

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Brent Bunnell, Meghan Fleisch, Debbie Fleisch, Emily Reimschuessel, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Cathy Philpot, Dan Peterson, Martha Siggard, Maryalice Marx, Randy Christensen, Grant Skabelund, Mike Werner, Robyn Peterson. (Janis Harvey, John Harvey and Maddie Stapley were in attendance by phone)

OFFICER REPORTS

General Chair

-Brent Bunnell was nominated to serve on the Board as Treasurer. His nomination was accepted and approved by the Board.

-Martha Siggard was nominated to serve as Secretary to the Board. Her nomination was accepted and approved.

The board's working retreat will be held April 25-26 at Cathy Philpot's cabin in Midway. Directions to the cabin and a proposed agenda will be e-mailed to everyone. Friday evening will be a social gathering; anyone who would like to stay the night should bring a sleeping bag. The working meeting will begin Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The goal of the meeting is to brainstorm and discuss issues that need to be addressed in our long range planning.

Treasurer

Brent will organize his information and present a formal financial report at the next board meeting. Board members requiring reimbursement for expenses should turn in their receipts. We have a Certificate of Deposit about to mature. Brent will research our options with our portfolio advisor and make recommendations for action to the board. His recommendations will be based on our risk tolerance and our need for aggressive growth of funds invested.

Age Group Chair

- Short Course Junior Olympics: The meet Marshalls were instrumental in ensuring the success of the meet. In the future, meet Marshalls need to enforce the rules in the area of the swimming pool but be careful not to encroach on public space. Spectators should control the actions of their young children. Meet organizers should communicate with participating teams regarding security, foods approved for consumption on deck and clean up of the deck areas. Perhaps, just as each team

provides timers for the meet, they should be asked to provide designated individuals to clean up team areas after the meet each day. It was also suggested that we might provide a party for the team that leaves their deck space in the best condition following the meet.

- Western Zones 2003: The Zone meet will be held in Arizona this August. Debbie has reserved 40 tickets, 32 of which are for athletes. Registration for the meet is due by June 23rd. There was lengthy discussion about selection of participating athletes. At issue is whether or not an athlete should be allowed to be on the Zone team if they are competing in the Utah/Moscow Sports Exchange to be held in Russia. Athletes should be capable of competing at their peak to best represent Utah at the Zone meet. The board agreed to accept applications from all qualified athletes. If space availability becomes an issue, the Board will firmly decide their selection criteria and publish those criteria so there will be no confusion about how an athlete is selected. The over-riding goal in athlete selection is to ensure the best possible representation of Utah at the meet. Where there is concern, preference may be given to an athlete that does not try to compete at both meets.
- Short Course Junior Olympics 2004: The following issues need to be addressed when selecting the site and date for next year's Short Course Junior Olympics:

- Distance officials need to travel
- Cost of the facility
- Quality of the timing system
- Spectator space and comfort
- Avoiding other large events at the facility (i.e. NCAA basketball)
- Parking availability
- Whether school is in session at the college in question

The board took a straw poll and the vote was 10-0 in favor of alternating every other year between the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. However, the timing system at BYU needs to be in good working order under the terms of our contract for the years the meet is held there. Grant will follow up with Conrad Todd at BYU regarding this and report to the Board at our next meeting.

The Board voted to make any event with eight entries or fewer a timed finals event to be swum at night. (There was one abstention, all others were in favor) The Board also confirmed that the 11-12 500-Freestyle would continue to be swum in the prelims-finals format that is currently the status quo. This item will be clarified at the May Board Meeting.

Technical Planning: Randy has e-mailed the calendar for the coming year to Todd to be posted on the web site. There are several meets scheduled to be held on the weekend of August 8th. Randy will follow up with Todd, as changes to the calendar become necessary.

Officials: Robyn reported that 25 people have attended the official's workshops and 10 have taken the written test to date. Many officials are declining the opportunity to take the "starters" and "meet referee" tests. We will discuss official's retention and training at our planning retreat. We need to attract more officials in Utah County. Robyn will update the meet referee list on our web site. New training dates have not been set. There are six new officials located in the Layton area, Robyn will hold a clinic for these interested new officials.

Sanctions: Maryalice reported that all sanctions work is current with no conflicts. She will coordinate with Robyn to provide "on deck" training opportunities for new officials.

Safety: Mike reported that USA Swimming and the Red Cross are starting to teach safety to swim coaches. This is apparently a nationwide problem; each LSC needs to address this issue. Mike will post an interesting article on this subject on our web site.

Todd advised the Board that coaches need to better supervise warm-up at all swim meets. One athlete was injured at Short Course Junior Olympics this year. Meet Marshalls also need to help supervise the safety of athletes at meets. We might want to adopt a "three-point entry" rule similar to that used in California. Mike will review safety concerns and make a recommendation to the Board for action. This may include a written safety notice for coaches. Robyn will reinforce this with our officials.

Membership: This September, dues to USA Swimming will be going up to \$40 per swimmer. (This represents a \$15 increase over the current rate of \$25 per swimmer). The Board would like to keep the dues coming to Utah Swimming at \$10 per swimmer. Brent will review this matter and present the financial implications to the Board at our next meeting. We will need to make a firm decision about our dues soon.

Club Liaison: Cathy reported that the Coach's luncheon at Short Course JO's was not too well attended. This was due to the fact that many coaches had to transport some of their swimmers, and therefore had to leave the pool area. The leftover food was used in the coach's hospitality room. Next time, a coach's luncheon will be held on a separate day, not associated with any meet.

Verification: Norin was asked if she would like continue to use "team manager" software from Hy-Tek or if she would like to change. Norin will do some research to see if there is a searchable software database that would allow swimmers to search their times for the season. (Currently, only the top 24 times are available for each event). Norin will report her findings to the Board at our next meeting.

Publicity: No Publicity report.

Coach's Representative: Dan suggested that our web site should report where our Utah swimmers go to college (to swim), and that other information of note should be posted there. This could include, but not be limited to, water polo participation, nationally ranked times, state records, senior nationals' times, etc. Dan will obtain interesting

information from other coaches and forward this to Todd to post on the web site. He may produce a form to be used by coaches for this information and have it ready for distribution at the House of Delegates meeting.

Athlete's Representative: Megan reported that Utah swimmers did well at Nationals. Eleven swimmers participated, one athlete from BYU attended, and Diego competed individually.

Open Business: At our retreat, we will discuss the possibility of Utah Swimming partially funding the trip to Russia for our swimmers. Emily wants every Board member to give some thought to long-range planning for Utah Swimming. We should e-mail our suggestions for discussion items to her in advance of the retreat. Particular attention should be paid to matters relating to funding, both sources and uses of funds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.