 short course championships) was made, seconded, and approved. Todd will use United States Swimming's SWIMS database for the IMX scoring.

Todd also said he is receiving many 2008 registrations, many of them—up to 50 percent—electronically, and he is hoping to not have to mail out paper registration forms. Todd reminded the group that coaches, officials, non-athletes, and teams do need to paper register.

New Business: Craig encouraged that more developmental meets be scheduled, especially in the summer. Part of the challenge is lack of officials in his Utah Swimming locale. It was suggested that the group of teams that SURF is involved with in the Ogden area strongly encourage each club to make a recruiting effort for officials.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Next meeting: **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 13 November 2007**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary