

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
 Minutes - August 26th, 2017
 (LSC Spring Meetings) - Greater Atlanta Christian School, 11-15am-12:15pm

1. Roll Call

Committee Members	Guests	
Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Scot Davis (SA) Nick Graves (DYNA) Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Jamey Myers (SCAT) Mike Wardwell (GOLD) Sophie Taylor (GOLD), Athlete	Adam Sasso (ASL) Jennifer Bowers (ASL) Cherie Empson (CBF) John Pepper(CBF) Kelsey Reagan (GA) Hugh Convery(GA)	Caleb Weir (SA) Grace Findley (GOLD), Athlete Jonathan Foggin (ABSC) Sam Wilson (DYNA) Andrew Beggs (HURR) Jason Meszaros (CCAC)

2. Approve [minutes of July Meeting](#) at Age Group State

Moved by Mike W; Second by Jamey

No further discussion. Approved.

3. Zone Team recap (Sydney/Mark)

Sydney: the team won the meet for the first time in two years. All of the research and work from the previous year made the trip a great experience. Staff decided to collect cell phones at room check and that seemed to work well and help keep kids focused on swimming fast.

Lucas spoke with his athlete who attended the trip and had great feedback. Kudos to all the swimmers and staff on the trip!

4. Camp updates

Lucas: no updates, still trying to secure a facility. Most colleges contacted back in the summer were not ready to schedule that far in advance, and asked to reach back in September, so hopefully will have something in motion in the next month.

5. Old Business

a. [Zone Team Selection Scoring](#)

Based on what was discussed on July meeting, Lucas edited the document to reflect the committee's desire to honor fast swims in both prelims and finals (switch to scoring by rankings). There's a section on the document (highlighted) that would not be possible to follow if we are scoring based by ranking.

Discussion ensued on how to account for swimmers who age up between State and Zones. Suggestion to make events 14&U and 12&U, thus allowing coaches/swimmers who want to try for the team to make a decision on that. Agreement that a 10&U aging up to 11-12 or a 12 year old aging up to 13-14 and being able to compete for a spot on the Zone team is an extremely rare case.

Jamey moved to amend the document, simply striking out the highlighted section (therefore, there won't be a provision for swimmers who age up between State and Zones to apply for the team). Second by Scott.

Approved as amended

b. Review Order of Events for State Champs

i. [Proposed Change](#)

Lucas: Cathy Copeland (SCAT) had suggested adding the 13-14 100IM, as it is now also swam in the Senior State Champs, and it would help balancing events. She also suggested adding 50s of strokes, but those are not swam in the SCY meet, and would be too many events to add to the meet. Lucas also added on the proposed change a 200 Mixed Medley Relay, as mixed relays are now part of the Olympic schedule and would probably be a favorite amongst athletes.

Nick likes the general flow of the proposed order of events, and it seems like it would make that last Final session a little more exciting than currently, however there is a concern about adding another relay, due to the number of swims done by the top kids at the meet.

Beth Winkowski mentioned that she would be in favor of adding a relay that is nationally recognized (800 Free) versus mixed relays.

Jonathan Foggin wanted to propose to athletes; as the athletes meeting was taking place at the same time, there was some communication via text, athletes wanted the mixed relays.

The committee, due to concerns about the number of swims for each athletes, still lies heavily against adding the mixed relays. Consensus in favor of adding the 13-14 100IM.

Scot moved to amend the proposed Order of Events by eliminating the 200 Mixed Medley Relays. Second by Mike. Friendly amendment by Mike to move the 11-12 and 13-14 200 Medley Relays to Sunday, on the spot previously occupied by the mixed relays.

Approved as amended.

1. Add 13-14 100 IM Cuts:

Girls		Boys	
13	14	14	13
1:05.09	1:03.39	1:00.09	1:03.79

As the 13-14 100IM was added to the program, the committee needs to approve cuts for those events. Lucas explains the proposed cuts were calculated by averaging the ratio between 200s and 100s of all strokes for each individual age/gender. Surprisingly, for all ages except 14yr old boys the ratio for every single strokes was the same (0.46; 14yr old boys was 0.456). The proposed cuts are 0.46 of the current cut for the 200IM in each age/gender

Cuts approved as proposed.

c. Suit Policy

Lucas updated the committee that USA-Swimming currently has a task force investigating different policies for Tech Suits across the country, and has asked that LSC put new policies on hold. The results of the task force should be presented at Convention, and Lucas will report back to the committee to see what the next steps could/should be.

6. Bids for 2018 LCM Age Group State

- a. Gwinnett Aquatics bid at Tech, July 19th-22nd. Same prices as this year, but switch to electronic heat sheets (charge \$6.00/swimmer, same as SCAT for SCY meet)

*Lucas excused himself from the room for this discussion and Stu Hixon took over.
No new bid presented, Jamey moved to close the bidding process; second by Mike W.
Gwinnett Aquatics awarded the bid to host 2018 LCM Age Group State, according to
dates and fees proposed above.*

7. New Business

- a. *Hugh Convery proposes the committee investigate changing the 11-12 event line-up by dropping the 50s of stroke during SCY State, and dropping the 200s of stroke for LCM State*

Rationale that 1) it would match the number of events for 11-12s and 13-14s, therefore stacking the competition evenly for both age groups (currently there are more total points awarded for 11-12s at the meet than for 13-14); 2) there would be a sort of progression in encouraging distance stroke events during SCY season (longer season, more opportunities for swimmers aging up into the group to get those cuts, and easier to swim those events) and then focusing more on the 50s during the LCM season.

Concerns regarding dropping events that are nationally recognized during the LCM season, which would not allow swimmers other opportunities to swim those events rested.

As this would be a major change, Lucas suggested this item is put in the Agenda for the future, and the committee is allowed time to think this through and discuss it.

Item tabled for further discussion

8. Next meeting:

October 4th, 2017, 8:35pm via conference call

Motion to adjourn by Jamey; second by Sydney

Meeting adjourned at 12:00noon