

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
11 September 2007
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

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

Members present: Juan Aguilar, Corynne Armstrong, Brent Bunnell, Janie Dahle, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Jim Jones, Diane Peterson, Grant Skabelund, and Kanani Wells.

Members excused: Spencer Blake, Todd Etherington, Matt Krambule, Bob Meyer, Emily Reimschuessel, Ali Siggard, Martha Siggard, and Mike Werner.

Guests present: Lyse' Durrant, CHAT; Bob LeMon, DDDR; John Moran, Utah Swimming Coaches Association.

July's Minutes were approved by an email vote; they were previously posted on www.swimutah.com.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby invited discussion about next year's JO meet. The plan is to nail down the dates soon, either 12-15 March, 19-22 March, or 26-29 March 2008 at BYU. As Age Group Chair, Lela will work with BYU's Shari Skabelund to get the date set. The tentative plan is to hold the Short Course Senior Meet on 15-16 February at BYU. As Senior Chair, Diane Peterson will work with Shari to get this meet set.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim had nothing to report.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent presented the September Treasurer's Report. He noted that investments are doing well in spite of the stock market's recent dive. He also noted that the summer's long course meet expenses had been almost covered by meet receipts. [A quick aside discussion ensued, with the understanding that there needs to be a check on the dates for the 2008 meet.] A motion to accept September's report was made, seconded, and passed. A copy of the report is available via email from skabelund@byu.edu.

Senior Chair: Diane presented a list of names for Long Course funding. A motion to approve funding for all of the athletes Diane submitted was made, seconded, and approved. Diane recommended that one athlete, Sara Nicponski, not receive funding. Diane said Nicponski's application was a late request from spring sectionals, noting that it was more than four months late and that Nicponski had received several exceptions for late funding in the past. A motion to approve Diane's recommendation was made, seconded, and approved. Diane also said Zachary Anderson has recently asked about his eligibility to hold state records. Diane reported that based on Martha's research of Zachary's Utah Swimming membership records, Zachary was not eligible to hold any records.

Age Group Chair: Lela reported that Zones was awesome. It was lots of fun; Utah had 47 swimmers. She mentioned an idea to produce a list of Utah Zone team records and provide it to potential Zone athletes. The idea received Board support, although it was acknowledged that it would be a lot of work. Lela also entertained a discussion of how 10-and-unders should be incorporated into Zones and some of the challenges this year's team had, especially with the hotel. She said she is considering the idea of soliciting corporate sponsors to help defray the Zone expenses. She reported that the Zone team mascot was the Utah raptor (dinosaur) and that the team had brainstormed ideas for T-shirts with the raptor.

Athlete Representatives: Juan and Janie had nothing to report.

Club Liaison: Kanani has prepared a new list of DVD's that USI has available. She has sent the list to Todd for posting on the website.

Coach Representative: Lela will send out information to the coaches on the selection process for the ASCA Coach of the Year; this year's honoree was Yolanda Bates nothing to report.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Although not present, Martha reported through Grant that USI now has 2,612 athletes, 222 non-athletes, and 32 clubs registered for 2007.

Officials Chair: Corynne said she would hold an officials workshop on Saturday, 15 September. She reported that USI now has 31 officials.

Safety Chair: Bob was not present. A decision will be made by Bob, Lyse', and Debby as to when the Lyse' will officially take over as Safety Chair. Lyse' said she is in the process of putting together an October safety class.

Technical Planning Chair: Mike was not present.

Adaptive Coordinator: Barry plans to put info ads in several publications, encouraging individuals to participate in adaptive aquatics. He noted that the Utah State Special Olympics Fall Sports Classic would be on 12 October at the University of Utah.

Publicity Coordinator: Spencer was not present.

Sanctions Coordinator: Emily was not present.

Time Verifications Coordinator: Norin formally submitted her resignation and suggested that with the current technology and process, her job could be performed by Todd. The Board thanked her for her service. She and her husband are off to the Bahamas until January to work on their home there.

Registration and Website Technician: Todd was not present. The Board tasked him to put a direct link to United States Swimming's SWIMS database on the USI site.

New Business: None; Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next meeting: **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9 October 2007**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary.