Utah Swimming Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9th April 2024 7:00 p.m.

(Zoom meeting)

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

Vision: Athletes Elevated

Date: Tuesday, 04-09- 2024

Start Time: 7:02pm

Board Members Attending:

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

Contractors Attending:

Todd Etherington, McKay Larsen, Carri Oviatt

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

Governance Committee: Mo Schiffman, Shannon Dowling, Mark Shveyd, Gadi Shamah

Admin Review Board: N/A

Championship Meet Committee: Jarid Gray

Public: N/A

(Total of 21 participants)

Agenda Item		Assignments
1. Call to Order	Board Meeting called to order at 7:01	n/a
2. Roll Call	See list above	n/a
3. Approval of Minutes	Mo was changed to the meet ref, not admin ref of UTAGS. A clarification was made that it was USA Swimming rolling out an online training for officials.	**MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED PAST MINUTES - PASSED**
4. Approval of Consent Agenda		**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - PASSED**

5. Approval of Agenda	A discussion item regarding late meet entry fees was added.	**MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA - PASSED**
6. Call out of Local Volunteer Standouts	There was a shoutout to all who volunteered at the Western Zone meet in St. George. Those highlighted included Mo, Connie, Danny Caldwell, Tess G, Tiffanie, and Stephanie Glissmeyer.	
7. Club Volunteer Highlight	Gadi Shamah and Gretchen Lane presented on Park City Swimming. The team has between 110-130 swimmers, with around 4-6 coaches. They have been in their current facility at a middle school since 1998. This past year they had 4 sectional qualifiers and 13 zone qualifiers. Gretchen emphasized the positive team culture, partially due to the fact that many members of the team are on the high school team as well. One unique aspect of PCS, that was brought up through a question from Trent, is that they are a school district owned club.	
8. Training	This month's training was given by Shannon. She emphasized the importance of written reports for each board meeting, and a need for minutes from every single committee meeting. In addition, she noted that all committee meetings are public and should involve many different athletes.	
9. Swimposium Committee Report	Moved to the reports section of the meeting.	
10. Committee Reports– Athletes	The athlete committee is hard at work. The new committee met for the first time a few weeks ago. Sebastian is working on coming up with a phrase for the Swimposium theme. They are still looking to finalize athlete reps from every club for the committee. The committee is hoping to host an Olympics watch party this summer. Plans for the Athlete Leadership Summit are underway. Any athlete looking to get involved should contact Ben through the athlete email.	

11. Board Member Reports	a. **General Chair Report: Trent Weight** Nothing to Report b. **Admin Vice Chair Report: Mike Wynn** Has an LTC task to confirm who will go to USAS? (It is the same weekend as Swimposium) Mike will be the meet ref for LC. c. **Senior Chair Report: Ron Lockwood** Congratulations to all of the senior swimmers from the zone meet. 4 teams had event winners including OA, WFFM, UVA, and CCAT. d. **Age Group Report: Dennis Tesch** The air quality at UTAGS was improved but the committee is still looking into potentially moving the meet to BYU. They are also discussing a more specific warm up structure. The only complaint from coaches was the food in the mornings. Dennis is preparing the LC Beehive selection process. Teams will be able to bid with a specific date in mind that is best for them. e. **Athlete Committee Senior Athlete Rep Report: Ben Schiffman** See report above. f. **Coaches Rep Report: Ashton Palmer** Ashton brought up the idea of running an add for UT Swimming during the Olympic year. Various board members were going to check with their contacts on the feasibility of this. 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** The USA Swimming stroke and turn training is up and available online. j. **Finance Chair Report: Shane Lamb** Financials for the quarter have been completed.	

12. Other Committee Chair Reports	a. **Governance Committee Chair Report: Mo Schiffman** Any questions or needs regarding the LTC can be directed to the Governance Committee. b. **Championship Meet Committee Chair Report: Jarid Gray** The committee met last sunday. The LC Senior meet will be July 18-20, and the Age Group meet will be July 25-27. The short course Senior meet is scheduled for Dec. 5-7. The tentative dates for the 2025 long course season are July 10-12 and July 17-19. The committee intends to implement the OME system for championship meets which should simplify the process by reducing the need for manual verifications and allowing coaches to input individual swimmers. This may also help to solve the late fee issue. The committee is looking to take bids for streaming at our championship meets. There was also discussion about the overlapping of the beehive finale and senior finale that WFFM has started hosting. c. **Swimposium/Awards Committee Chair: Mo Schiffman** The committee is meeting this saturday. The meet sanction should be done within the week. The committee is looking for a new awards company that is Utah based.	
13. Contractors Reports	a. **Club Liaison & Sanctions Coordinator Report: Carri Oviatt** Nothing to Report b. **Website & Registration Coordinator Report: Todd Etherington** Nothing to Report c. **Administrative Assistant: McKay Larsen** Nothing to Report d. **Treasurer: Serena Werner** Absent	

14. Discussion Items	**a. Late Meet Entry Fee:** Two proposals were brought forward from research and discussion since the past board meeting. Trent proposed a $200 per team fee, with double the event fees. Carri proposed a $50 fee per late entered athlete, and $20 for every athlete after that.	**Trent will send an email with comparison of the two proposals.**
15. Action Items	Approval of the Treasurer's Report: The LSC was billed for 4 years of rental at South Davis. Shane mentioned that the numbers are more driven by sanctions than splash fees.	**MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT - PASSED**
16. Public Comment	N/A	
17. Adjournment	Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 pm	

Next UTSI Board Meeting: 05-14-2024 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting