

**GA SWIMMING BOD MINUTES**  
**June, 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**1) Roll Call Attendance**

In attendance:	
<b>Steve Potter</b> (General Chair)	<b>Jonathan Shaheen</b> (Athlete at Large)
<b>Jessica Cooper</b> (Executive Director)	<b>Addie Rose Bullock</b> (Athlete Representative)
<b>Gary Theisen</b> (Treasurer)	<b>Wes Hamborg</b> (Technical Planning Committee Chair)
<b>Jason Meszaros</b> (Secretary)	<b>Ed Saltzman</b> (Officials Chair)
<b>Lucas Ferreira</b> (Age Group Committee Chair)	<b>Ceci Christy</b> (Safe Sport Coordinator)
<b>John Pepper</b> (Coaches Committee Chair)	<b>Nelson Camila</b> (Guest)
<b>Beth Winkowski</b> (Senior Committee Chair)	<b>Jamey Myers</b> (Administrative Vice Chair)
<b>Mark Roark</b> (Operational Risk Chair)	

Meeting called to order at 8:33PM by Steve Potter.

**2) Approve May BOD Minutes**

Lucas asked if we should include the follow-up discussion on the Zone Team expenditures in the minutes. Steve said he has the emails and the votes and will supply those to Jason. Jessica said it should not be included in the minutes because it was not in the original meeting.

**Motion to Approve – Jamey**

**Second - Ed**

**All Passed – Minutes accepted**

### 3) Administration Reports

- a) General Chair - Steve  
No report.
  
- b) Executive Director – Jessica

#### Fitter Faster Tour Sponsorship

Fitter and Faster would like to pursue a partnership with GA Swimming. Jessica is looking for feedback from the BOD. Jamey suggested we take a percentage of the clinic. Jessica said clubs typically host their own clinics. We are not clear if a partnership with Fitter and Faster would limit us in choosing our own clinicians. John said he thinks it is more of a benefit to Fitter and Faster than it is to us. Steve said we do not have enough information to make a decision at the moment. Steve suggested that Jessica have another conversation with Fitter and Faster and ask them get a proposal to us.

#### Open Water Direction

Denny Ryther sent some feedback from Open Water Zones and some suggestions for the future. The suggestions are posted. Steve said that Open Water opened some new opportunities for distance swimmers. He said we should support open water in our LSC. Steve suggested we put a plan in place based on Denny's feedback and submit it to the HOD. Ed said there are existing events such as Swim Across America and the Georgia State Games we could promote and increase participation at no cost to the LSC. Jamey said he thinks it is a good idea to do more open water event before Open Water Zones.

#### COPPA Policy

Policy submitted.

COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) is a federal law that encourages providers of online access material to protect the identity of minors. Marc said there are various forms of guidance under COPPA. There should not be any more than three identifiers of a minor's information.

Gary asked why we are just now implementing this. Jessica said it is a LEAP requirement.

We have been awarded LEAP 2 provided we turn in our COPPA Policy by the end of the week. We will receive \$2500 in September for hitting this milestone. Marc and Jessica have used an example from another LSC.

Motion to approve – Steve  
Second - Ed  
All Passed

### 4) Committee Reports

#### Financial Report – Gary

Review May Financials  
As submitted

Board Source Initiative – BoD Finance review (10 minutes)

Steve asked if we could table this until the end of the meeting if we have time or July if we run out of time. Gary said that was fine.

#### Age Group Committee - Lucas

Discuss Tech Suit rule communication and feedback

Beth shared there is not a good understanding in the LSC of what constitutes a tech suit and what the consequences of wearing the suit in competition will be. Lucas said the consequences were in the rule. Lucas said the rule has been communicated, but there needs to be more supplemental information sent out to the LSC. Beth suggested a presentation or handouts at the Age Group State Meet. Lucas thought All-American could put up a display of a tech suit. Lucas suggested that the tech suit policy should be a part of every coaches meeting for the next season.

#### Potential Fines for 12 and Under Sessions Going Over 4 Hours

Lucas said we do not have a penalty for host teams that go over the 4 hours in a 12 and under session. He said part of the problem is a lack of long course pools available for competition. He suggested we find a way to deal with this problem. Steve said in Michigan a first offense was \$1500 fine. A second offense incurred a \$2500 fine and a submission to the board on how to fix the problem. Steve said we need to look at this solving this problem in the future.

### 5) Old Business

#### Backstroke ledges at GA Tech – Atlanta Classic

Jason asked that we revisit the LSC buying a backstroke ledge for use at GA Tech with the understanding that GA Tech will buy an extra one. He went onto say that we had 30 minute delay at the Atlanta Classic because of wedge malfunction. He also said he understands the argument that it is GA Tech's responsibility to purchase equipment for their facility. He also made the point that extra wedges were guaranteed at meets we needed them, but they were not at the Atlanta Classic. Gary said the teams that are running meets at GA Tech and they should facilitate the purchase of extra equipment. Gary said it does not fit our mission to purchase equipment for teams or facilities. Steve said we need to make sure Matt Murphy, meet referees, and meet hosts know the extra wedges are needed.

#### Appropriate Outreach Documentation (tabled from May)

Tabled until July.

#### Escalation process discussion – Zone Team

What happened with the Midland expenses

Future approvals, signing authority, escalations

Improving LSC's understanding, communications, and process documentation

Tabled until July.

#### Convention budget and travelers

Steve said the budget for convention largely based on previous years. It is a line item in our annual budget that has been approved by the HOD. He said when permissible we would like to take the future leaders of the LSC to acclimate them to leadership roles. Since we are going to Jacksonville, we are able to take 4 extra people and still come in \$6900 under the \$24770 budget. Beth said we have an important vote regarding age group tech suits and said it would be good to have the extra voting power. She also said that in years when there are critical votes we may want to consider taking more people to convention to maximize voting power. Jessica said she did not think the questions about convention had as much to do with the budget as it did with how people are chosen to attend. She said the board needs to know as a group who is attending. Lucas said he raised the question because he did not know how people are being selected. He also said we should take as many people as the budget allows. Jason asked who makes this decision. Steve said there are six people who are listed to go by legislation. Gary said the General Chair chooses the extra people to attend Convention. Steve said it should be in an agenda item next year for the board to choose from a candidate pool.

## 6) New Business

### Mountainview Aquatic Center – budget cuts, closing facilities

Steve encouraged everyone to look into the information regarding the closing of Mountainview Aquatic Center and if available attend the meetings below. He said that is a very important pool to our LSC. Addie Rose reiterated how important that pool is to several of the bigger teams in Georgia. Gary said he did not feel the closing of the pool would not happen. He also suggested that Steve send a letter to the commissioners and tell them how much damage they would do by closing the pool.

*Commissioners are planning a budget retreat; after that, county leaders will seek input from taxpayers. The 7 p.m. events are scheduled for June 18 at the East Cobb Senior Center, June 19 at the North Cobb Senior Center, June 20 at the Senior Wellness Center, June 25 at the Freeman Poole Senior Center, June 27 at the West Cobb Senior Center, June 28 at the South Cobb Community Center and July 9 at Sewell Mill Library. The Board of Commissioners will also hold public hearings at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, and 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 25. All three hearings will be held in the BOC Room on the second floor of 100 Cherokee St., Marietta.*

### Meeting Minutes

Lucas requested the meeting minutes be sent out earlier.

## 7) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Ed

Second – John

All Passed

**Meeting is Adjourned at 9:48 PM**  
**Minutes submitted for approval by LSC Secretary, Jason Meszaros.**