

**UTAH SWIMMING, INC.**  
Board Meeting Minutes

9 March 2004  
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Debby Fleisch.

**Members present:** Craig Bjorklund, Brent Bunnell, Randy Christensen, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Jennifer Fredsall, Janis Harvey, John Harvey, Dan Peterson, Cathy Philpot, and Grant Skabelund.

**Excused members:** Josh Dukes, Brian Christiansen, Norin Felton, Maryalice Marx, Emily Reimschuessel, Martha Siggard, Maddie Stapley, and Mike Werner.

**Quorum was present:** Minutes for February 2004 board meeting were approved.

**General Chair:** Debby had no business.

**Administrative Vice-Chair:** Janice tentatively (since confirmed) set 24 April at 5:00 p.m. as the time for the House of Delegates Meeting; it will be at the West Valley City Fitness Center. A 3:30 p.m. training session to assist interested USI Members with using the computer at meets will be held before the House of Delegates Meeting.

**Treasurer:** Brent suggested that the amount given to the Utah Swim Coaches Association for its April clinic be increased from the \$1,500 approved in February to \$2,000. There was significant discussion and it was determined that it be strongly suggested to USCA that the clinic needs to be well publicized to USI's coaches. A motion was made that the additional \$500 be provided to USCA so long as USCA notifies USI's coaches about the clinic a minimum of two weeks in advance of the clinic. The motion was seconded and approved. Grant was asked to send a letter of encouragement to USCA's leadership, asking it to plan its 2005 clinic and future clinics well in advance and to make its request for money from USI in time for that request to become part of USI's annual budget, which is finalized each year at USI's October House of Delegates Meeting.

Brent presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved. (To receive a copy of March's USI Financial Report, contact Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary, at skabelund@byu.edu.)

**Senior Chair:** Cathy is working on a major revision of the Senior Reimbursement Form, but she has decided to modify the old form and use it for this short-course season. Todd will change the due date to 1 May.

There was a sometimes animated discussion of whether to fund athletes who have sectional cuts but decide to compete at meets other than sectionals. It was determined to "not go outside the bounds as set" and to stick with funding those athletes competing in sectionals.

**Age-Group Chair:** Debby reported for Mike. She said a one-page Zones-information document needs to be prepared and available for JOs in March. She also mentioned that a pre-Zones (2005 in Kearns) packet needs to be ready to distribute three weeks before our Long Course State Championship meet, 10-14 August (also in Kearns). The packet would contain information for the clubs in the other LSCs in our Zone.

**Technical Planning Chair:** Randy is working with Emily to produce the B/C Finale Proposal document.

Randy is planning on having a planning meeting between prelims and finals at the JO meet in Provo.

**Coaches Representative:** Dan reviewed his plans for Coach of the Year awards. He determined to name a Senior Coach of the Year, an Age Group Coach of the Year, and a Developmental Coach of the Year—at both Short Course and Long Course Championship meets.

**Officials Chair:** Debby reported for Emily that USI has the opportunity to send individuals to a Facilitators (Officials Training) Clinic in Dallas over the Memorial Day weekend. A motion to send two USI members to the clinic was made, seconded, and approved. It was not definitively determined who would attend.

**Membership Chair:** Todd reported for Martha that USI now has 1,883 athletes and 174 non-athletes.

He also noted that the transfer form was being reviewed and would be revised. USI cannot restrict athletes from transferring except where a judgment has been made. The only limiting factors to transfers are judgments and the 120-day timeframe.

**Registration and Website Coordinator:** (See Todd's report above.)

**Time Verifications Chair:** Debby read an e-mail from Norin, reporting that the on-line entry was \$250 per meet. The board agreed that this was cost-prohibitive.

**Publicity Chair:** Craig had nothing to report.

**Athlete Representative s:** John wondered how officials are trained on relay starts. This question generated a long discussion about training officials, the challenges of officiating, and the need for consistent officiating.

Next meeting is slated for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 13 April 2004**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

grant skabelund, USI Secretary

Note: Before the meeting began, the status of a potential new team in Heber City was discussed and it was determined that there is a need to effectively communicate with those desiring to start a club in Heber City.