

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee  
Minutes - July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order at 8:32pm

1. Roll Call, present
  - Lucas Ferreira, Chair (GA)
  - Nick Graves (DYNA)
  - Sydney Pepper (DAQ)
  - Pike Hightower (RAYS)
  - Mike Radford (ABSC)
2. Approve [minutes of April Meeting](#)
  - a. Prior to approving, Lucas asked the committee to accept an amendment to the Age Group State format proposal that was approved. While not stated in the original amendment, it was understood (and confirmed by Wil) that the intent was to also score 2 heats (top-20 in a 10-lane pool, top-16 in an 8-lane pool) for all age groups.  
*No further discussion*  
**Minutes approved as amended.**
3. Zone Team updates (Sydney)
  - a. Applications: *they are slowly coming in; there is already enough applications to fill a team all but one Age Group/gender, but the bulk of applications tends to come in closer to Age Group State, therefore it seems we will be fine*
  - b. Chaperones: *the team already has 2 female chaperones selected. A couple males have volunteered to chaperone if their kids make the team (parents of 11-14 athletes). While it seems we will have to wait until the team is selected, we should have at least 1 male chaperone as part of the trip.*
  - c. Staff Safe Sport Session: *all coaching staff will be expected to attend a Safe Sport Session with Ceci Christi, to be held on Thursday of Age Group Champs. Time TBA, but as long as coaches are not tied-up during the distance events, it will be scheduled to happen during the session. Lucas mentioned he would also like to meet with the staff briefly following this session, but it would have to be after the conclusion of the session.*
4. Camp updates
  - a. Still trying to find/secure a facility  
*Lucas stated that, while Emory at first seemed eager and happy to work with the LSC, recent communications have come out dry. At first they said they couldn't have us because they could turn their pool into LCM; Lucas replied to that e-mail saying while we would like the pool to be LCM it was not a deal-breaker, and we were still interested in having the camp there. That was over 3 weeks ago and there's been no response since. Lucas also reached out to Tech, but the reply asked us to reach back in September, as they are just now confirming their fall schedule.*  
*Mike Radford asked if the camp had to be in a college, or if we could also think about other spaces. Lucas mentioned that the benefit of having it in a college campus is to*

*have housing on campus, thus not requiring transportation to/from the pool, as well as it being more likely to be affordable than housing in a hotel.*

*At this point, it seems most colleges are not ready to discuss their calendar for next May, so we might just need to be patient, and will not be able to lock on a location prior to the fall.*

b. Request from Senior committee to include Zone Team Senior Athletes

*During their Spring LSC meeting, the Senior committee recommended also participating in the camp initiative. The first plan they came up with was to include the athletes who are selected to attend Zones (8 boys, 8 girls, plus 2 alternates from each gender) in the Age Group Elite Camp. Lucas thinks it is a good initiative, first to start creating the identity of the Zone Team a little earlier in the season (most 13-14s to be selected will likely be at the camp as well), and also to help the camp get off the ground in its first few years.*

i. Adjust number of 14&U?

*However, there is a concern with the number of athletes. Original camp proposal was for 60 14&U athletes, thus adding 20 more would make it for 80 athletes. Even though we could fit that many in a LCM pool, it doesn't seem like an ideal scenario for high level training; however, if sessions are being held SCY, most 50m pools can comport around 20 lanes, and that sounds manageable. So, since at this time we don't know many details of camp facilities, it seems we should wait until we determine the need to reduce the spots for 14&U athletes.*

*Tabled for discussion after facility is locked*

5. Old Business

a. Review Order of Events for State Champs

*Intention is to take a look at the Event Order for both the SCY and LCM State Champs, and especially avoid finishing the meet with odd events (such as 11-12 50 back).*

*However, nobody has had time to look into this.*

*Mike Radford also mentioned that, as our next meeting is during the meet, people are more likely to have some ideas.*

*Tabled*

6. New Business

a. From Facebook Georgia Coaches' discussion group: should the LSC take on legislating the use of Tech Suits for Age Group swimmers.

*A couple LSCs have now banned or regulated the use of Tech Suit by 14&U swimmers, so the question was raised on whether or not this is something we think should be done by the LSC*

*Nick mentioned many clubs already have their own policy, and rather than legislating it from the top down it might be better to leave it to individual clubs to continue having their own policies. At a very minimum, before taking on legislating this matter we should poll coaches from the LSC to see if this is an issue they would like to see addressed.*

*Mike largely agreed with Nick, and also mentioned that often times families from younger swimmers are simply not educated enough as to why Tech Suits should be introduced a later stages of a swimmer's career, and therefore some policy from the LSC might help educating the membership.*

*At this point, no motion made, but committee members should engage in conversation with different members of the LSC to gauge if this is an issue that needs being addressed.*

7. Next meeting to be held during Age Group State

*Likely on Sunday following the Prelim session, but might change depending on timelines.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm!