Utah Swimming Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 10th December 2024 7:00 p.m.

(Zoom meeting)

Mission: Provide opportunities, support and a framework for all athletes to excel.

Vision: Athletes Elevated

Date: Tuesday, 12-10- 2024

Start Time: 7:00pm

Board Members Attending:

Trent Weight, Mike Wynn, Dennis Tesch, Ashton Palmer, Pierre Guzman, Ron Lockwood, Julie Floyd, Heather Hale

Contractors Attending:

Todd Etherington, McKay Larsen, Carri Oviatt

Athlete Reps Attending: Ben S, Gretchen L, Coco R,

Governance Committee: Mo Schiffman, Shannon Dowling, Gadi Shamah

Admin Review Board: N/A

Championship Meet Committee: N/A

Public: N/A

(Total of 17 participants)

Agenda Item		Assignments
1. Call to Order	Board Meeting called to order at 7:00	n/a
2. Roll Call	See list above	n/a
3. Approval of Minutes		**MOTION TO APPROVE PAST MINUTES - PASSED**
4. Approval of Consent Agenda	N/A	**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - N/A**
5. Approval of Agenda	Agenda was amended to remove discussion item 12a.	**MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA - PASSED**

6. Call out of Local Volunteer Standouts	Shoutout to all of the volunteers at the senior state meet including but not limited to: Dani Caldwell, two volunteer photographers, all who worked the volunteer desk, HAST working hospitality, Jeff Hale (live-stream), and all of the officials including officials chair Julie Floyd.	
7. Club Volunteer Highlight	N/A	
8. Training	The training given by Mo had three parts. 1. Member correspondence with the board-when a member of the LSC writes a letter to the board, it is first presented to the entire board and is then directed to applicable parties for action and or response. (This training stemmed from a letter that was written to the BOD by an athlete regarding certain situations at the senior champ meet. The letter was also discussed during the meeting.) 2. Board members should know and frequently refer back to the LSC mission and vision statements. **Mission**: Provide opportunities, support, and a framework for athletes to excel. **Vision**: Athletes Elevated 3. Championship meets are a great time to reflect and review how the board and LSC can improve. It was suggested that there be a champ meet survey sent to participants and a debrief soon after from the Championship Meet Steering Committee.	
9. Committee Reports-Awards/Swimposium	N/A	
10. Board Member Reports	**a. General Chair Report: Trent Weight** The newly updated bylaws have been approved by USA Swimming and will be updated on the website. They will be ratified at the next HOD meeting. **b. Admin Vice Chair Report: Mike Wynn**	

Contractor contracts for the year have been completed. Still looking for a new Swimposium/Awards Cmt chair.

c. **Senior Chair Report: Ron Lockwood**
Summer meet reimbursements have been sent out. Ron emphasized the amazing performance of the athletes in the LSC at the recent senior champs meet and highlighted the common complaint was the temperature (cold) of the pool.

d. **Age Group Report: Dennis Tesch**
The age group committee surveyed teams about adding 50s for 13-14s at UTAGS and the majority were in favor. This led to a discussion with the championship meet committee about adding the events, extended athlete eligibility to 7 events, and returning the meeting to a 4 day format. The qualifying standards are posted and meet information should be coming out soon.

e. **Athlete Committee Senior Athlete Rep Report: Ben Schiffman**
Nothing to report

f. **Coaches Rep Report: Ashton Palmer**
Ashton emphasized that the board should respond to the letter that was sent this month.

g. **Safe Sport and Safety Chair Report: Pierre Guzman**
Nothing to report

h. **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair Report: Heather Hale**
Nothing to report

i. **Officials Chair Report: Julie Floyd**
Nothing to report

j. **Finance Chair Report: Brian Cadman**
Absent

11. Other Committee Chair Reports	a. **Governance Committee Chair Report: Mo Schiffman** Nothing to report b. **Championship Meet Committee Chair Report: Jarid Gray** Absent c. **Swimposium/Awards Committee Chair: Mo Schiffman** The Utah Valley Convention Center is asking for us to book before they fill up.	
12. Contractors Reports	a. **Club Liaison & Sanctions Coordinator Report: Carri Oviatt** The draft sanction for UTAGS has been sent to Jarid. b. **Website & Registration Coordinator Report: Todd Etherington** Nothing to report c. **Administrative Assistant: McKay Larsen** Nothing to report d. **Treasurer: Serena Werner** Absent	
13. Discussion Items	a. Reimbursement Policy: The officials committee proposed a new policy to reimburse attached officials who work a certain number of meets for the LSC. There was discussion regarding the reasoning behind the policy, specifically the potential inclusion of officials whose teams do not pay for them. The policy will be sent back to the officials committee for revision and discussion.	
14. Action Items	N/A	
15. Public Comment	N/A	

16. Adjournment	Board Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm	

Next UTSI Board Meeting: 01-14-2025 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting