

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
12 April 2005
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Members present: Brent Bunnell, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Cathy Philpot, Martha Siggard, Grant Skabelund, and Mike Werner.

Excused members: Ana Agy, David Chandler, Randy Christensen, Brian Christiansen, Josh Dukes, Jennifer Fredsall, Maryalice Marx, and Emily Reimschuessel.

Guests: Janice Madsen and Brad Percy.

March Minutes: A motion to accept March's USI Board minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby provided an update on USI's preparations for the Western Zone meet in August. She said USI will purchase a small copy machine and will use the two Oquirrh Park machines when needed. She mentioned to Brad Percy that we need to determine where the freezer for the ice will be located. She has made arrangements to purchase Gatorade at wholesale. Mike has sent out the tent rental information. Brad provided the board with a venue diagram; he mentioned that he still needs to put RV parking and catering delivery on the diagram. Debby said the heat sheet and results boards are under construction. Mike is working on the meet information. And we are investigating how to provide live results of the meet to the Western Zone website.

Debby also reported on an informal survey conducted by the Lake Erie Zone related to other LSCs' policies and procedures related to providing officials for meets. Lake Erie pays its meet officials, and it is considering charging an extra \$200.00 when clubs sanction a meet and it does not provide its own officials (this does not include the starter and meet referee). Debby suggests USI look at this per our own policies and procedures. We know USI needs more officials, and we know we need to communicate that need and how to achieve it to the clubs. Would a \$200.00 fee help accomplish those goals? Debby will task Emily with developing a proposal for a plan to recruit officials and a communication process for said plan. A motion that Emily create a committee to develop a course of action for building an officials pool for all clubs in USI was made, seconded, and approved.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Position remains vacant.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent provided the January 1-April 12 Budget update. For a copy, please contact USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at skabelund@byu.edu. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved.

Senior Chair: Cathy continues to explore the possibilities for a travel meet. She is looking at options in Canada. Todd will check with his Canadian colleagues; Cathy will check with Yolanda Bates per opportunities in Mexico. Cathy is also working on the USI 2005 Long Course Championships information.

Age-Group Chair: Mike reported that the 2005 Short Course BC Finale went well, as did Short Course JOs. The biggest challenge at JOs was policing the non-competing children. Part of this challenge is structural: there is limited seating at the University of Utah venue. Allowing teams to have a team manager(s) to assist on deck is fine, so long as that manager(s) is USA-Swimming registered. The board discussed at length how to improve meets. Mike is working on the information for USI's zone team.

Athlete Representatives: None present.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy was not present.

Coaches Representative: Lela reported on the upcoming coaches' clinic, 22-23 April 2005. Friday evening will be certification night. A motion to have USI fund the Utah Swim Coaches Association for all registered, non-athlete members of USI who attend the clinic was made, seconded, and passed.

Officials & Sanctions Chair: Emily was not present, but Debby reported that Emily had informed her that OTAC's Timpanogos meet had been sanctioned. Brad reported that KYAT is considering doing a long course meet in May—before Memorial Day.

Safety Chair: Josh was not present.

Club Liaison: Maryalice was not present.

Membership Chair: Martha reported that USI now has 2,201 athletes, 197 non-athletes, and 31 clubs.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd had nothing to report

Time Verifications Chair: Norin had nothing to report.

Publicity Chair: Position remains vacant.

Adaptive Chair: Barry asked about the next step in the Disability Policy process. A motion to accept the policy as presented was made, seconded, and passed. Grant will place the policy in USI's Policies and Procedures. Barry asked about attending a disability meet; he will present a plan and budget to the board. He will also work on the language to be included in meet information per disability athletes participating in USI meets.

New Business: No new business.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 10 May 2005**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary