

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
Minutes - June 6th, 2018, 8:35pm
Phone Call (404-465-2907 or www.uberconference.com/gaswimming)

1. Roll Call, present:

Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Jason Swaim (SMAC) Nick Graves (DYNA)	Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Mike Radford (ABSC)	Sophie Taylor (GOLD), athlete Ryan L’Roy (GOLD)
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2. Approve [minutes of April Meeting](#)

Moved by Sydney; second by Ryan

No further discussion. Approved

3. Zone Team updates/ recap

a. Age Group Zones (Sydney)

Had to replace 1 Girl on the 15&O group. 14&U Athlete applications should be going into the Ga Swimming website within the next week or so.

b. Open Water Zones (Nick)

Open Water Zone Team competed last weekend and took 4th place, only 9pts behind 3rd. Team had 28 swimmers (out of 32 total spots), so goal now is to fill a whole team and bid for that top-3 spot.

Venue of event had to be changed due to strong currents; Nick felt the real river OW racing experience would have been of benefit to many of our swimmers, but venue where it was held was probably a little more within the comfort zone of many kids on the team.

Ga Swimming now has a new Open Water Chair - Denny Ryther, who has served on the national level and had retired in Georgia.

4. Camp recap (Lucas)

Age Group Select Camp took place at Emory around Memorial Day weekend, and was led by Elyzabeth Lykins (head coach at UNC-Asheville). Assistant coaches were Martin Grodzki (ABSC), Sam Mashburn (DYNA), Kadee Whipple (GOLD), and Lucas served as Camp Manager. We had one other coach supposed to attend but she got strep the night before the camp.

We had 40 swimmers in attendance, and so far have gotten very positive feedback about it. A survey was sent out to the swimmers and coaches, and we should have more data and ideas for next year’s camp soon.

Nick: would like to know where and how the camp could grow in future years, if it could include more resources (a nutritionist talk, etc.)

Lucas: would love to add more resources to the out-of-water time, but at the same time has to balance the budget for the camp (if there is a cost to bring in someone else, that would have to be factored in). The water workouts were great, but agrees that the out-of-water portions of the camp are the most important ones. In this case the camp featured a Safe Sport session with Ceci Christy, a motivational talk on how to make Jr. National, National teams, up to Olympics (Lucas lead that one himself), a talk on the athlete’s role in the LSC with Jessica & athlete reps, and a swimming in college session with Elizabeth Lykins (Lucas will probably reach out to Jon Howell to do a similar one in years we don’t have a college coach on staff). For future years, if anyone has ideas on other resources/topics please come forward with them!

Sydney: heard from Emory staff that they were very pleased with the group, and would be looking forward to hosting us again in future years! They also felt that Memorial Day weekend, when there is not much else happening on campus, is an ideal weekend to host us.

5. Old Business

- a. Review positive check-in rule: impose a penalty for swimmers checked into Finals heat?

Recap: the current interpretation of the Georgia Swimming positive check-in rule is that if there are no limits on how many swimmer participate in the event, then there is no penalty for checking in and not swimming, since nobody was barred from swimming the event. In the case of the Age Group State Champs, as we're bringing the top heat to swim in finals, swimmers who positive check in for the final heat are taking the spot of other swimmer(s) who could want that chance. At the last meeting, committee felt there should be a penalty in this case, but as it will only apply to this meet it should be written into the meet information rather than a change to the Georgia Swimming Scratch Rule.

Lucas reminded that, as the LC meet info is already out to Sanction, this change would not apply to the next meet, but would be effective for the next SCY meet.

There was unanimous agreement amongst the committee that there should be a penalty imposed in this cases.

Lucas then asked what the penalty should be: the same as when a swimmer doesn't scratch and no-shows for Finals (swimmer is out of the meet), or the original penalty for positive check-in (swimmers is out of his/her next event).

Committee was in unanimous agreement that the penalty in this case should be equal to that originally previewed in the positive check-in rule: swimmer should be barred from competing in his/her next event. Lucas will draft that language and have it voted on in the next meeting.

- b. Review team size divisions for State Champs

Lucas had provided the committee the current registration numbers per club for Georgia Swimming, both for 14&U only and for total athletes.

First questions was, as the division for team sizes is now only used for the 14&U State Champs, should we consider only 14&U athletes?

Committee decided that we should continue to consider total number of athletes per club, as having a large number of older athletes might not directly affect the score at Age Group Champs, but allows a club more resources to operate.

Discussion ensued on how or if, based on the current registration numbers, should a change be made to the structure of assigning team size divisions for age group champs. Two main options were brought up:

- Slide the scale to the following: Small Teams now up to 100 athletes (vs. 80 currently); Medium Teams between 101-250 athletes (currently 81-200); Large teams 251+ athletes (currently 200+).*
- Create an XL Division (451+ athletes) and keep other divisions as they currently are (Small up to 80; Medium 81-200; Large now 201-450).*

As this change is also not applicable to this year's LCM meet, Lucas asked to hold the vote on this until the meeting at Age Group State, which should allow committee members to ask for feedback from teams not represented on the committee.

6. New Business

None

7. Next meeting: **Sunday of Age Group Champs (July 22nd)**, immediately following the conclusion of the Prelim session.

No need for conference call on July.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm.