

# Technical Planning Minutes, 9/15/2018

## Committee Members:

Admin Vice Chair: Jamey Myers  
Senior: Beth Winkowski - present  
Age Group: Lucas Ferreira - present  
Coaches: John Pepper - present  
Officials: Ed Saltzman - present  
Athletes: Jonathan Shaheen - present  
Katie Jordan - present

### 1. Wes called the meeting to order at 2:45

- Beth made a motion to dispense with reading minutes, which was seconded and passed
- Beth made a motion to approve minutes, which was seconded and passed

### 2. Committee Reports

- Beth Winkowski, gave a brief report from the Senior Committee meeting. Beth said ABSC is the sole bidder for Long Course Senior State, and the Senior Committee recommends Tech Planning accept said bid.
- Lucas Ferreira, gave a brief report from the Age Group Committee. Lucas said Gwinnett Aquatics is the sole bidder for Long Course Age-Group State, and the Age-Group committee recommends Tech Planning accept their bid, including increased fees of \$9/event and a \$15 facility surcharge. Wes asked Lucas for the Age-Group Committee's feedback and/or recommendation on the Proof of Times proposal, previously submitted to all committees. Lucas said his committee was split, with some members ok with moving proof of times ahead of the meet, and others preferring to keep the option to "gamble." He said the Age-Group Committee recommends to continue current post-meet proof of time model, but to double the fines and make the meet hosts responsible for reconciliation, giving half of the fines to the meet host, and half to the LSC. He said an athlete who has a legitimate shot of swimming under the cut, should be given the ok. Wes asked for other matters arising out of Age Group Committee, and noted the prior conversations he had with Lucas regarding changing the date of the Long Course Age Group State meet to accommodate moving the Senior State Meet, but said this would be an ongoing discussion for 2020 Long Course season, and Lucas agreed.
- John Pepper, gave a brief report from the Coaches Committee meeting, including the suggestion of one HOD per year. John said he will contact GRPA for future intentions regarding competing meets.
- Senior Athlete at-Large, Jonathan Shaheen gave a brief report of the Athletes Committee meeting, including their vote on options for all-star towel colors. Wes asked about budget. Jonathan said no requests. Wes asked if the athletes discussed moving Long Course Age Group & Senior State meets, and Jonathan said no, but said he specifically sees concerns with shortening an already long season, and warm-up/down facilities at other pools. Wes recalled one athlete mentioning the LSC negotiating with the Summer League Championship host during Senior Committee. Wes asked who at LSC would facilitate that discussion? Lucas reiterated the downside of a shorter season.

- Ed Saltzman, gave brief report from the Officials Committee. 121 new officials. Encouraged coaches to encourage new officials. Will be naming meet ref for state by middle of October. Jonathan Foggin asked if online training published. Rob said yes.
- Sanctions Committee Chair, Rob Schreer said they want to create a template for meet announcements. Hosts will update meet name, dates, and adjust order of events.

### 3. Old Business

- Wes asked everyone to review the Short Course 2018-2019 schedule for needed changes. Wes then said one item on the schedule that needed to be addressed was the “Open” Metro Division. Wes said if it is an open meet, it is therefore not a Divisional meet, and if it is not a Divisional meet, it does not qualify for the 11-12 Tech Suit exemption. There was some back and forth discussion amongst Dynamo coaches, after which Ian stated they would prefer to keep the meet open. Wes clarified, not a Divisional meet, an open meet.
- Wes said several teams need to be assigned to Divisions. Wes proposed ACE, EXCEL, GWSA, WDSA, and WOLF be assigned to Metro, and CGA to SE. Wes asks to entertain a motion. Jamey made the motion, and it was seconded, and passed.

### 4. New Business

- Wes brought up the subject of heat sheet surcharges, and said he has no personal opinion. Asked for feedback. Steve Potter said surcharges have created some pushback and that our governing documents are very specific on facility surcharges, but silent on heat sheet surcharges. Steve said we need proper guidance for sanctioning chair, and sanctioning request should match meet bids. Steve asked members of the Technical Planning Committee to give the LSC guidance as to whether they are ok. He said some housekeeping needs to be done to the current order of governing documents, but heat sheet surcharges are new. Steve said there needs to be a discussion of language. Wes said he does not have proposed language. Jamey recommended just building heat sheets into meet fees, and there was some discussion of surcharges vs. meet fees, along with the 7% LSC fee being applied only to entry fees and not to surcharges. Wes said the sanctioning committee is reluctant to sanction a heat sheet surcharge. Lucas said teams are asking for it. Jason Meszaros said heat sheet surcharges need to be approved by BOD. Steve said the issue is that the current language pertains only to facilities. Lucas made a motion that the LSC allow heat sheet surcharges, up to \$3 per meet, and the motion was seconded, but discussion continued. Lucas said proposal open to friendly amendment. Further discussion ensued, and possible misunderstanding of the proposal was noted. Steve read proposed language, “heat sheet surcharges are allowed at any sanctioned meet in ga, at a maximum of \$3 per athlete, at the host club’s discretion.” After continued discussion, Wes asked if there was any further discussion, and put the motion to a vote. The motion did not pass. Wes asked if anyone wanted to propose banning language. No one responded. Lucas said sanctioning chair is left without guidance. Jamey made a motion that the only surcharges should be facility based, but there is no second. Rob said the only two surcharges mentioned in governing documents are facility and out of state swimmer surcharges. Wes clarifies there is no specific language prohibiting others. Pat Murphy said to move on. Jason clarified that current language says someone could include it when bidding, and Wes agreed. Jason said leave as-is. Jamey made a motion to clarify current language to only allow facility surcharges, but there was no second. Jonathan Foggin said that language is needed first, and should go to the BOD. Steve agreed to bring to HOD in April.

- Wes asked for discussion on the previously mentioned Proof of Times proposal. He said Tech Planning was awaiting recommendations from both Senior and Age Group Committees, but Senior Committee had no recommendation on the subject. Wes asked if everyone read the proposal, and some discussion ensued, including suggestion of sending recon report in advance as warning, but leaving option to the coach and swimmer. Beth clarified that time verification and reconciliation is not Jessica's job, regardless of the outcome of this vote. Wes asked who should handle this, and Beth said Rob. Rob said sanctioning would check in advance and notify, but give the swimmer the option. If they don't meet the cut, they pay the fine. Wes asked for a motion to accept, but no motion was made
  - Wes brought up the Long Course State Meet date change exploration, and the topic was tabled for future discussion.
5. Wes presented the Long Course 2019 Meet Bids, and said late April looked busy. Wes asked if anyone wanted to move any meets from that weekend, but the schedule did not change. Wes discussed Long Course Age Group and Senior State bids. Jamey made a motion to accept, which was seconded and passed.

Wes dismissed the meeting at 4:10