

**Utah Swimming, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2003**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Members Present:** Emily Reimschuessel, Janis Harvey, Brent Bunnell, Mark Gray, Randy Christensen, Maryalice Marx, Mike Werner, Todd Etherington, Cathy Philpot, Dan Peterson, John Harvey, Grant Skabelund.

**Excused:** Martha Siggard, Debbie Fleisch, Robyn Peterson, Lynelle Williams, and Norin Felton.

**Approval of Minutes:** June 10, 2003, Board Minutes Read, Amended, and Approved as Amended.

**Officer Reports**

*General Chair: Emily Reimschuessel*

USI's Bylaws were approved at the Special House of Delegates Meeting on August 1, 2003.

Kim Holmes will be in Utah on November 22, 2003, and will conduct a Business Leadership Seminar.

Kim is the Western Zone Development Representative. Janis was tasked to find a site and set the time for the seminar. Brent was tasked to find funds to cover snacks and drinks.

Emily said she had visited with Rob Pannier, chair of the USI Nominations Committee, about getting the nominations done for the USI Elections. He said he would do it. Emily will e-mail Todd with the nomination details to post on the USI website.

USI will bid for the 2005 Western Zone meet. Brad Percy is checking on Kearns. Logan was discussed as a potential option. Arizona had a \$45,000 budget for the meet. A motion to have Emily spearhead the preparation of a presentation of the bid that will be presented at the National Convention was made. Motion passed.

Revising USI's Standing Rules was discussed. Emily would like to present Standing Rules at House of Delegates for approval. Emily will e-mail copy of Standing Rules and request adjustments. Marin (in Cache Valley) may have electronic copy. (Discussion digressed into Zone funding and participation of 10-and-unders at Zones.)

Randy, Debbie, Janis, Emily, and Carolyn will attend national convention in San Diego.

The Fall 2003 House of Delegates Meeting will be on October 25, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Janis will find a site and provide refreshments.

The next USI Board Meeting will be September 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Todd will arrange for a room at Cottonwood Heights.

*Administrative Vice Chair: Janis Harvey*

"30-day Notice" Requirement has been written and is ready to be sent out.

Zones Report: 24 swimmers from USI; timers and officials help was superb; housing was excellent; good team.

*Treasurer: Brent Bunnell*

Year-to-date budget reviewed. Discussion of whether to cover Carolyn's car at Zones discussed. Decision made to include it in expenses. Suggestion to move some money out of bonds and into equities made. Motion made to leave decision up to finance committee. Motion passed.

The 2004 Budget needs to be prepared for approval at House of Delegates meeting in October. Submit budget info to Brent before September 16. Brent will provide draft of 2004 budget at September 16 Board Meeting.

Independent Audit has not been completed. Brent is working on it.

*Senior Chair: Mark Gray*

Feedback on USI state championship meet was positive overall. Based on the feedback, Mark will change Friday's order of events and will increase the warm-up time before prelims to 1½ hours.

Senior Saturdays: One is set for October 18. Cottonwood Heights is interested in a late night meet in December. Dan and Randy will check out the possibilities for November.

Per the UHSAA situation, Randy suggested athletes petitioning (as a group) the USHAA for change. Todd mentioned the “right to participate” clause discussion that would take place at the San Diego Convention and encouraged USI officials to attend the sessions. Janis said she would.

*Technical Planning Chair: Randy Christensen*

He reported that both of the February 27, 2004, meets would be held: Park City and Senior Invitational. Some additions will be made to the calendar.

There will be a bid process for the B/C Finale meets: a seasoned Clerk of Course will be a requirement.

*Sanctions Chair: Maryalice Marx*

Discussion of Meet Marshall role at meets: Will USI require it? Mike will let Maryalice know his recommendations. The Meet Marshall will need to be a member of USA Swimming.

USI has had 52 sanctions this year.

The Shakespeare meet went well. It was a “USI-approved” meet.

*Safety Chair: Mike Werner*

Mike is working on warm-up procedure language.

He will also address the issue of providing adequate deck space for officials during meets.

*Membership: Todd Etherington*

Discussion of drop in numbers of younger swimmers. Randy was tasked to look at how to retain younger swimmers by shortening meets.

Todd reported that USI has 2,075 regular athletes and 253 seasonal athletes in 2003. USI has 182 individual members of USA Swimming, 16 family memberships, and 2 life memberships. USI has 31 registered clubs.

*Club Liaison: Cathy Philpot*

Assignments for Newsletter made: Deadline for submissions: ??????

Brent: Parents’ Perspective Piece.

Emily: General Chair Column.

Norin: New service on the website.

Mike: Zone Report and Safety Column.

Lynelle: Explanation of increase in registration fee.

Todd: Sectionals Report.

Mark: Long-Course State Report.

John: Russia-Trip Report.

Dan: Coach’s perspective of Russia trip.

*Coaches’ Representative: Dan Peterson*

Survey coaches at state meet on “What we can do to make our LSC better?” One idea was a Lagoon Day (may be the time to give out the awards). Also better setting of giving USI awards discussed. Better state championship announcer suggested.

Dan suggested that nominations be made for the Coach of the Year honors and then five names be placed on the ballot. This suggestion received favorable feedback from the Board.

*Athletes’ Representative: John Harvey*

Report on highly successful Russia trip.

Suggested more fun at state: a party?

Shared USI’s new mascot from the Zones meet: Rufas

**New Business:**

Todd brought up issue of swimmers missing events at Saturday’s finals at state; weather was a factor.

Requested the \$50.00 fine be waived. Four swimmers total were involved. Motion to waive fine of two CHAT swimmers was made. Motion passed. Todd will notify athletes. Mark will notify other two athletes of opportunity to appeal. Appeal would be considered at September 16 Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.