

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
 Agenda - April 13th, 2019 - 1:45pm
 Greater Atlanta Christian School (LSC Spring Meetings)

1. Roll Call, present:

Committee Members	Guests	
Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair, coach Sarah Grace Thompson (SA), athlete Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), athlete Ryan L’Roy (GOLD), coach Jason Swaim (SMAC), coach Mike Radford (ABSC), coach Jamey Myers (SCAT), coach	Steve Potter (DAQ), official Megan Kinsley (ABSC), athlete Dave Joenson (ASL), coach Raymond Baling (GA), coach Jonathan Ravid (GOLD), athlete Naomi Israel (ASA), athlete Miles Simon (CAD), athlete	Wes Hamobord (WRA), coach Matthew Hatala (DCS), coach Renee Pattisen (CWGA), coach Beau Caldwell (SEGA), coach Ian Murray (DYNA), coach Ian Goss (RAYS), coach Jonathan Foggin (ABSC), coach

2. Approve minutes from late [February meeting](#)

Moved by Jason; second by Ryan. No further discussion

Approved

3. Zone Team Reports:

a. Open Water

First time Georgia has taken a full team - 32 athletes and 5 coaches currently in Ft Myers, Fl.

b. Age Group Zones

Senior applications should be available soon (working out details). Coaches of 15&O athletes please encourage your athletes to apply!

4. 2019 Age Group Select Camp updates

18 Girls and 25 Boys (43 total) signed up - last year had 40 attendees total so this is up. Final invitations already out, due on late April. Will publish complete roster on the website in May.

5. Old Business

Lucas: there is a piece of old business - reviewing the cuts for the SCY Champs - but Lucas is still gathering the data of number of entries in previous years so the discussion will be done at the next meeting instead.

6. New Business

Pieces of new business came up when discussing SCAT’s bid for the 2020 SCY Age Group Champs, all having to do with format of the meet:

Jonathan Foggin: concerned that the current structure of the meet only allows it to be held at GA Tech. Questions on whether the committee would evaluate the meet’s format and cuts so that it would be feasible to host the meet at a different facility. Also questioned if the meet shouldn’t be changed to a 2.5day format to lower rent and travel costs for out of town teams and families.

Jason Swaim: motion to limit all swimmers to 8 individual events total at the meet, effective with the 2020 SCY meet. Discussion:

Lucas: this topic was discussed by the Age Group committee previously, and the consensus was that this decision should be left to individual coaches to make (if a coach thinks 9 events is too much, he/she is free to enter his/her athletes in fewer events), rather than legislate it.

Addie Rose: issue with just leaving it to coaches is that for kids going for high point awards they are forced to swim as many events as possible.

Jonathan Shaheen: as an age grouper, almost felt limited and that he had to drop events he would like to swim at State, so doesn’t think it is a good idea to limit it even more.

*Back and forth about the committee considering some changes to the meet format. Lucas reiterated that the committee has pondered some of those question in recent years, including discussing the ultimate goal of the Age Group Champs - it is a developmental meet (reason why the committee decided to continue to offer all the events, and partial reason why allowing swimmers to swim the broadest possible spectrum of events is important), that also serves to bring together the best swimmers of the state to compete; in addition, committee recognizes that making state is a big deal for this age group, and likely one factor that might keep swimmers in the sport longer, and thus it is important to make the meet as inclusive as it is manageable. After further discussion, motion was called to question. **Failed.***

Lucas: will allow further discussion on some of the options presented during the committee's regular phone meetings (all are welcome to call in)

7. Bidding for 2020 SCY State Champs

- a. SCAT bid to host at Tech (\$21.00 surcharge; \$10.00/event, \$20.00/relay)

*No other bids from the floor. **Age Group Committee recommends approval of SCAT's bid.***

Note: *as the surcharge is outside of what is allowed by our Rules & Regs, it will need BOD approval.*

Update: *\$21.00 surcharge was approved at the BOD meeting.*

8. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1st, via phone call, 8:35pm