

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee  
Minutes - September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 8:35pm  
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1. Roll Call, present:

Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Jason Swaim (SMAC) Nick Graves (DYNA)	Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD) Sarah-Grace Thompson, Athlete	Mike Radford (ABSC) - joined mid-call
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2. Approve [minutes of July meeting](#)

*Moved by Jason; second by Nick.*

*Clarification on # of applications for 2018 Zone Team: Ryan L’Roy had asked to clarify if number applications for 13-14 boys listed in the minutes (27) was correct, since there was talk about applications being down from years past but that number is high. Lucas clarified that there were indeed 27 applications for 13-14 boys, which was in-line with previous years. Groups that were especially low were 11-12 boys and 13-14 girls.*

*No further comments/questions. **Approved***

3. Age Group Zone Team recap:

*Sydney: trip was successful, staff and chaperones did a great job. Team was not as deep in certain areas as in years past (lower number of applications or LSC not being as strong?).*

*Due to unpredicted high costs of lodging and transportation, trip was over budget in some areas.*

*Lucas: team took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and seemed to struggle with scoring points especially on 11-12 boys and girls. Also thinks the LSC, for some reason, was just thinner in those ages at State.*

*Jason: feedback that his swimmers on the trip had a great time, and were really appreciative for what the staff and Georgia Swimming have done putting it together.*

a. Updates on 2019 Open Water

*Nick: only knows that Florida will bid for it in Ft Myers, but dates might change since they are also bidding for OW Nationals. Meet could be in May or even late April, rather than June. Will be decided at Convention. On the OW note, Denny Ryther, our new Open Water Chair, will conduct a clinic/seminar on OW during our LSC meetings (4:00-5:00pm), so all those interested in learning a little more should attend*

b. Updates on 2019 Select Camp

*Lucas: has been contacted by Emory to secure the date. Camp will take place during memorial day weekend at Emory once again.*

*Jason: question on the selection process. Lucas directed to [Camp Webpage](#), where the selection process is spelled out.*

4. Old Business

a. LCM State meet review

*Ryan had asked to review 10&U Mixed Relay. His kid’s feedback was very positive, so wondered what was the feedback from other teams.*

*Nick: same feedback from kids, seemed to be a very popular addition*

*Questions on whether or not it should be added to other age groups/SCY meet. Lucas was reluctant in re-opening the discussion about adding it to other age groups, since that had been brought up and discussed twice in the past year. However, committee was open and in favor of adding it for 10&U at the SCY meet as well. Committee not sure where that event would fit, as that meet is done in 2 days + 500 Free on Friday.*

Lucas to forward SCY 10&U order of events to Committee, so we can decide where it would appropriate to add the Mixed Medley Relay.

Additional conversation about current meet timelines. Review of concerns regarding 10& sessions being run too quickly (we decided to add breaks following 50s, so officials have to slow it down). Prelim and Finals timelines were thought to be appropriate.

- b. Switch the Georgia Swimming Relay Records from 11-12, 13-14 to 12&U, 14&U, in accordance to how they are swam at State.

Still waiting to hear back from LSC Swims coordinator on how this would show up. **Tabled.**

- c. State Cuts: review entry summary for LC Champs for past 2 years and recommend adjustments.

Lucas: with only 2 years with the current cuts, there just isn't enough data to justify changing cuts. Some events had great variation from one year to the other, and we just don't know which year is the outlier.

Committee agreed to keep cuts as they currently are. To be officially voted on and stamped at the LSC meetings.

Conversation on why the meet has decreased in size. 10&U was the age group in which the numbers decreased the most. Possible pitfall of the conflict with GRPA meet. Coaches also thought more 10&U either took the whole summer off, or went on vacation early (due to schools starting early). Committee to gather data (total number of swimmers) from 3-4 years to see if there's been a downward trend.

## 5. New Business

- a. Move weekend of LCM State

Lucas: with schools starting earlier each year, Senior committee is considering holding their LCM Champs one week prior to their usual date, as there were swimmers already in school the weekend of the meet, and many had to time to go on vacation with their families prior to school starting. Would the Age Group Committee consider also moving our meet up one week?

Concerns with facility (Tech would not be available, currently contracted to Gwinnett Summer League), as well as shortening an already short season, taking away one weekend for athletes to obtain cuts. Questions about holding both meets on the same weekend (Tech Planning consideration) or holding the Senior meet the weekend before Age Group State (conflict with Sectionals, question for the Senior committee instead).

The committee does understand that schools moving their start earlier is a concern, and is open to conversations about how to proceed in the future. However, at this point, the plan is to hold LCM Age Group state at the same weekend as it's been traditionally held.

- b. Switch State Champs times reconciliation process to prior to meet

Jessica has suggest that the LSC switch the times reconciliation process for State Champs, so that all times would have to be proven prior to the start of the meets. This will also be discussed by the Senior Committee. Both Committee's recommendations will be brought to Tech Planning, where it will ultimately be decided.

Nick: would be in favor of switching the process to before the meet.

Mike: question if that would mean that coaches/athletes would no longer be able to enter events in which the athlete has not made the cut, but feel he/she could swim under the cut at the meet. Lucas answers that yes, that would be the case (athletes would only be allowed to swim events for which they already have the cut).

Sarah-Grace: would like to still have an option for athletes to enter events in which they don't have the cut (particularly important in the LC season, where an injury/cancelled session, etc could prevent an athlete from swimming an event mid-season).

*Ryan: if the issue is too many athletes not achieving the cuts at the meet (too many “gambles”), and the excess work for LSC, would suggest increasing the fine and making the host teams responsible for the times reconciliation process, and then splitting the fine between the LSC and the host team.*

*Two proposals brought forward:*

- A) Switch the time reconciliation to be done prior to the meet. This would mean swimmers who had not achieved the qualifying time for an event within the qualifying period would NOT be allowed to swim in that event*
- B) Keep the reconciliation process as it currently is, but increase the fine and have the host team in charge of the process; the fine would then be split between the host and the LSC. The committee recommendation would be to double the fine (\$100), and to split it 50/50.*

*The committee recommends option ‘B’, 4 votes to 2.*

*c. New Committee Members?*

*Mike asked Lucas if he has any plans to replace Pike Hightower in the committee. Lucas mentioned he thought the committee was a little inflated in the past, and at this point he would rather keep it as it is (waiting on officials to designate an official to serve on the committee as well, though).*

6. Next meeting: LSC Spring Meetings September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm @ GAC

- Please remember to [RSVP for meetings](#)

*Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.*