

Utah Swimming, Inc.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 10 November 2009 @ 7:00 Dell Recreation Center 10670 South 1000 East, Sandy

The meeting was called to order at 7:09p.m.

Members present: Chanin Gammill, Barry Hayden, Todd Etherington, Kyle Westra, Lela Hiatt, Jim Jones, Bob LeMon, Lyse' Durrant, and Krissy Payton

Members excused: Lyse' Durrant, Carri Oviatt, Diane Peterson, Corynne Armstrong, Kanani Wells, Dani Vaughn, Dee Loose, Janie Dahle, Isaac Marshall, Nikki Harris, Matt Krambule and McKay King

Guests present: Ron Lockwood (WFFM), Adam Caldwell (SUSA), Mike Werner (PCAT), and Daniel Peterson (STAC)

October's Minutes were approved by an email vote; they were previously posted on www.swimutah.com.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Corynne was not present.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim had nothing to report.

Secretary: Bob had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Kyle discussed his reconcile from the Long Course State meet. There are 2 teams that still have not paid their fees. He will send notification to them.

There are 10 teams that we will be refunding for overpayment of the BC Finale.

Senior Chair: Diane was not present, however, we discussed a proposal she had presented prior to the meeting. The current reimbursement form lists November 30 as the deadline for turning in the forms for sectionals, nationals etc. Since Junior Nationals is in December, I want to propose that we give athletes who are attending junior nationals until January 31, 2010 to turn in reimbursement for that meet only. All other forms for the year should be received by November 30, 2009. After discussing this it was observed that they would be able to turn in these meets for reimbursement for the following year.

Ron brought up an idea to eliminate the time standards for the Senior State meet. His hope is that this will increase participation. It was decided that swimmers 14 and under would still be required to enter with time standards.

Age-Group Chair: Lela reported that she will be discussing some of the details of Short Course Jo's at the board retreat. She also presented a letter for board approval to be sent out to the coaches and clubs. In this she discussed some information associated with invitational meets. The board approved the letter to be sent out. (See attached)

Athlete Representatives: None were present.

Club Liaison: Kanani was not present.

Coach Representative: Dee was not present.

Membership/Registration Coordinator: Carri was not present.

Officials Chair: Chanin reported that she is trying to set up a mini-clinic for new Officials, sometime before the Murray meet. She said that there is also a new Starter trainee and a few more that just need to take their tests. She will be sending out a memo discussing overwater recovery for the Butterfly.

Safety Chair: Lyse' was not present.

Technical Planning Chair: Krissy asked about the dates for Long Course State. It will be July 28th thru 31st.

At-Large Board Member Reports

Adaptive Coordinator: Barry wanted to thank Don Robinson, Mike Kenison, Thuy Nguyen, Nic Hess and Bob LeMon for helping officiate at the Special Olympics meet.

Publicity Coordinator: Position is vacant.

Sanctions Coordinator: Chanin asked Meet Directors not to send out meet info to teams or Todd for the website, until you are given a sanction number.

USI Employee Report

LSC Administrator: Todd had nothing to report.

New Business: None

Adjourn 8:05 PM

Next meeting: 7:00 January 12th @ Dimple Dell Recreation Center 10670 South 1000 East, Sandy
All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Bob LeMon, USI Secretary



Coaches;

I would like to write this letter in hopes that it will clear up a few things that have been going on in our LSC. First off I would like to apologize to the Eagle Aquatic Team for the way they were treated after they sent out their meet information for their Trick or Treat meet.

I would like to also apologize to the Wasatch Front Fish Market team for not having a clearer understanding of what an Invitational meet truly is in our bylaws.

I hope this letter clears up some issues and I think the USI board can put some things in place so there is no miscommunication on these issues again.

When I heard there were some issues regarding the sanction of the Eagle Trick or Treat meet, I sent out an email to some people who have a lot of knowledge about Rules and Regulations and Sanctions. This is what was sent back to me.

“If the meet information went out in an email to those teams who were invited I see no problem. It says right in the title page and the event page that it is an invitational meet. The invitational simply states that to be eligible you must be 2009 USA Registered. I would interpret that to say if there are new kids on a team that have been invited, they cannot swim unless they are USA Registered. The fact that it was put up on your USI’s calendar on the web site doesn’t do anything but let people know that there is an invitational meet on that weekend and you may or may not be invited. Teams must get the meet information mailed to them in order for them to be invited, or they may get an email invitation. But no team may just assume they are invited. The meet director may politely explain to them that the meet is an invitational and that they were not invited to this meet, then return their entries and check to them. It is also customary to list the invited teams on the meet information as is done with the developmental leagues. This is not, however, mandatory.”

I also decided to email Bruce Stratton who is the head of the Rules and Regulations Committee for USA Swimming to see if he had any additional comments about this issue. This was his reply;

“First it is important to note that my response is based totally on the information contained in your e-mail and I assume it includes all of the pertinent facts in the situation. (I sent him the meet information) A team certainly has the ability to host a meet and limit the teams which are invited as long as it doesn’t violate any policies which have been previously established by your LSC House of Delegates. The fact that someone posted this on a website does not mean you have to change who has been invited to the meet. However, you can only accept entries from teams you actually invited to the meet. If you accept entries from teams which were not originally invited then I think you do not have an invitational, but have a meet that is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Assuming you only want the teams which were originally invited to participate, you only need to inform the other teams who sent in entries that the meet is an invitational, open only to those you had invited and return their entries and entry fees. If you need further clarification, please let me know.”

I think we as coaches need to really look at the meets we are hosting and actually decide if we really want an invitational meet or a meet open to anyone. If we want to have it open to anyone, then I suggest you rename the title of the meet to an "Open" or a "Classic". If we truly want a meet to be an invitational then I feel we need to list the teams on our meet information so there is no confusion.

If you have any comments about this issue please contact me at 801-856-7760 or by e-mail at ddswimcoach@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Lela Hiatt