

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
10 May 2005
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

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

Members present: Brent Bunnell, David Chandler, Josh Dukes, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Jennifer Fredsall, Barry Hayden, Cathy Philpot, Martha Siggard, Grant Skabelund, and Mike Werner.

Excused members: Ana Agy, Randy Christensen, Brian Christiansen, Lela Hiatt, Maryalice Marx, and Emily Reimschuessel.

Guests: Jim Jones and Janice Madsen.

April USI Board Minutes: Grant read April's minutes; several typographical changes were made. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on USI's website.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby unveiled the 2005 Zone water bottles; Todd will check to see if he has some USA Swimming stickers for the bottles. The V8 Splash Tour is no longer the V8 Splash Tour; it is something else, and it will be at Zones for one day. Sierra Phillips's mother has agreed to chair the athletes' party at Zones. Per Zone requirements, programs can sell for only \$8.00 each, so we need to make sure we do not spend more than \$8.00 per program in getting them printed. Mike has the Zone info almost ready to send out. A long discussion ensued on how much to charge the swimmers on Utah's Zone Team. It was determined that \$250.00 per swimmer will be charged. Parents and families will have the opportunity to work some of that off (\$25.00 per session) by helping at the meet. Mike said Utah's Zone Team will not include any senior swimmers who do not have qualifying times; he will include younger swimmers instead. Meet applications will be available soon. Applications will be due Monday, 18 July, for swimmers with Q-times and Monday, the day after the state long course meet, for those who qualify at state. The production of the heat and results boards is progressing; Debby says they are going to be very nice.

Utah Swimming will meet with Larry Johnson at Oquirrh Park on 18 June for a preliminary walkthrough before the meet in August. All USI Board members are encouraged to be there. Debby will get back with the time of the meeting.

Debby was informed by USA Swimming that USI should provide one scholarship each year for a Select Camp. That scholarship has been granted to Candice Smith for this year's camp on 20 May. Additional swimmers have applied and after significant discussion, the Board determined to scholarships for these athletes as well. A motion to fund Utah's athletes at \$120.00 each for the Regional Select Camp on 20 May 2005 as long as they can show they have been active in USA Swimming for one or more years and they return the scholarship application by the scheduled deadline, 1 June 2005, was made, seconded, and approved. Martha and Brent abstained.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Position remains vacant.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent provided USI's 1 January-10 May 2005, 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. Brent also provided the USI's Balance Sheet as of 10 May 2005.

Senior Chair: Cathy reported on the Spring 2005 Short Course Funding Applications. A motion to fund the following athletes at the level cited by Cathy was made, seconded, and approved.

Ana Agy, \$500.00; KC Albiston, \$225.00; Kristina Baird, \$50.00; Shelby Bull, \$25.00; Anna Crandall, \$150.00; Thomas Ekstrom, \$150.00; George Evans, \$150.00; Chad Fong, \$100.00; Jennifer Fredsall, \$100.00; Marnie Knoop, \$125.00; Luc Monson, \$75.00; Sara Nicponski, \$150.00; and Ali Siggard, \$150.00.

Cathy will contact the other swimmers who applied to give them an opportunity to respond to questions related to their applications. Cathy continues to look at travel-meet opportunities. The meet information for the state long course championship meet is almost ready and will soon go to Emily for sanctioning.

Age-Group Chair: Mike reported that he has begun dialoging with BYU per using its facility for state short course JOs, 15-18 March 2006. He also mentioned that Lela will be the lead coach for the Utah Zone Team this summer.

Athlete Representatives: David and Jennifer had nothing to report.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy was not present.

Coaches Representative: Lela was not present, but she passed on her report through Mike. USI had 38 non-athletes attend the Utah Swimming Coaches Association Clinic. USI paid \$40.00 to USCA for each of those attendees. The clinic was a great success. Coach Jon Urbanchek provided a great deal of information, some of which is on the USCA website (<http://www.utswimcoach.com>). As the board discussed its relationship with USCA, Debby mentioned that USCA has the right to have a voting member of the USI Board. USCA simply needs to pay USI a \$100.00 annual fee to secure this right. Grant volunteered to notify Yolanda Bates, USCA's president, to encourage USCA's participation on the USI Board.

Lela also sent out a letter to all coaches on 27 April 2005, encouraging clubs to develop a pool of officials. She had had feedback from two coaches, Dan Peterson and Mark Gray, both of whom felt this was a step in the right direction. Mark commented that he believes each team should have officials based on the number of swimmers on the team. A copy of Lela's letter is available from USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at skabelund@byu.edu.

Officials & Sanctions Chair: Emily was not present, but Debby reported for Emily that since Lela's letter went out there has been a good response to the Express Clinic for officials. Debby mentioned that the option of paying officials may have to happen; individual clubs can make individual decisions per this issue. She also mentioned that, unfortunately, a meet referee at a recent meet had instructed officials to be lenient on the younger swimmers; measures are in place and will be taken to prevent this in the future.

Safety Chair: Josh reported about a recent late Accident Occurrence Report that related to an incident where dive starts were being *taught* in 4 1/2 to 5 feet of water. Dive starts need to be taught in at least 9 feet of water. Unfortunately this referenced accident will most likely not be covered by USA Swimming insurance because USA Swimming guidelines were not being followed. Josh also reported that USA Swimming will soon issue strict rules disallowing the use of cell phones and video cameras in locker rooms.

Club Liaison: Maryalice was not present.

Membership Chair: Martha reported that USI now has 2,366 athletes (28 of whom are Seasonal), 205 non-athletes, and 31 clubs. She mentioned that USI is current on getting credentials posted to clubs and individuals.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd had nothing to report

Time Verifications Chair: Norin is working on verifying the JOs data. She also mentioned that Team Manager On-line is up for renewal. Brent said he would pay as soon as he receives an invoice.

Publicity Chair: Position remains vacant.

Adaptive Chair: Barry is considering attending a Paralympics meet in Mt. Hood, Oregon, in July. He is also working on getting disability information on the USI website.

New Business: No new business.

With an "I want to go" motion to adjourn by Mike, which was seconded and approved, the meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 14 June 2005**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary