

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee  
Minutes - September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 1:30pm  
Greater Atlanta Christian School

1. Roll Call, present:

Committee Members	Guests	
Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Nick Graves (DYNA) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD) Jamey Myers (SCAT) Mike Radford (ABSC) Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Jason Swaim (SMAC) Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), Athlete Sarah-Grace Thompson (SA), Athlete	John Cherote (ASA) Katy Lim-Sang (ASA) Carlin Hudson (CCAC) Grace Pleasant (CCAC) Payton Woodring (CCAC) Miles Simon (CAD) Aiden Hichkad (SMAC) Justin Jones (CBF) Hakeen Reid (WRA) Gavin Jones (ABSC) Will Foggin (ABSC) Jocelyn Helsby (GOLD) Beth Winkowski (DYNA)	Hugh Convery (GA) Elizabeth Isakson (GOLD) Katie Jordan (HURR) Madison, Winship (CWGA) Jonathan Ravid (GOLD) Nancy Williams (DYNA) Ian Murray (DYNA) Sam Wilson (DYNA) Jarrod Hunte (DCS) Tommy Jackson (CAD) Austin Sumrall (GOLD) Luke Osgood (GOLD) Michael Irish (SST)

2. Approve [minutes of early September meeting](#)

*Moved by Sydney; Second by Jason*

*Lucas: there’s been minor changes to the minutes that were e-mailed out (correction to Jason’s last name, club affiliation for Ryan). The copy posted online already has those corrections. No further discussion.*

**Approved.**

3. Zone Team Reports:

- a. Age Group Zones Recap
- b. Updates on 2019 Open Water

*Recap for Age group Zones, updates for 2019 OW Zones, as well as the update for the 2019 Age Group Select camp were the same as in the [early September meeting](#). Lucas just wanted the opportunity to present those in front of a larger audience from the LSC*

*With regards to OW, Beth Winkowski voiced concerns about the potential date being discussed (last weekend in April). All in the room agreed that the conflict of that date, while kids are still in school and many are in or approaching Finals could present an issue to filling a team. Our convention delegates will voice those concerns when the bid is being discussed at USAS.*

4. Updates on 2019 Select Camp

*Recap of update from early September meeting (link above). We know the camp will be at Emory again, during Memorial Day weekend.*

5. Old Business

- a. Align 10&U SCY event line-up and breaks with LCM meet

*Mike moved to add the 10&U Mixed Medley Relay to the SCY meet lineup, at the beginning of their Saturday Session. Second by Ryan.*

*No further discussion. **Approved.***

*Jamey moved to add 5min breaks for 10&U sessions in between the 50s of girls and boys, to guarantee adequate time in between swims during that session. Second by Sydney.*

No further discussion. **Approved.**

- 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.

**Committee decided to drop this item**, as those records would not be recognized at the National level, and it is unlikely to have a team set a record with a younger swimmer in it.

- c. Approve LCM State Cuts

Committee's previous recommendation was to keep the cuts for the 2019 LCM Age Group Champs the same as for 2018.

Moved by Sydney. Second by Ryan.

Discussion on the number of athletes at the meet having dropped over the past few years. Lucas explained that the biggest drop has been in the 10&U session, and there is already a large gap between those cuts and the 11yr olds, which the committee would not like to make any bigger; for that reason, the committee did not consider losing 10&U cuts even more.

**Approved.**

6. LCM Age Group Champs meet bids

As Gwinnett Aquatics was a bidder for the meet, Lucas asked Steve Potter to run this portion of the meeting and recused himself from the discussion.

Gwinnett Aquatics (GA) was the sole bidder for the 2019 LCM Age Group Champs, to be run July 18-21. The proposed fees for the meet are \$15.00 facility surcharge; no heat sheet fees (will go back to running paper heat sheets); \$9.00 per individual event and \$18.00 per Relay or time trial.

Hugh Convery explained that the raise in event fees is to offset rising costs for renting Ga Tech, as well as reduced number of swimmers and splashes in the meet. Last year's meet made less than 50% profit compared to 3 years ago, and while the proposed fees will not go back to the original profitability, it will at least make the meet worth running from a host perspective.

**Committee recommended GA's bid for 2019 LCM Age Group Champs be accepted as presented.**

7. New Business

There were questions with regards to how the Tech Suit rule for 12&U swimmers will be enforced. Lucas explained that officials are not supposed to be patrolling the deck looking for a swimmer in a banned/controlled suit. Rather, it will be the responsibility of coaches to educate their athletes, and if a coach sees a swimmer from a different team wearing a suit he/she is not allowed to inform the meet ref, who will then investigate. This was suggested by other LSCs that already have similar rules in effect.

Steve Potter further explained that if a swimmer is confirmed to be in an illegal suit, the swimmer's coach will be informed as promptly as possible; if such swimmers does not have another suit he/she will be allowed to swim but will be DQ'ed.

Lucas once again reminded everyone that we are not the first LSC to put such a rule into practice, and that we are following recommendations from other LSCs. As Beth Winkowski had explained during the Senior Committee meeting, in case USA-Swimming's proposed rule passes it will supersede our rule.

8. Next meeting: November 7<sup>th</sup> via phone call, 8:35pm.