

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
11 January 2005
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Ana Agy, Brent Bunnell, David Chandler, Randy Christensen, Josh Dukes, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Jennifer Fredsall, Janis Harvey, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Maryalice Marx, Cathy Philpot, Emily Reimschuessel, Grant Skabelund, and Mike Werner.

Excused members: Brian Christiansen, Norin Felton, and Martha Siggard.

Guests: Mark Gray, Janice Madsen, Brad Peercy, and Betty Picac.

Officer Reports:

General Chair: 2005 Zones in Kearns: Debby reported that Mike will serve as the Information Officer for Zones, and as such will communicate with the other LSCs. Debby also reported that Emily will receive the meet entries. USI's goal is to have Utah Swimming folks do as much of the timing as possible at the meet; Janis and Maryalice will organize this. They will also determine how many hours Utah zone team swimmers need to donate to the meet. Debby will check on awards. Carolynn Burt is working with West Valley City's Chamber of Commerce on hospitality donations from stores and restaurants. The potential purchase of a copy machine was discussed; it was determined to purchase a small copier for incidental copies and contract with a copy store or print shop for the large quantities. Josh will solicit and organize the meet marshals. Brent will provide a couple of refrigerators. The athlete representatives were tasked with providing feedback per activities and food at the athlete party. Initial suggestions were for a climbing wall and blow-up toys. Todd will work with Brad Peercy on the technical aspects of the meet. Mike is in charge of the Utah Zone team. A fee amount of \$125.00 was suggested for Utah Zone team participation in 2005. The suggestion that volunteers be able to work off the zone fee was taken into consideration and referred to Janis and Maryalice. Debby is working on the meet logo.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Janice had nothing to report.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent provided the Fiscal04 Year-end Financial Statement. For a copy, please contact USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at skabelund@byu.edu. The Fiscal05 Budget was approved.

Senior Chair: The observation of USA Swimming-registered swimmers at the three state high school meets was discussed. Leah motioned that the observation take place; the motion was seconded and approved. Swimmers will need to be USA Swimming registered by 1 February and completed a request-for-observation form. Emily will prepare the form; Maryalice will email it to the clubs.

Long Course JOs will be held at Cottonwood Heights. There will be no 200-meter relays. Cathy will determine whether to include 800-free relays.

Age-Group Chair: Short Course JOs will be at the University of Utah, 16-19 March 2005. Short Course JOs in 2006 will be at BYU. Mike said this year's event list will be the same as last year's.

Athlete Representative: Ana mentioned that a number of senior swimmers are struggling with burnout and asked how USI could help keep the swimmers motivated. A travel trip was suggested. Cathy will continue to explore the possibilities.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy reported that COLT will not host the Last Chance Meet, but that Layton and Hilltop are willing to host it. The possibility of north last chance and a south last chance meets was entertained, but the decision was left to Randy. (One meet in Layton will be held.)

Randy also reported that he had two proposals for the BC Finale: one from Tooele and one from West Valley City. The pros and cons of each venue were discussed; Randy was again left to make the decision. (The BC Finale was awarded to West Valley City.)

Coaches Representative: Lela said per her conversation with Dee Loose that information on a spring coaches' clinic would soon be available. Whether USI will assist with the funding of this event was left undecided.

Officials & Sanctions Chair: Emily provided a current list of officials; some 2004 officials are not yet registered with USA Swimming. She said she would be organizing another clinic; the board encouraged her to use the home school option; individuals interested in becoming an official should contact Emily.

Emily provided a sanctions report. The most significant challenge continues to be OTAC; a fairly pointed discussion per ameliorating the situation ensued, but ultimately the decision of how to encourage OTAC's compliance was left with Emily.

Safety Chair: Josh reported that he would hold another safety training session after the high school state meets are completed. He also reported that incident reports are being submitted, but he is not being copied in. Maryalice will remind the clubs that they need to send a copy to Josh.

Club Liaison: Maryalice had nothing to report except that the USI library is a great source for videos and DVDs for coaches.

Membership Chair: Martha was not present; see Todd's report.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd reported that he had a request from Wasatch County for a new club. Todd reviewed Martha's report of USI membership to present: 1,257 athletes; 140 non-athletes; 25 teams. He also reminded Brent that he needed a new deposit book.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin was not present.

Publicity Chair: Position not filled.

Adaptive Chair: Barry led a discussion of an outline of a proposed USI Disability Swimming Policy. He will continue to work on the policy. A motion was made to cover Barry's airfare and hotel (up to \$500.00) to attend a USA Swimming Disability Meet. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business: An email from USA Swimming's Pat Hogen was shared; Hogen encourages LSCs to fund their Age Group Coach of the Year to attend the ASCA (American Swim Coaches Association) Convention. Lela was encouraged to carefully review the Coach of the Year selection process and report her recommendations to the Board.

Barry asked about soliciting for funds for disability needs and events. He was encouraged to get his policy in place and then that discussion could take place.

Mark Gray wondered about the progress of the four-hour rule. Randy and Emily are still working on it. They were tasked to have it in place by the beginning of the long course season.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 8:57 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 8 February 2005**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary