

Ga Age Group Committee – 9/12/15 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair: Scot Davis, SA; Committee Members: Mary Buzeta, DYNA; Nick Graves, DYNA; Lucas Ferreira, GA; Falco Fleischmann, GOLD; Pike Hightower, RAYS; Jamey Myers, SCAT; Sydney Pepper, DAQ; Andrew Tang, athlete; Tim Troutman, GCAT.

1. For LC Champs, get rid of alternating slow to fast 10&U 400s, and instead follow the normal format of all other events (slow to fast, all girls then all boys).

Rationale: the current format serves no purpose but to bring up the same kids who just swam last on the previous event sooner, and makes the fastest girls stay for an extra 40minutes before finishing their session.

- **Moved, seconded: passed**

2. Swim just one heat of 11-12 200s of stroke during finals, and make those events positive check-in.

Rationale: with the addition of an extra heat of 13-14s during finals, we'll have to find ways to cut time during finals.

- **Moved, seconded: failed**

- 2a. Make 11-12 200s of stroke positive check-in, with an AM/PM option on Sunday's event.

Rationale: avoid having empty lanes during finals, and allows for out-of-town swimmers to opt to swim in the morning when potentially no making finals on the last day.

- **Moved, seconded: failed**

3. Eliminate the 800 Free Relay from the LC Champs, and offer it as an exhibition event at the end of the finals session on Friday for teams trying to post a top-10 National time or a State record.

Rationale: same as #2, with the addition of a 3rd heat of 13-14 events, we'll need to find ways to streamline the finals sessions; additionally, many coaches already have a problem filling up this relay, given that it is the 3rd 200 free swim of the day for many swimmers.

- **Moved, seconded: passed**

- 3a. Move the 400 Free Relay during LC Champs from Sunday AM to the end of Friday Finals.

Rationale: Sunday AM currently is the only prelim session running over 4h; by moving this relay to Friday, where the 800 Free relay used to be, Friday Finals should still be shorter than in previous years, and we take care of the only prelim session currently running long.

- **Moved, seconded: passed**

4. Keep the same format for LC as for SC Champs, with 13-14 swimming finals and scoring combined, top 20, and an extra 'C' heat (bonus, no scoring) only for 13yr olds during finals

Clarification: that was the intent of the original vote, so no action necessary

5. Leave time standards the same as last year. Note: there are two separate sets of time standards, with SCY and LCM cuts for the February meet, different from the LCM and SCY cuts for the July meet.

Rationale: most sessions, as well as total swimmer count for the meet, were manageable, so no need to change the cuts.

- **No action, so no vote needed, all in agreement.**

6. Bids for 2016 meet. Dynamo bid to host the meet July 14-17, 2016, at Ga Tech, with same fees as last year. Gwinnett Aquatics also bid to host the meet, either July 14-17 or July 21-24 if it better suits the LSC, also at Ga Tech and with same fees as last year

- **Gwinnett Aquatics won the bid to host the 2016 14&U Champs**

7. Need to start discussing the possibility of running the LC with prelims in two separate pools
Rationale: as the LSC continues to grow, we'll be faced with either only allowing a smaller and smaller portion of the swimmers into our championship meets, or trying to grow the meet, which will require either longer timelines or expansion of sites.

- **Tabled for lack of time**

8. Accept Officials' Committee recommendation to make qualifying period for championship meets always from the 1st of the month 15 months prior to the start of the meet, up to the last day of the meet (i.e. qualifying period for July 2016 will be April 1st, 2015 up to the last day of the meet).

Rationale: create a standard qualifying period for all LSC Championship meets, which should include the championship meet from last year.

- **Committee reconvened during Technical Planning: moved, seconded, passed.**