

GA SWIMMING BOD MINUTES
April, 21st 2018

Meeting began at 4:02 PM.

1) Roll Call Attendance

In attendance:	
Steve Potter (General Chair)	Laura Thompson (Registrar)
Jessica Cooper (Executive Director)	Megan Kingsley (Athlete Representative)
Gary Theisen (Treasurer)	Jonathan Ravid (Athlete Representative)
Jason Meszaros (Secretary)	Jonathan Foggin (Technical Planning Committee Chair)
Lucas Ferreira (Age Group Committee Chair)	Ed Saltzman (Officials Chair)
John Pepper (Coaches Committee Chair)	Stu Hixon (Ex Officio)
Beth Winkowski (Senior Committee Chair)	Ceci Christy (Safe Sport Coordinator)
Rob Copeland (Guest)	Sam Wilson (Guest)
Oded Ravid (Guest)	

Meeting called to order at PM by Steve Potter.

2) Approve March BOD Minutes -

Motion to approve by Ed
Second by Gary
Motion to pass minutes is carried.

3) Current Financials – Gary

As submitted.

Rob Copeland asked about the difference in amounts between the budget and the current financial report. Gary said we operate on cash and that we are not operating at a deficit. We do not necessarily spend what we budget.

4) Administration Reports

- a) Steve and Jessica spent time at Age Group State cleaning up Policies and Procedures and Bylaws. The report has been submitted.
- b) The new Admin Vice Chair will streamline bylaws.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Senior Committee
Senior State ran well.

Swim Atlanta and Columbus submitted bids to host Short Course Senior State. The Senior Committee recommends that Swim Atlanta host 2018 Short Course Senior State

The committee is working on a process and criteria to select Senior Coach of the Year.

- b) Age Group Committee
The committee approved the qualifying standards for the 2018-2019 Short Course Season.

The committee approved the revised order of events for the Long Course Age Group State Championships. The 10 and under 200 Mixed Medley Relay was added to the order of events.

- c) Coaches Committee
The feedback on the sports psychologist seminar was positive. Coaches would like to see more of this type of education.

The committee would like to increase participation in the Mentor Program.

Gary requested a copy of the USAS Coach Mentorship Grant we received.

- d) Registration
 - 8638 members
 - 7731 year-round
 - 144 season 1
 - 78 season 2
 - 37 other non-athlete
 - 374 coaches
 - 299 officials
 - 75 clubs
- e) Officials Committee
As submitted.

f) Technical Planning
Report Submitted

Tech Suit Ban

Technical Planning sent the tech ban language to the BOD for approval.

Gary asked who is in charge of the roll-out. Beth stated we will need to continually update the list of banned suits if we publish such a list. Ed asked how the officials are supposed to identify a tech suit and what are the consequences. Beth said the National perspective is the LSC definition of a tech suit is inadequate. Steve asked Lucas about a communication plan. Lucas said the first step is to send out the approved legislation. Ceci stated the consequences need to be clear. Beth said the rationale needs to be communicated.

Motion to accept to proposed tech suit ban effective September 1st, provided adequate communication to the GA Swimming membership takes place. – Ed

Second – John

1 abstention, Motion passes.

g) Safe Sport

The Safe Sport workshop went well. We are the 1st LCS to roll-out this workshop. Over 40 persons were in attendance physically or remotely.

60% of clubs have designated a Safe Sport Representative.

A new federal law was recently enacted regarding the reporting of suspected child abuse. Mandatory reporters now include volunteers (only in the time serving in that position) at USAS meets, travel, and other functions.

6) New Business

Steve asked that we look over the Board evaluations and discuss at the next meeting.

Zone Workshop

It is recommended we do a yearly Board evaluation.

There are many opportunities for fundraising. Hiring outside help may be worth exploring.

We receive a lot of positive feedback on the flex membership.

7) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Ed

Second – John

All Passed

Meeting is Adjourned at 4:58 PM

Minutes submitted for approval by LSC Secretary, Jason Meszaros.