

**GA SWIMMING HOD MINUTES**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Sonesta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA**

*Meeting Called to Order at 9:06am by Stu Hixon, General Chair.*

**1. Roll Call – Emille Williams, Secretary**

AAAA	GIST
ASL	GOLD
BOOM	LINS
CAD	NGA
CBF	RAYS
CCAC	SAC
DAQ	SCAT
DYNA	SUMM
GA	TARA
GCAT	WGSC

**2. Review of Minutes** (presented by Emille Williams) – BOD and HOD Minutes from September 2013 were posted online for review. Floor asked if any changes needed. None mentioned – **MOTION TO ACCEPT-PASSED, NO OPPOSITION**

**3. Registration** (presented by Lora Thompson) – Lora has created a financial summary sheet to be filled out with every registration batch, which will help with record keeping and will be on the GA Swimming website.

**4. Financial Report** (presented by Doug Kintz) – We are doing well on budget. Most expenses for the LSC are incurred in the summer. Doug foresees no problems or concerns with budget.

Stu states that NCSA reimbursement requests must be received no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. NCSA meet is the only fixed reimbursement amount. If reimbursement request is not submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>, reimbursement will not be issued. As a reminder, if you take the NCSA reimbursement and have taken the winter Junior or Senior reimbursement, the NCSA reimbursement counts as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and maximum reimbursement. Therefore, no summer reimbursement would be issued.

**5. Committee Reports**  
**Administrative –**

- Chair Report (presented by Stephen Potter) - Stephen Potter is new Admin Vice Chair. Stephen states that GA Swimming's Rules and Procedures and By-laws are both clean documents. Stephen promises to get those documents on the website, if any changes, very quickly.

- Sanctions (presented by Stu Hixon for Pete Junkins) – Make sure getting meet information to Pete 45 days prior to first day of meet. Abide by GA Swimming rule.
- Records/Top 16 (presented by Emille Williams) – Emille asks that meet results be submitted to her to upload into SWIMS and let her know when meets don't appear. Stu asks that results be sent to everyone on sanctioning instructions and not just Emille.
- All-Star Towels (presented by Stu Hixon) – Pick up towels today from Wes after HOD meeting.
- Board of Review (presented by George Ways) – George Ways says that there have been no official hearings this year, and he tries to handle issues between the two sides. The most bothersome to George are parent issues, and George suggests providing the Rule Book on the GA Swimming website and Section 304 (Code of Conduct) by the GA Swimming mission statement. George also asks that teams discuss Code of Conduct with families.

The 120 day transfer rule is for the last time an athlete represented a club. Most people transfer in August, September, and October.

A coach cannot start a team, take information from existing club, and recruit swimmers. That is against the Code of Conduct. Announcement must be public, i.e. newspaper.

To make a formal complaint, there must be a citation that was not abided by and a proposed resolution. All complaints must first go to the General Chair, and if needed, General Chair will pass to George Ways.

- Sports Medicine Committee (presented by Stu Hixon for Skippy Mattson) – Skippy Mattson presented on Saturday, and they are close to going live on CHOA site with frequently asked questions. A link will be on the GA Swimming website to go there. Topics that will be covered are over training, good vs bad training, shoulder and back pain, etc.

Skippy and staff would like to hold a seminar at each LSC Meeting and if have any suggested topics, contact Skippy or Diane King.

- Website – Stu states that Hugh has gotten website in order.

### **AGE GROUP (presented by David Weeks)**

- Chair Report – No discussion.
- State Meet Assessment – David Weeks said that State went well. Timeline was different this year because GA Tech facility availability. Distance events will need to be moved and swum fastest to slowest in prelims.

New Long Course time standards are now posted online (can be found on homepage).

- Zones – Meet will be held in San Antonio, TX. Reservation has been made for airline and flight. Age Group swimmers were selected at Age Group State and list being finalized and announced May 1<sup>st</sup>. Seniors can sign-up through April 16<sup>th</sup> on the GA Swimming website.

Take Top 8 for each, Age Group and Senior. A swimmer can go to Zones if earn Junior Nationals within two weeks of Zones. If get Junior Nationals before two weeks of Zones, do get \$100 refund.

- AG State Meet Information – Long Course State – GA Tech facility is not available Sunday after 1pm, so meet will be held Wednesday evening and full days on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Only question raised was getting officials to run two pools, and Rob says he will take care of it.

ABSC asked if disability time standards can be changed and more kids able to participate, and that was approved by committee.

Age Group Committee will vote on dividing relays differently throughout meet.

In order to use GA Tech facility, Age Group State moved to February 13-15<sup>th</sup>, and three bids were received; Augusta got voted against, and DYNA beat out SCAT.

- Disability – Glenda not present; Stu presented. Over 60 athletes and 20+ coaches at meet and got many swimmers classified. Two national times by Mackenzie Coan. Next meet is October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Glenda is working with other LSCs because adaptive athletes don't score at Zones. David adds that 4 disability athletes are being taken to Zones.

### **SENIOR (presented by Bill Forrester)**

- State Meet Assessment – Great Short Course Meet in December hosted by SwimAtlanta.
- SR State Meet Information – Long Course Senior State hosted by ABSC in July. SwimAtlanta hosting December Senior State December 5-7<sup>th</sup> at GA Tech.
- Outreach – No report.
- Open Water – No report.
- Masters – No report.

### **ATHLETES (presented by Thomas Locke)**

- The athlete's goal is to increase athlete representation at the meetings. Twelve athletes were present at the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting.

- Thomas said that there is less interest in the All-Star Banquet as swimmers get older and there was discussion on whether the Banquet should be held on Saturday or Sunday since Sunday interferes with church and homework. Spring Break caused not too many tickets sold; 190 banquet tickets sold.
- Athletes created a Twitter account to put more information on it. Posting same items as posted on Facebook. For example, Zone sign-ups were posted and they have 142 followers.
- Athlete-at-large position has become more important.

### **COACHES (presented by Stu Hixon because Jim Young not present)**

- Jim Young was not present, and his term has expired; he choose not to run again.
- Jeff Dumont is new Coaches' Chair and there is no chair report.
- Jeff's goal is to reconstitute Coaches' Committee
- Will begin working on banquet set-up.

### **TECHNICAL PLANNING (presented by Kevin Taylor because Jonathan Foggin was not present)**

- Chair Report – In NE Divisional, there were groups of unattached swimmers who competed. Not a clear answer, so it is up to each divisional how to handle.

George Ways indicates that Code of Conduct says a swimmer cannot be blocked from swimming if live in that area.

Dynamo presented a proposal for meets not hosted at GA Tech or UGA be allowed to charge an additional surcharge to help with renovation costs and in turn bring more meets locally. Kevin Taylor indicates that surcharge was not approved.

- Meet bids – discussed and approved meets. Only meets required on the schedule are open meets.
  - **Motion to Approve**
    - Discussion is raised about Age Group Short Course State. DYNA and SCAT both bid on the meet, and Age Group Committee voted to accept DYNA's bid. A letter from Jamey was read indicating that he fostered the relationship with GA Tech to host Age Group meets at that facility, gave up that date to the LSC assuming he would be hosting the meet, and he is the incumbent and has hosted the meet with good results.
    - Stu indicates that the only item up for vote is the completed meet schedule and not meet bids. David says that LSC

changed LSC meeting to allow Jamey to host a meet September 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Motion-Second, Vote-approved no opposition.**

#### **OFFICIALS (presented by Rob Schreer)**

- GA Swimming needs help to recruit officials. This must be done within the clubs because GA Swimming is losing 40-50 officials each year.
- Number of accident reports on par with all LSCs in country.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (presented by Stu Hixon)**

- No report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS (presented by Stu Hixon)**

- No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS (presented by Stu Hixon)**

- Executive Director's job descriptions have been outlined. HOD will vote in September on budget.
- April '15 LSC Meeting/All-Stat Banquet - April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Sonesta Gwinnett Place
- Elections
  - Admin Vice Chair – Stephen Potter
    - **No new nominations; Motion by acclamation – All Approve**
  - Treasurer – Doug Kintz
    - **No new nominations; Motion by acclamation – All Approve**
  - Coaches Chair – Jeff Dumont
    - Elected by coaches
  - Review Committee – Two members needed (1) Charles Todd (2) Lucas Ferreira
    - **Motion by acclamation – All Approve**
  - Review Committee Alternates (2 needed)
    - Stu suggests leaving these positions open and have a parent who is going to Zones be appointed because athletes need an advocate at that meet and having a person on site helps. George confirms that we can look at parents who have a child going to Zones and decide.
    - David doesn't want parents going because he thinks that creates problems and would rather have a Board of Review member attend.
    - George wants someone chosen sooner than later. Anyone on board can attend, and he is fine with that. George wants alternate spot to attend and not someone on coaching staff or on Board.

*Meeting Adjourned at 10:40am by Stu Hixon, General Chair  
Next Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Sonesta Gwinnett Place*

Submitted for approval by GA LSC Secretary, Emille Williams