

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

November 11, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. By Emily Reimschuessel.

**Members present:** Martha Siggard, Todd Etherington, Brent Bunnell, Emily Reimschuessel, Grant Skabelund, Janis Harvey, Norin Felton, Cathy Philpot, Dan Peterson, Maryalice Marx, Debby Fleisch, Mike Werner, Mark Gray, Jennifer Fredsall, Maddie Stapley. **Excused members:** John Harvey.

**Administrative Vice-Chair:** Janis reported that everything is set for the Club Leadership Seminar on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We currently have 15 individuals signed up; this doesn't count board members who will attend (they are: Mike, Randy, Dan and Cathy). Janis will provide lunch.

**Treasurer:** Brent presented the financial report. A copy is attached to these minutes. We have about \$24,000 in team registration fees that have not yet been deposited. Registrations are very close to the expected number, so we are on budget for projected revenues. Utah Swimming, Inc. keeps 20% of the registration proceeds. Our securities are doing exceptionally well. Brent is currently working on getting authorized to access our financial information on-line so he has more timely information.

**Age-Group Chairperson:** Debby reported that 70 kids signed up for our clinic (75 was our stated limit on registrations). Brent suggested that we sponsor another clinic for kids without JO times. This is tentatively scheduled in January 2004. We need coaches and a pool to host the event. This will be considered a "developmental" clinic. We will consider BYU for short-course JOs. The facility is available for our desired dates and they now have the same timing system as the University of Utah. It seems to make sense to move our JOs from the U of U to BYU in alternate years to accommodate the swimmers with respect to travel time and distance. Long-course JOs may be held in Logan in 2005 because Kearns will host Western Zones that same year. The Logan folks are in the process of considering the opportunity to host the 2005 JOs.

Robyn Petersen resigned as Officials Chairperson. All appointed positions will expire 60 days after Emily Reimschuessel leaves office. Michael Gray is a certified referee and his wife, Lori, is a stroke and turn judge. They've just moved to Layton from Florida. They come highly recommended by their LSC. We also have a Level II referee from San Diego who has joined the Dimple Dell team.

**Quorum was established:** The October board meeting minutes were amended and approved as amended. The August board meeting minutes were approved. (Note: there was no quorum in September, so the minutes were approved at this meeting). The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Craig Bjorkland was proposed to serve as the Publicity Chairperson, that appointment was approved. Martha Siggard was proposed to serve as the Membership Chairperson, that appointment was approved.

**Senior National Funding:** Policy and Procedure stipulates that the board of USI sets the amount of funding to be approved in advance. At this point, we have five athletes who may seek funding: Leilani, Ashlee, Kayce, Anna and Jennifer. Debby recommends that we fund at least \$50 per event the swimmer is qualified to swim. (This is the same funding level as for the US Open). We will fund for actual times achieved, not for "bonus" events. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to fund \$75 per event at Senior Nationals. Motion carried. Brent suggested that we need to consider these types of funding issues as we prepare our budget for the coming year. Cathy and Brent will work together to project the number of potential swimmers who may seek funding in 2004. Norin will help.

**Technical Planning:** Randy and Maryalice are working on a draft of the B/C Finale bid process document. Maryalice will provide a copy for the minutes when it is ready. The mailing will go out after it is approved. The age-group committee will receive the bids and make a recommendation to the board. The committee will also approve the event list. We ought to have officials sign an agreement to work a meet in order to avoid the problems we recently had. This will be discussed at a future board meeting. Technical planning will have a meeting at short-course JO's in March.

**Safety Chairperson:** Training for club safety chair people will be held on December 3, 2003 at Cottonwood Heights.

**Registration:** Todd discussed the complications he's having as he processes meet information. The Dixie, Utah Senior, Hilltop and Layton meets combined had over 350 "exceptions" he had to resolve. This really slowed the process. Athletes must be registered exactly as they are registered with USA Swimming. The SWIMS program matches name, date of birth, and swimmer ID number. This will be discussed at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> training. Team registration went very smoothly this year with regard to the new financial penalties that are in place. Twenty-six teams are successfully registered (on time); three problems remain: Colts and Dixie are not registered and one other team has a financial problem.

**Verification:** Norin has nothing to report. She will look at the SWIMS program to see if teams can register on-line.

**Coaches Representative:** Dan discussed how Debby worked with Mr. Wilke of the Utah High School Association to allow high school swimmers to compete as an "unattached" swimmer at age group meets. They can also compete at senior meets. We need to publicize this because only a few coaches were e-mailed regarding this very important change.

**New Business:** John Braithwaite will work with Utah Swimming on the "right to participate" legislation. Karen Morgan has agreed to sponsor this legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Siggard