

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
19 September 2006
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

Members present: Corynne Armstrong, Spencer Blake, Brent Bunnell, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Diane Peterson, Ali Siggard, Martha Siggard, Grant Skabelund, and Mike Werner.

Members excused: Justin Christensen, Sara Jayne Christiansen, Norin Felton, Jim Jones, Bob Meyer, Emily Reimschuessel, and Kanani Wells,

July's Minutes were approved following a motion, second, and vote. They will be posted on www.swimutah.com. No meeting was held in August.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby reported that potential attendance at the Swimposium (29-30 September 2006) is weak. The entire board agreed to encourage all USI clubs to participate.

Debby reported on several USA Swimming Convention (held in Dearborn, Michigan, 12-17 September 2006) items. 1. Background checks will be conducted on all coaches. Beginning in October 2006, each LSC will be assigned a month during the next year. USA Swimming's goal is to have all checks completed within one year. Each coach will be charged \$20.00 for the check. 2. Because of insurance issues, there is a move to not allow registered clubs to hold sponsored meets. It did not pass, but Debby believes the issue will probably come up again next year. 3. USA Swimming reminded LSCs that they should not sanction 400-relay events for 10-and-under swimmers. 4. In an effort to reach out to disabled swimmers, if a host club has a disabled swimmer(s) in its meet, USA Swimming has mandated that the club can apply with its LSC for \$40.00 a swimmer. 5. The U.S Open meet will no longer be held; a short course national championship meet will now be held on the weekend following Thanksgiving; USA Swimming is moving to begin the long course season in January. 6. The meet format for Zones will be changed slightly. (Western Zones will be at Farmington, New Mexico, in 2007.)

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim was not present.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent presented the 1 January-19 September 2006 USI budget report. He noted that Utah's Zone team had significantly overspent its budgeted amount. Efforts will be made in the future to keep spending in line with the budgeted amount. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and passed. For a copy, please contact USI's secretary, Grant Skabelund, at skabelund@byu.edu.

Brent presented the following travel reimbursement requests for long course: Sara Jayne Christiansen, \$150; Anna Crandall, \$200; Thomas Ekstrom, \$400; Melissa Manser, \$150; Marissa Martin, \$198; Alison McInturff, \$300; Sara Nicponski, \$700.00. A motion to fund the athletes according to the present application form being used and to have Todd update the form to reflect current USI policy was made, seconded, and passed. Another motion to fund the athletes according to Brent's recommended amounts was made, seconded, and passed. Finally, Brent explained Jake Taylor's situation: due to illness, he swam in no long course meets in 2005 and swam in only one meet in 2006. A motion to fund Jake with the amount recommended (\$50.00)—although he (Jake) did not meet the full requirements—was made, seconded, and approved.

Todd will update the form and Lela will send it out in the packet she plans to send to all coaches. Lela will use this as an opportunity to remind coaches that they need to help athletes understand the importance of USI's funding deadlines.

Senior Chair: Diane attended the NCAA clinic at Convention; she plans to pass on the information she gathered to Mike Litzinger for his use at the Swimposium. She noted that the BYU pool has been secured for the Senior Finale Meet, 16-17 February 2007. She mentioned they are planning some fun relays that will be swum after the meet.

Age Group Chair: Mike reported that Zones went well. USI took 48 swimmers, and they came together as a team. They had no real problems.

Athlete Representatives: Ali had nothing to report.

Club Liaison: Kanani was not present.

Coach Representative: Lela said she had a huge eye-opener at Convention. She said 90 percent of a swimmer's information comes from her/his coach. She said she is considering ideas to keep coaches more informed. She suggested sending out a bi-monthly newsletter to the coaches, and she invited each board member to submit a piece at USI's next board meeting in October.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Martha reported the final numbers for 2006: 2,565 athletes (down 131 from 2005); 235 non-athletes (up 23); 29 clubs (down 2). She said the 2007 registration packets would be sent out on Wednesday, 20 September. She mentioned that GOST and Shark Attack are merging and plan to be known as Shark Attack, although after dialoguing with Spencer, she said she would encourage them and other clubs to consider a place-based name. Debby mentioned that a new club may be formed in Bountiful.

Officials Chair: Corynne thanked HAST for its efforts in providing hospitality at the state meet. She said 30 officials worked the meet. She noted that there will be an officials' clinic on Friday evening at the Swimposium.

Safety Chair: Bob was not present.

Technical Planning Chair: Mike said USI now has a pretty good calendar through long course 2007. He mentioned that the formats for both state meets should remain the same.

Adaptive Coordinator: Barry mentioned an upcoming disability Internet invitational. He also said he would forward information onto Utah Swimming about the Utah Special Olympics meet at the University of Utah, 6 October 2006.

Publicity Coordinator: Spencer noted that the *Deseret Morning News* published an article on the state long course meet, as did the *Provo Daily Herald* and many of the smaller papers in Utah County. He raised the place-based name issue, and Lela said she would make the suggestion to USI's coaches.

Sanctions Coordinator: Emily was not present, but Debby noted that Emily reports that everything is up-to-date.

Time Verifications Coordinator: Norin was not present.

Registration and Website Technician: Todd had nothing to report.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 10 October 2006**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary