Utah Swimming Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 12th November 2024 7:00 p.m.

(Zoom meeting)

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

Vision: Athletes Elevated

Date: Tuesday, 11-12- 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, Sebastian W

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

Admin Review Board: N/A

Championship Meet Committee: Jarid Gray

Public: Chandra Starks, Sheri Holmen, Dee Loose

(Total of 23 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		**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA - PASSED**

6. Call out of Local Volunteer Standouts	Shoutout to Brenda Petersen for helping out with USA observations. There was also recognition given to a large group of people for their recent help with officiating across the LSC.	
7. Club Volunteer Highlight	HAST-Dee Loose: Dee has been coaching since 1985. His team has around 285 athletes, a number that is somewhat capped because of the facility. HAST has 10 coaches and nine different training groups. The team is also assisted by a handful of administrators and a booster club. They also receive contributions from the city. Dee expressed gratitude to the board for their continuous efforts on behalf of the LSC.	
8. Training	N/A	
9. Committee Reports-Awards/Swimposium	N/A	
10. Board Member Reports	a. **General Chair Report: Trent Weight** The board will be having a "strategic think tank" on March 1st in the Salt Lake/Utah valley area. More details to come. Bylaw change: Trent will be sending out some changes that are required by USA Swimming. This will get voted on by HOD. b. **Admin Vice Chair Report: Mike Wynn** Still working on finalizing contractor contracts c. **Senior Chair Report: Ron Lockwood** Nothing to report d. **Age Group Report: Dennis Tesch** The age group committee is working on sending out the host application for the Beehive Finale. Additionally, Gadi will be replacing Dennis on the newsletter committee. e. **Athlete Committee Senior Athlete Rep Report: Ben Schiffman** Athletes are working on the elections for senior state.	

	f. **Coaches Rep Report: Ashton Palmer** Nothing to report g. **Safe Sport and Safety Chair Report: Pierre Guzman** Thank you to the coaches for continuing to file reports. 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** New board partners from the committee should be reaching out soon to their respective partner board members. b. **Championship Meet Committee Chair Report: Jarid Gray** The senior champs meet is ready to go. c. **Swimposium/Awards Committee Chair: Mo Schiffman** Nothing to report	
12. 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	

13. Discussion Items	a. State meet volunteer allotments: There was a discussion about the volunteer allotments for each club at the state meets. SUSA had requested to have all of their allotment take place at the senior meet in St. George. Mo helped to explain the process of how volunteers were allotted. Julie expressed concerns as to how this could affect officiating. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that this is something that would better be handled by teams trading their spots rather than the board changing how they are allotted. b. R-5: With the recent USA Swimming rule change, we are now allowed to include the 50's of stroke for UTAGS. There was brief discussion about the effects of this. This topic was sent to the Championships meet steering committee for further discussion.	
14. Action Items	N/A	
15. Public Comment	Chandra Starks: A group of smaller teams met together to discuss the difficulties of hosting a meet. She explained how it had been very difficult for her team to get officials to help at their own meet, and asked why the LSC doesn't look into paying officials. Input was given from multiple board members. Takeaways: 1. It becomes too complicated on a variety of fronts to pay officials. 2. There will be a discussion topic at the strategic meeting about how to get officials 3. McKay will work with Carri to verify the distribution list, which may aid in teams and the LSC being able to help each other out.	
16. Adjournment	Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm	

Next UTSI Board Meeting: 12-10-2024 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting