

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
21 September 2004
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

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

Members present: Ana Agy, David Chandler, Josh Dukes, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Jennifer Fredsall, Janis Harvey, Lela Hiatt, Cathy Philpot, Emily Reimschuessel, Martha Siggard, and Grant Skabelund.

Excused members: Brent Bunnell, Craig Bjorklund, Randy Christensen, Brian Christiansen, Maryalice Marx, and Mike Werner.

Guests: Brad Peercy (KYAT), Mark Gray (SYAC), and Tom Jourdane (DDDR).

Quorum was present: Minutes for the July 2004 board meeting were approved earlier via e-mail vote.

General Chair: Debby provided an update on the 2005 Western Zones meet, which will be held at the Oquirrh Park pool in Kearns. She reported that the Zones splash fees have gone up to \$5.00/individual event (\$1.25 goes to the host LSC) and \$12.50/relay event (\$2.90 goes to the host LSC). The board requested that the full Zones-related information provided by Debbie Brown of West Valley City be posted on the USI website by 1 October. Several ideas for securing help for Zones were discussed. The Board accepted the idea that parents whose children participate in Zones will be required to help. USI will invite USI teams to assist with the timing, even with the possibility of remuneration; 32 timers will be needed for the preliminary sessions; 24 timers will be needed for the finals sessions. Debby also reported that she was meeting with the Utah Sports Commission on 22 September 2004 to request the Commission's assistance with publicity for Zones.

Debby reported on the 2004 USA Swimming Convention in Orlando. Cathy, Debby, Emily, Janis, Lela, and Carolynn Burt represented Utah at the annual meeting. Top on the list of issues discussed and endorsed by USA Swimming's House of Delegates was the move to required background checks to be done on all coaches. USA Swimming wants to use FBI background checks, but which checking process will be used has not yet been decided. USA Swimming's Board of Directors was directed to develop and distribute a program for background checks with the goal that the program will be in place by the 2005 Convention.

Air quality in facilities is also a big concern. The air quality at water level is an issue that USA Swimming plans to address.

USA Swimming will be limiting Nationals to 900 swimmers; they will do this by lowering the qualifying times.

The timing requirements for "national reportable times" have changed; a timing system with touch pads is now required for these times to be valid.

Debby reported that the 2006 Western Zones meet was awarded to Anchorage, Alaska.

Debby reported that Daniel Peterson, USI's Coaches Representative has resigned. Inasmuch as Lela Hiatt had been elected to serve after Dan, Debby asked Lela to finish the remainder of Dan's term. Lela accepted, and the recommendation was approved by the board with a motion that was seconded and received an unanimous vote.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Janice introduced the discussion on encouraging USI Club attendance at House of Delegates. The Board decided to take a positivist approach by scheduling House of Delegates at the same time as its Short Course and Long Course Championships. This proposed change will be voted on in this year's House of Delegates, scheduled for 23 October 2004 at the West Valley City, 3600 South Constitution Boulevard, West Valley City. No penalties will be assessed for non-attendance. Because of this year's House of Delegates, no meets will be sanctioned on 23 October.

Treasurer: Brent was not present. Debby reported that DDDR, which hosted the B/C Long Course Finale, had gone over-budget for the meet; budget was \$1,500.00, DDDR submitted an expense of \$1,874.40. After some discussion a motion was made to cover the overage by purchasing the medals from DDDR for USI. The funds would come from the Age Group budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Senior Chair: Cathy reported that the Long Course Championships meet had gone well and that she appreciated all of the help from parents and USI's leadership.

Cathy also presented the Summer 2004 Long Course Funding Applications. Motions for the following reimbursements were made, seconded, and approved:

Ana Agy	\$534.20	Brooks Felton	\$450
KC Albiston	\$350	Chad Fong	\$200
Kristina Baird	\$100	Josh Gammill	\$100
Sara Jayne Christiansen	\$300	Steven Hardy	\$250
Kim Clark	\$250	Marnie Knoop	\$150
Anna Crandall	\$200	Luke Monson	\$150
Cameron Crockett	\$150	Ricky Nerud	\$150
Brittany Davis	\$184.20	Sierra Phillips	\$50
George Evans	\$350	Nick Philpot	\$250
Kristina Evans	\$50	Ali Siggard	\$300
Tim Farmer	\$200		

Christian Armstrong's application was tabled until Cathy can gather additional information and make a recommendation.

Cathy also led a discussion on future Senior funding, such as that approved above. Cathy has recommended changes to USI's Standing Rules. Those changes will be voted on at the House of Delegates meeting on 23 October 2004, which is referenced above.

Age-Group Chair: Mike was absent. Debby noted that Mike is working on the Age Group Championship meet at the University of Utah next spring.

Athlete Representatives: Ana, David, and Jennifer had nothing to report.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy was absent. Emily reported that she and Randy are working on a strategy to ensure USI compliance to the 4-hour rule. Emily and Randy plan to draft revised scratch procedures that will help with USI's compliance effort. They plan to present the revised procedures at the House of Delegates meeting on 23 October 2004, which is referenced above.

Coaches Representative: Lela handed out information packets for the coaches present, and she plans to mail the other packets to USI coaches.

Officials & Sanctions Chair: Emily has scheduled three officials' clinics: 25 Sept at Logan, 7 October at Cottonwood Heights, and 23 October at Lehi. Emily reminded the Board that all officials need to attend an officials clinic every two years in order to recertify. She added that USI is considering a change in uniforms for its officials.

Emily reported four meets are in arrears, but other than that the sanctions process is proceeding smoothly.

Safety Chair: Josh reported that he has started to receive incident reports, so awareness has improved.

Club Liaison: Maryalice was absent.

Membership Chair: Martha reported there are 2,407 athletes in USI Swimming, 32 clubs, and 199 non-athletes. USI has seen a 15 percent increase in swimmers over the past three years.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd reported that a new club may be forming at Treehouse—the chatter is that Danny O'Very will be the coach. This report prompted Martha to unveil USI's Prospective Club Booklet. The deadline for registering clubs for 2005 is 15 October. Todd has already received some registrations.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin verified the Long Course Championships meet and all is okay.

Publicity Chair: Craig was absent.

New Business: Mark Gray requested a List of Events for Short Course JOs be available at the House of Delegates meeting. The Board agreed to notify Mike and encourage him to meet this request.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 12 October 2004**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, grant skabelund, USI Secretary