I. Meeting Come to Order: 9:03 am
II. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Minutes from prior meeting – motion to accept as published; seconded
III. Greetings
IV. Area Reports (New Area Representatives and Assistants)
   Area 1 – Getting GA officials certified in FL Swimming is a challenge. MHB – GA swimming is run by Atlanta and it is difficult to work with but apprentice on GA deck as the lower positions. JB – highest position is admins/deck ref. in GA - not meet. SP – do update testing and apprenticeship would be helpful. 35% success rate for S&T – some problems with getting to the athlete protection and other computer. 10 new certified. Net gain of 8 (including those who left). Officials perceive they need to devote more time to officiating; but they
   Area 2 – EJ – many new apprentices; 15 S&T apprentices; 12 DR/SR/MR apprentices parents have been asking to get officials so they can host meets and not travel so much.
   Area 3 – KC – FHSAA – no way to control the high school championship series meets, it is in the schools’ control. Difficult in new system where Districts and Regions running simultaneously. JJ – FHSAA – 9:00 am meets difficult for staffing officials. KC – the meets are scheduled late in the season making it difficult to staff the officials. JW – officials who are S&T are not equipped to do SR or DR and FHSAA allows them to officiate. SP – would be nice to have FS a representative at the organizational meetings – but the meetings are at the same time; usually in August and meetings are by District. Meeting all the same night. MHB – Meet Ref and officials- are to be paid. 6 officials needed. Coaches are a challenge for scheduling. SP – Letter to FHSAA to express concerns. Many are “observed” so there is a need to have the proper amount of officials (2 USA) (Area Reps need to work with the coaches in the Districts)
   – JJ – Several new officials S&T. Some from Canada. JJ does not know who the coaches are in the District so KC – follow-through – SP – dor
   Area 4 – Tom McCaleb stepping down; Doug Garthwait will be new rep. and Alex Kerchival as assistant – no representation at the meeting
   Area 5 – DL – scheduling clinics during practice times to get more parents involved. SP – meets that are quick – 1 session will be good for officials
Area 6 – JW will be stepping down; Joe Glenn will take her place. JW - lot of meets; FHSAA state meet. Cross-over with FGC and they are training these officials. Taking a long time to get people through the apprenticeship.

V. Verify Up To Date Contact Information
VI. Athlete Reports/Comments/Introductions
VII. Coach Introductions
VIII. Old Business
a. **FHSAA** – any other comments; FS rep. go to meeting in August. JJ asked coaches to get their officials in order; FHSAA coaches do not have their “act” together. FHSAA has authority to require that the MR be assigned with AO. Hytek operator
b. **News Letter** – JW has done a newsletter this year and she would like people to have input from Areas. Please E-Mail to JW.
c. Form Updates – S&T clinic package updates made. DR should be updated, JB and with help

IX. AO’s and Meet Directors in Multiple Rolls. There is no restriction in all multiple rolls, but reviewing meet letter should assist. SP – smaller meets not too much of a problem, but larger meets could be a challenge. Coach – Clay he is always a meet director at his hosted meets, wearing two different hats may not be appropriate. SP – maybe a newsletter article/discussion.

JW – Maybe ask for timers be brought in from visiting teams. FGC meets have visiting teams provide timers. Clay – does not like going to meets and then request for the timers. Teams don’t want to share the $$$.

KC - Fred Lewis works with other coaches to co-host meets and share responsibility.

SP – providing timers for visiting team should warrant a refund of entry fees or some other remuneration.

X. **OC Budget** – JJ worked on this. Officials traveling to achieve national certification. SP – replacement of radios, name-tags, shirts, national evaluators for large meets, Give back – travel for these officials to directly benefit to LSC. EB – Through Mia – “Criteria” second bullet needs to be re-worded, and Funding Priorities – re-arrange the 5 funding priorities SP – asked that EB get back to him on this directly.

XI. **New Business** – SP – Arena Pro Series**will count as a national championship meet for N 3**– application on line – apply early – 2 weeks after is Senior Champs. There are 17 championship meets for “national deck” experience – N3 certification

XII. National Training – October in Dallas, TX – JJ will be going. Open Water training in Ft. Myers – looking for an official to go and then work the open water festival

XIII. Any interest in being MR in championship meets.

XV. 03/10-13 - FLAGs – Sarasota – MHB – 2 courses and most tense meet. MR – Matt Wilson, AR – Mark MCaw, Assistant AR – Mike Brewer or Joe Glenneon, or Kay CJ – John Jansen


XVII. OQM Meets – GCST – 06/16-06/19 – MR – Mark McCaw. BSS – 06/23-26 – Jeff and SP – will determine MR. MHB can be FLAGs – tentative she will do the N3’s. (depend upon NCAA) Summer championships need to have N3 evaluators. SP – will put the dates out for evaluators for summer meets. MM – GCST summer meet and BSS summer meet provides funding for the evaluators.

XVIII. Schedule of Meetings – (see agenda)

XIX. Telephonic conferences difficult to “get a word in edge-wise”. Other ways to run the meeting for efficiency and effectiveness

XX. Awards – (fill in the blank) [Dave Nesper Cruciger, Doreen Sprague Soltis]

XXI. Official Scenarios: SP – What could be done before, during, after for the scenarios.

a. Officials - Meet worked by not on calendar, OTS. The meet was sanctioned. How do we get the people who volunteered to get credit? MR communication with SP needed to get the meet uploaded to OTS.

b. Heat recalled; unfair start. Can’t get swimmers by recall-rope, let swimmers go. Swimmers get option to keep time or re-swim (must keep re-swum time). 50 meter pool, the rope at 25 meters. At 25 yard pool, recall rope is at far end flags. Reluctance to make a recall. Need to discuss this in training. SR has authority to do the recall. Does not need DR approval. If there are no extenuating circumstances preventing swimmers to making it to the blocks (late to make blocks at finals). MR - What to offer the swimmers on the re-swim. When, etc. have settled thought prior to discussing with swimmer/coach. MHB – go to coaches and see what solution. DN – move from deck, keep parents away, talk with coaches.

c. Swimmers left out of meet entry file. MR allows the entry as deck entry and no-reseeding. AO went around MR and reseeded the event. Communication between coaches and MR. Difficulty

d. Meet letter has severe penalties for missed heats. Coach having difficulties with the “death penalty”. LSC level meets should not have the severe penalties. Athletes don’t want this as well. But some athletes will miss events on purpose. It is not required for any of the meets. Athletes are working on removing “death penalty”. Maybe do a “fee” to be paid.

e. Catch-up starts for long course meets. Used for distance events. Hazards especially when men share with women. Athletes don’t like sharing the
lane at all; either share or circle-swim. Clay – this lane share should not be allowed. MHB – just sanction distance meet and remove them from other meets.
f. MR wants to use 2 watches and 2 buttons and 2 timers per lane – 1 watch and 1 button per timer. Timers protest. Briefing needs to be more in depth to make sure Timers realize how serious it is.
g. After 4th heat in meet there were timing issues; buttons in wrong part of harness, etc. Resolve by doing tests before the meet begins. Check facility prior to the meet. Coach – check flags, if they are wrong the meet needs to stop and flags need to be fixed. Water level and temperature needs to be correct and lane ropes need to be tight.
h. Flags not even and stretched out due to the wind. SP – change order of events to allow correction (backstroke events be postponed).
i. Scenarios for admin. - Entry limits per event. Determine the meet letter language and the penalty for over-entry.
j. Swimmer incorrectly entered in the event due to DoB error; coach error. Resolve by allowing swimmer to swim in open lane in proper age group. If no open lane, do you create a heat? Do you ask one of the other swimmers from full heat to leave that heat and race this athlete?

XXII. Recertification – Mark Davis
   a. How did it go with break-out groups? – add dry-side AO; does that work?
   b. Testing will be at highest level. MR will take AO test.
   c. When to start the clinics? SP – wait for the new rules, the tests will be revised due to new rules.
d. S&T do appreciate listening to other scenarios
e. Discuss these scenarios prior to a meet with the officials
f. Discussion about the “Lochte” rule. Now, feet leave the wall from breast
to free in IM; body must be more on their breast than back.
g. Starts and timing adjustments need to be correct.

XXIII. Ratio of Officials to Athletes in LSC – 30 athletes per Official; Maximum
needed is 6 officials
a. Can we get enough officials to host the meet
b. Offer paid for certification and make officials feel valued.
c. SP – Is there a need to have a “grace period” for the ratio requirements.
d. Suggestions: SP - 1st meet club can host a meet as long as they can
identify officials from other clubs, 2nd year clinics need to be held and by
the end of the 2nd year must comply with published ratios.
e. Coach Jim Kelly – Who has responsibility for certifying the number of
officials?
f. Maintain ratio but allow for grace period, and encourage officials to work
meets at other hosted sites.
g. Officials are “for sale”; officials whose children have stopped swimming
and are available to officiate if travel costs covered.
h. Coaches in certain areas get “deck passes” to give to parents to assist
“herding the cats”.
i. Officials and senior athletes to talk to parents at the beginning of the
year.

XXIV. Adjournment: 12:20 pm