

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
Agenda - June 5th, 2019 - 8:35pm
Phone Call (404-465-2907 or www.uberconference.com/gaswimming)

Lucas called the meeting to order at 8:36pm

1. Roll Call, present:

Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Nick Graves (DYNA) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD)	Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), Athlete Sarah-Grace Thompson (SA), Athlete Jason Swaim (SMAC) Sydney Pepper (DAQ, joined mid-call)
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2. Approve minutes from May meeting

Moved by Ryan; second by Nick. No further discussion.

Approved

3. Zone Team Reports:

a. Age Group Zones

Lucas: Sydney not yet on the call, so only update is that the 15-18 athletes have been selected and announced. We have a full roster for both Boys and Girls, including 2 alternates for each gender.

4. 2019 Age Group Select Camp recap

Lucas: sent the responses to the Survey on the camp to the committee prior to the meeting ([Survey results posted here](#)). Had a very high rate of responses (well over 90%), and a great rate of satisfaction (3.8 on a 1-4 scale of satisfaction; 3.9 on a 1-4 scale of recommending the camp).

Nick: athletes who attended the camp seemed to have a great experience, feeling like a full camp experience with all the talks and connections made.

Jason: was on the staff, felt it was great fun for the coaches and a great professional development opportunity.

5. New Business

Sydney Pepper joined the call

a. Proposal for changing selection of Open Water (OW) Zone team (attached)

Nick: while previous teams were great, goal with this proposal is to hopefully start attracting athletes with some OW experience, and thus make the team more competitive. There’s an OW swim in Valdosta, Ga, established as a charity and which takes place in September, whose organizers are eager to work with Ga swimming and serve as a team selection. Proposal is to select 2 swimmers for each age/gender based on finishes at this event, and the remaining 2 spots still being selected as pool spots (vs. current process which selects all 4 spots with pool times).

Lucas: as this involves promoting an event and making it part of our selections process for the Georgia OW Zone Team, this will only be a recommendation from the Age Group Committee, which will then need BOD approval. In addition, the event is currently only Sanctioned with World Open Water Swimming Association (WOLSA) and FINA, but not Georgia Swimming. We would likely require them to also seek Sanction with Georgia Swimming.

Jonathan: likes the idea, but is concerned with the location of Valdosta (long drive for a good portion of the State). Asked if there are aren’t any other options that would be more centrally located.

Nick: other OW events have dates that conflict with Championship meets, so it would be harder to work it out.

Lucas: there is a Swim Across America event in Lake Lanier in September, but all indications is that they would not be interested in being used as a selection event.

Questions on "Option 1 vs. Option 2" listed in the proposal (either invite top athletes or simply allow for applications). Committee felt Option 2 (advertise and allow for applications) is a better way for now, as it likely invites more athletes across the state to consider applying for the team.

Discussion on when to make this effective. Committee agrees that trying to rollout in Sep 2019 for the 2020 OW team would be too tight, so recommends to make it effective September 2020, for the 2021 OW Zone Team.

Jonathan: motion to recommend the attached proposal changing the selection process for the OW Zone Team, using pre-existing TC17 in Valdosta on September as a Qualifier - this year's Event Page Linked [Here](#)

- Top 2 11-12 Boys and Girls in the 3K will earn a spot
- Top 2 13-14,15-16, and Open Boys and Girls in the 5K will earn a spot
- Remaining 2 spot in each age group will be done on pool selection
 - Top 2 11-12, 13-14,15-16 and 17-18 Boys and Girls Power Points for the LC Season get invited. This will still rely on an application process as we have used the last two years.

Second by Jason

No further discussion.

Approved.

6. Old Business

a. Review cuts for SCY State Champs

Lucas: as a reminder, in our last meeting committee had determined to start re-weighting the cuts to allow for more entries in the older ages (12, 14) than the younger ones (11, 13) in each age group.

Formulas proposed are similar to the ones used in the past to adjust the cuts.

Lucas also sent the committee a spreadsheet with the math done for the 13-14 girls, just so that everyone can have a better grasp at what those changes would mean. Most adjustments are very conservative, as the goal is to move the needle 2-3 swimmers one way or the other.

Ryan: motion to use proposed formula to adjust cuts for the SCY State Champs

Proposed formula for 11yr olds & 13yr olds (goal 20-25 entries/event):

- Events with average ≤ 19 swimmers: add 0.5%
- Events with average 20-25 swimmers: no changes
- Events with average 26-30 swimmers: drop 0.5%
- Events with average ≥ 31 swimmers: drop 1.0%

Proposed formula for 12yr olds & 14 yr olds (goal: 30-35 entries/event)

- Events with average ≤ 19 swimmers: add 1.0%
- Events with average 20-29 swimmers: add 0.5%
- Events with average 30-35 swimmers: no changes
- Events with average 36-40 swimmers: drop 0.5%
- Events with average ≥ 41 swimmers: drop 1.0%

Second by Jonathan.

No further discussion.

Approved.

Lucas: will have all the math done prior to the next meeting, so that committee can actually look at the cuts (and look for typos) prior to stamping approval.

b. Formula for proving State Cuts in SCM

Lucas: has reached out to Ian Goss, who's done the cuts for the Senior committee. Ian has used an online converter. Lucas wants to avoid going through the work of converting and typing all the cuts for all ages/genders, as the need to prove a SCM time in the State is very rare. There is no straightforward formula for conversion (it changes depending on the events), so Lucas suggested the LSC posting a page with formulas in case those are needed ([link to example formula](#)).

Committee agrees that a link in the meet information would be sufficient.

Lucas will reach out to SWIMS coordinator, who's also in charge of times reconciliation, and as for suggestions on a formula or a process that would make the process simple.

7. Next meeting:

No need for meeting in early July, so next meeting will be on Sunday of Age Group State (July 21st), at the conclusion of the Prelim session (location TBA).

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Sydney

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

ATTACHMENT 1:

Proposal for Changing Selection for the Georgia Open Water Zone Team

- I. Use preexisting TCT7 open water swim in Valdosta on September 8th as a Qualifier for the Open Water Zone Team - Event Page Linked [Here](#)
 - A. Top 2 11-12 Boys and Girls in the 3K would earn a spot
 - B. Top 2 13-14,15-16, and Open Boys and Girls in the 5K would earn a spot
- II. Remaining 2 spot in each age group would still be done on pool selection
 - ~~A. Option 1 Top 2 11-12 Boys and Girls times for the 800, and Top 2 13-14,15-16 and 17-18 Times for the 1500 (Open) from the LC Season get invited until the roster is full.~~
 - B. Option 2: Top 2 11-12, 13-14,15-16 and 17-18 Boys and Girls Power Points for the LC Season get invited. This will still rely on an application process as we have used the last two years.