

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
21 September 2005
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Members present: Randy Christensen, Sara Jayne Christiansen, Josh Dukes, Todd Etherington, Debby Fleisch, Barry Hayden, Lela Hiatt, Cathy Philpot, and Grant Skabelund.

Excused members: Ana Agy, Brent Bunnell, David Chandler, Justin Christensen, Norin Felton, Emily Reimschuessel, Martha Siggard, and Mike Werner.

Guests: Corynne Armstrong, Spencer Blake, Jim Jones, Brad Peercy, and Kanani Wells.

July Minutes: July's minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Officer Reports

General Chair: Debby provided a preliminary Western Zone Championship Meet Financial Report—preliminary because some revenue and expenses are still due Utah Swimming. The report recorded an almost \$16,000 positive balance. About \$5,000-\$10,000 in hotel rebates is still due USI, while USI will rebate “up to \$50” (see July's USI Board minutes) to each Utah Zone swimmer. Brad Peercy reported that from the standpoint of the Oquirrh Park venue, Zones had gone well. Lela motioned that USI's Zone Team swimmers should be reimbursed the \$50 allocated in July's Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Debby also reported on the USA Swimming's 2005 Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Debby, Josh, Lela, and Carolynn Burt represented Utah at the Convention. Debby said USA Swimming is making changes by streamlining its leadership. She also said USI may not want to send as many delegates in off-years (this year was an off-year) because the Convention overall seemed less productive. Next year is an election year, and thus a non off-year. She noted that the new rules on backstroke and breaststroke—which brought them in line with FINA's rules—became effective 21 September.

Finally, Debby appointed the following individuals to fill the respective vacant USI Board offices:

Jim Jones (OTAC) as Administrative Vice-Chair
Corynne Armstrong (HAST) as Officials Chair
Kanani Wells (UVRays) as Club Liaison
Spencer Blake (UVRays) as Publicity Chair

Debby noted that Emily Reimschuessel has consented to continue to serve as Sanctions Chair until a replacement is found.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jim reported that he will be pleased to learn the duties of his position and help out.

Secretary: Grant had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Brent was absent due to his father-in-law's passing; our condolences to Brent and his family.

Senior Chair: Cathy reported on the Summer 2005 Long Course Funding Applications. She did not receive as many applications as anticipated so the decision was made to extend the application deadline to 7 October. Funding was approved for the following applicants*: Ana Agy, \$300; KC Albiston, \$125 (applied for \$150); Shelby Bull, \$100; Sara Jayne Christiansen, \$300; Thomas Ekstrom, \$150; Meghan Fleish, \$50; Chad Fong, \$100; James Lamarre, \$25; Marissa Martin, \$100 (\$300); David Maasberg, \$82.50 (\$125); Ali McInturff, \$200 (\$300); Luc Monson, \$75; Nick Philpot, \$125; and Cody Reed, \$25. Cathy will request more information from applicant Paul Hansen.

*Applicant received 100% of the funding he/she applied for unless noted otherwise.

Cathy mentioned she has checked on taking Senior swimmers to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, but because fast times are required, that option would stymie our effort to pull Seniors into year-round participation.

Membership Chair: Todd reported for Martha that USI ended the swim year with 2,699 athletes, the largest number ever for Utah Swimming. USI also completed the year with 31 clubs and 212 non-athlete participants.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd reminded us that Kim Holmes would conduct a CLBMS (Club Leadership and Business Management School) for USI clubs on 5 November @ 9:00 a.m. in the upstairs room above the Cottonwood Heights indoor pool. Attendees should plan on a four-five hour session. Kanani will make sure the clubs get the information. New clubs are required to participate; that would be the clubs from Heber and Vernal and the UV Rays. Assuming they continue to move toward forming a club, Lehi would be encouraged to attend as well. All USI clubs are welcome.

Age-Group Chair: Mike was absent. Debby noted that Zones will USI had already booked a hotel in Fresno, California, for the 2006 Zone meet and that the 2007 Zone meet will be held in Farmington, New Mexico.

Athlete Representative: Sara Jayne said Junior Nationals went great: "they took good care of the athletes."

Technical Planning Chair: Randy reported that he had a USI meet calendar ready to be posted on the web. He also provided hard-copy reports of the volunteer hours for each Utah Zone swimmer as well as the volunteer hours for each club. Brent will need to reimburse the Utah Zone swimmers. In its October meeting, the board will discuss the process for providing the volunteer clubs with funds as appropriated in July.

Coaches Representative: Lela reported on a USA Swimming initiative, the IM Xtreme Challenge, which is part of a personal web account that each USA Swimming member can set up at www.usaswimming.org. IMX allows swimmers to take their best times in different events (different for each age group) and compare their times to all the other swimmers across the nation. Coaches can also set up a file for themselves and pull up their swimmers' times and then see how their team compares with other teams across the nation. Lela will include this information along with the new time standards for various national and regional meets in a packet for all USI coaches.

Officials Chair: Corynne said she is getting her feet wet with her new position. She noted that Emily had left things in good shape. One of Emily's last tasks was making Corynne a Level 2 referee. Corynne said she has five officials at different stages of training and that she will attend a USI Officials Training session in Omaha, Nebraska, in October.

Safety Chair: Josh said the Safety Training for Coaches training is being updated and is slated for a September 2006 release. He also mentioned that CPR and Lifeguard training are also being updated.

Club Liaison: Kanani is now on the job. Cathy suggested we get the video library moved from Mary Alice Marx to Kanani.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin was not present.

Publicity Chair: Spencer suggested that he will work to meet with sports editors, to educate clubs on PR methods, and to publicize state records and top-16 swimmers with the state-wide and local papers.

Adaptive Chair: Barry mentioned that other LSCs are doing disability meets. He is working with contacts in northern Utah County and with Dan Peterson (Dixie Aquatics) to get those clubs and the high schools in St. George involved with meets where disability athletes can participate.

Unfinished (Old) Business: Responding to a question from Grant, Debby confirmed that the Select Camp swimmers had been reimbursed for their participation fee.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 11 October 2005**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary