

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes

13 January 2004
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Debby Fleisch.

Members present: Craig Bjorklund, Brent Bunnell, Josh Dukes, Randy Christensen, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, John Harvey, Maryalice Marx, Dan Peterson, Cathy Philpot, Emily Reimschuessel, Martha Siggard, Grant Skabelund, and Mike Werner.

Excused members: Brian Christiansen, Jennifer Fredsall, Janis Harvey, and Maddie Stapley.

Guest present: Lela Hiatt, DDDR.

Quorum was present: The amendments to the November and December 2003 board meeting minutes were read. Both sets of minutes were approved.

General Chair: Debby encouraged the board members to use their committees to move the USI work forward outside of the board meetings, thus making board meetings efficient and “short.” Debby then made the following appointments to the USI Board: Norin Felton, Time Verification Chair; Emily Reimschuessel, Officials Chair and Sanctions Chair; and Craig Bjorklund, Publicity Chair.

Treasurer: Brent reported that we have had an increase of revenue, which he attributed to both the increase in fees and an increase in swimmers. He suggested that sanction fees and splash fees be combined into one item on the revenue breakdown. This was accepted and will be instituted in 2005. The board accepted the financial report as presented. (To receive a copy of April’s USI Financial Report, contact Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary, at skabelund@byu.edu.)

Senior Chair: Cathy said she is learning her assignment. There was a brief discussion of next summer’s long course championship meet, which is tentatively set for 28-31 July 2004 at Kearns. A motion that upon invitation USI observe the high school swimming championships in February was made; the motion passed. It was noted that a swimmer’s times are only *validly* observed if that swimmer is a USA Swimming member before the championship meet.

Age-Group Chair: Mike reported that BYU will host the 2004 short-course championships on 17-20 March. The University of Utah will host its Senior Meet, which will serve as a finals meet for the senior swimmer; several out-of-state teams from Colorado and Idaho plan to compete in that meet.

Mike added that he is planning a camp for B swimmers who don’t make JOs. It will be either soon after short course or long course. The board encouraged Mike to make sure the potential athletes and their families receive plenty of advance notice.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy suggested that the 2005 short course and long course dates and sites be set as soon as possible. Mike and Cathy will work on it. Randy did not yet have information on a B/C Finale proposal, but he did present a draft of a Proposed Zone Realignment, which received some feedback from the board. (To receive a copy of the draft, contact Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary, at skabelund@byu.edu.)

Officials Chair: Emily will hold an Officials Training Meeting at her home on 21 January at 7:00 p.m. She noted that officials being observed during training need to be registered with USA Swimming. She encouraged USI to link its website to ASCA’s online officials’ test to ensure that USI’s potential officials complete the right exam. She reminded the board that officials are not to be paid for their work, but teams are encouraged to give officials a thank-you gift for their time and efforts. Emily also noted she plans to have her officials committee in place soon.

Sanctions Chair: Emily will communicate any changes she may develop in the process. Maryalice noted that sanctions had met its 2003 budget. Brent encouraged a careful review of meet information to ensure there is equal opportunity (as it relates to events per age) for all swimmers competing for high-point awards. Emily noted his concerns.

Safety Chair: Josh is planning to attend a national USA Swimming training session in the near future.

Club Liaison Chair: Cathy will pass information on to Maryalice. Maryalice was encouraged to give the new club in Tooele some time and assistance.

Membership Chair: Martha is becoming familiar with her new position.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd reported that most of the registrations are up-to-date. A lengthy discussion about all of the exceptions that occur when teams submit their meet results ensued. Todd will work on developing a process that will help remedy this problem. He also suggested that clubs need to be reminded to send in one club check for its registrations rather than sending in checks for each swimmer. Maryalice will assist with communicating this and other measures to the clubs.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin entertained a discussion on whether to maintain the Hy-Tek database, now that USA Swimming's SWIMS database is available. It was determined to maintain the Hy-Tek database up in the hopes that it could be used for online meet entry at a future date and because it provides a record of swims that took place before we started to send our meets to USA Swimming are not included in the SWIMS database and not available to parents or coaches.

Coaches Representative: Dan reiterated what had been discussed earlier as it related to the high school championship meets: All USA-registered swimmers will be observed at the state high school meets; the swimmers will not be charged; the officials will not be paid, but of course, it would be nice to give them a thank-you gift.

Publicity Chair: Craig has some good ideas; plans are in the works; he will share more next month.

Athlete Representative: John had nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

grant skabelund