

Minutes for Technical Planning, Georgia LSC

Ocean Plaza Resort, Tybee Island, September 23rd, 2012

General Chair (Gary Theisen)

Committee Members:

Jonathan Foggin (Technical Planning Chairman); Phil Hurd (Administrative Vice-Chairman); Adam Byars (Senior Vice-Chairman), David Weeks (Age Group Vice-Chairman), Rob Schreer (Officials Committee Chairman), Jim Young (Coaches' Representative), Josh Grover and Thomas Lock (Athletes' Representatives), Andrew Baer (Metro Division Representative), Bill Forrester (Southeast Division Representative), Meredith Green (Northeast Division Representative), Yit Lim (North Division Representative), Jamey Myers (Southwest Division Representative).

The Technical Planning Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. Phil Hurd, Andrew Baer, and Jamey Myers were unable to attend.

Coach Foggin (ABSC) began by stating that the Minutes for the April 2012 meeting were sent to Georgia Swimming and asked for a motion that their reading be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Schreer, and seconded by Coach Young (LA). The motion was passed by acclamation.

Coach Foggin then began with a recap of the 2012 Long Course Season. The Age Group State Meet was hosted ably by Gwinnett Aquatics. He noted that an increased surcharge was approved by the Board of Directors after the April meeting to cover additional expenses anticipated for going to single-age group awards. There were a few concerns expressed from the floor about pacing of the meet, but no other issues were noted. Senior State Meet was hosted by ABSC. It was noted that the Senior Committee would be drafting a standard template for meet information. The Senior Chair would also be responsible for developing a timeline for finals, which would be published in prelim heat sheets.

Moving on to the 2012/2013 Short Course Season, Coach Foggin noted that two meets, hosted by GSAS, were accidentally left off the published schedule. They have been added. He then asked whether the Northern Division had decided on a meet host for its March meet. Coach Lim (LINS) stated that the meet would be hosted by LINS at Mountain View.

Seeing no further discussion on the upcoming season, Coach Foggin moved on to the matter of 2013 Long Course bids. He stated that a majority of meets had been bid, but that there were still a number of gaps in the schedule. He asked that clubs forward him any further bids before tomorrow's meeting. He noted that two bids had been made for the 2013 State Meet in the Age Group Committee—one from GA for Georgia Tech, and one from GCAT for Chatham County. He stated that the Age Group Committee voted on Georgia Tech by a vote of 4 to 2. The Senior Meet remains up in the air at this point, since ABSC has been asked to host Senior Sectionals. Coach Turcotte (DYNA) stated that he had been in touch with the Cumming Aquatic Center about the possibility of hosting State there. Coach Foggin stated that ABSC could host State if necessary, but that it would require further discussion. He believes that some resolution, though, is expected next week.

Next addressing the matter of Old Business, Coach Foggin put forward a proposal for the governance of Divisionals. He stated that much of this had been established by custom, but that Divisionals had

become such an important part of the LSC season plan, it seemed prudent now to have written guidelines. He proposed that the following items be added to the Georgia Swimming Rules and Regulations as an Item 12.

- The responsibility for overseeing the bidding process for each Divisional Meet rests with the Divisional Representative to Technical Planning. This should be done prior to the April LSC meeting each year.
- Every four years the Divisional Representatives are charged with conducting an evaluation of Divisional Meets, with the goal being to adjust team assignments to create the best possible competitive environment. Factors for consideration should include meet size, team size, and prospective travel time. This committee's findings should be circulated prior to the April LSC meeting for input. It is recommended that changes be finalized at this meeting.
- Teams who wish to change Divisions prior to the conclusion of the four year cycle should notify their Division's representative and the representative from the Division to which they hope to move. This notification should include a letter explaining why their move is necessary. The representatives will then poll their respective Divisions asking for an up or down vote. If a simple majority in each Division approves the change, a team will be free to move.
- When each Divisional Meet is sanctioned, team eligibility will be restricted by Division. Team assignments will be listed on the Georgia Swimming website.

Current assignments are listed below. New teams will be assigned by the Divisional Reps acting in committee:

Northeast: ABSC, ASL, BAY, GA, GAS, HRST, LA, MORG, NGR, ROCK, SHOC, SUMM, WW

North: CCAC, CW, DAQ, FCS, GOLD, LINS, NGA, TRSC, TWS,

Southwest: AAAA, AWYY, CAD, CBF, DCS, GSAS, HURR, RRT, SCAT, SMART, TARA, TCS WGSC

South: BOOM, BYST, GCAT, GIST, JDST, SMAC, SST, TLSC, WAVE, WRA,

Metro: DYNA, RAYS, SA

A motion to approve this proposal and send it to the Board of Directors for inclusion in the Rules and Regulations was made by Coach Lim. It was seconded by Coach Forrester (GCAT). There was a brief discussion in which Coach Lim suggested that the period between reevaluation be changed from 3 years to 4 (changes reflected above). Seeing no further discussion, Coach Foggin called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Moving on to other matters, Coach Foggin stated that there had been discussion on the issue of surcharges and the Four Hour Rule in both the Officials' Committee and the Age Group Committee, but that no action was taken. He noted that the Officials had undertaken an evaluation of their training procedure and thanked them for their efforts. He stated that the proposed development of an Admin Judge home school course looked particularly promising.

Under New Business, Coach Foggin brought up three items for discussion. First he stated that the Coaches' Committee had been reorganized and would be doing the legwork on a number of issues important to Technical Planning. He noted that in their meeting the Coaches had asked the Sanction Chair to approve Time Trials for any meet, not just the State Championships, in accordance with new USA Swimming rules. Second he stated that Officials had requested that State Meet hosts to provide

them with shirts, cover hotel expenses for Meet Referees and a National Evaluator, and plan hospitality for a minimum of 20 officials per session. Several coaches pointed out the expense associated with these things, but it was agreed that meet hosts should plan for the officials in their bid. Finally he mentioned that Coach Forrester had made a request for greater transparency in the Age Group Zone selection process. Coach Weeks (CBF) and Coach Convery (GA) assured the Committee that information would be made available to coaches at the meet and that the matter would be handled in a satisfactory matter in the future.

Seeing no further business, Coach Foggin asked the committee for a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Mr. Schreer, and seconded by Coach Weeks. The motion passed by acclamation and at 5:00 pm, the Technical Planning Committee meeting came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Foggin,
Technical Planning Chair
Georgia LSC