

GA SWIMMING HOD MINUTES

August 27th, 2016

Fall LSC Meeting

Meeting was to begin at 4 pm. Time was allowed for members to arrive to the meeting. Started at 4:07 pm.

1) Roll Call Attendance by Secretary Kim Seaman

(See attached list of teams)

2) Approve last BOD Minutes:

(Presented by Stu Hixon)

Motion (Ian) Seconded (John) to approve.

All passed. Motion to pass notes is carried unanimously.

3) Administration Report:

a) General Chair – Stu Hixon

- **Nomination of Gary Theissen – Approved and Accepted.**

b) Admin. Vice Chair – Steve Potter

- He is getting the Rules and Regulations documents updated and corrected as needed. He offers anyone with comments or questions to email him.

- He also reported on the All Star Towels for this year. He said that we have up to 1087 swimmers who qualified for the towel order, and he estimates that we will receive about 700 – 800 towel orders from that for the year.

No Questions for Steve.

c) Registration – Lora Thompson

- Lora reports that we had 72 clubs (16 seasonal and 56 year-round),

- We are hoping for even more coming up with the Olympic year.

- Another update is that there is a proposal from USA Swimming to decrease the seasonal membership fee by \$20.00 to start in 2018. Then, if the swimmer decides to upgrade to a year-round membership, they would just have to pay the difference.

- Lora also mentions that we are going to move towards an online registration process for non-athletes. We are hoping that to be in place by September. The form and payment will be through paypal, and the fee will be \$65.00. It is still \$63.00 if a paper copy is sent in, but now there is this additional option to use the online submission instead.
- Furthermore, non-athletes are supposed to sign a code of conduct when registering. She emphasizes that she will not process registration without a signature for that code of conduct.
- The plan is to have registration instructions on the website (in a few days) with the new options so you can refer to that once it is available for reference.
- Next update is about the Club Renewal Registrations, which will need to be submitted before December 15th. If the submission comes in after December 15th and the club needs the registration expedited, the fee will be doubled for expediting the process.

No Questions for Lora.

d) Safety Chair – Nyasha Pace

Nyasha is not here so Stu provides an update / report. Nyasha had a baby and is very busy with work and family right now. As such, she informed Stu that she will no longer be able to serve as our Safety Chair. Stu says that he is asking the membership in attendance to reach out to their team parents to find another replacement. He gave an explanation of the duties involved, and Jason and Brian mentioned that they could potentially combine it with another position. Stu says that he understands the idea, but that he would prefer it be an individual.

e) Executive Director – Jessica Cooper

- Stu gives congratulations to Jessica for a great 1st year.
- Updates for the year include:
 - (a) Brought in \$10,168.67 (through LEAP 2, All American Commissions, Presentation of The Last Gold movie).
 - (b) We also received about \$3000 in savings from our Speedo partnership.
 - (c) Our Communications and PR is going well. Most everyone is on the weekly update list (anyone who is not can sign up for it to know what is going out each week). Social Media involvement is going very well with an

overall increase (even though our Facebook is low) – Our Instagram followers is up 28% (over 1000).

(d) Update on our State Championships – We are going to award the record breaker plaques at the Short Course State Meet, add those awards for our Disability Athletes, and send individual certificates to record breakers (all at the end of the season).

No Questions for Jessica.

4) Committee Reports:

a) Senior Chair – Beth Winkowski

- Gives updates on:

(a) General info on the Sectionals Meets coming up

(b) The difference in the new language for the Senior State Meet to clarify specific criteria (new circle seeding of 2 heats instead of 3 for the 400 IM and Mile races so that it is similar to the National Meet language)

(c) Time Standards for Long Course are completed and can be viewed on the website soon.

(d) Travel reimbursement was confirmed at the BOD meeting, and Beth provided the specific reimbursement amounts for the various meets that qualified.

No Questions for Beth.

b) Age Group Chair – Lucas Ferreira

- Gives updates on:

(a) He reported that the LCM Age Group State Meet went well with no issues. He mentioned that the qualification cuts have not been overhauled but that there are a few changes to balance the meet and events based on times, etc.

(b) The Committee approved the same language that the Senior Committee approved to be more inclusive of disabled athletes.

(c) The Committee accepted Gwinett Aquatics to host next year's Long Course State Championship meet the 3rd weekend in July.

(d) He gave a Zone Team update from their travel to North Carolina. It was a close battle for the championship and we placed 2nd. There were a couple issues that came up from the trip that the BOD is deliberating on, and there may be changes to the travel policies we have as an LSC. No reports on that yet though.

No Questions for Lucas.

c) Coaches Chair – John Pepper

- Gives updates on:

(a) The last couple of months, he has been trying to get info via surveys filled out by the coaches. From that, he gathered that there is an interest in having educational speakers for the coaches at the LSC meetings. As such, he has talked to a Sport Psychologist from Florida who is willing to come and talk to us about Motivation. He also spoke with Sergio about coming to speak with us about Training (perhaps 2 separate talks regarding training for beginners/novice vs. advanced/elite swimmers).

(b) He also is looking into the possibility of having an ASCA Level 2 or 3 School class taught here in Atlanta. The hope is to at least have one of the speakers at the Spring LSC meeting.

No Questions for John.

d) Athlete Committee –

- Stu congratulates Harrison Wayner for being the new Junior Athlete Representative.
- Hanna Lee reports on the Athlete Committee's desire to push for more athlete participation. She says they are also looking to increase their charity initiatives because their canned food drive was so successful this year. They would like to have community service options offered through Georgia Swimming under "Keep Giving" as well.

No Questions for Hanna.

e) Technical Planning – Jonathan Foggin

- Gives updates on:

(a) Jonathan reports that during the Technical Planning meeting, we received reports from many other committees.

(b) The bulk of the session was spent on the approval of the Divisions for Divisionals next year. Then, there was a healthy philosophical discussion of the next 4 years for Divisionals. There will be many considerations over the next couple months regarding that conversation and discussion.

(c) The SC meet schedule had some changes which are available to view on the website. The changes were primarily due to previous bids that have to give approval for any change in meet dates (had Gold move their October meet and there were a few changes in November, etc). The schedule is available live online so coaches can check it regularly online to help plan meet bids.

Ian has a question – He noticed that the 18 & under meet is on the same weekend as the Senior State Meet. There had been no previous knowledge or discussion of this. Jonathan recommends that the meet be pulled and that the Senior Committee discuss it. Then, they will have to have the approval of the Sanctioning Committee to be put back on the schedule.

Motion to accept recommendation (Ian).

Second (Rob).

Discussion? Lucus says it was passed. But, the problem is that the Senior Committee did not know about the meet, and Jonathan says that he believe the Committee has to approve a meet on the same weekend as an LSC Meet. He says we can adjust in the Spring if needed.

None Opposed. Motion Approved.

f) Officials Chair – Rob Schreer

- Gives updates on:

(a) There are 240 officials in the LSC right now. He reminds the membership that recruiting is an imperative activity and is best generated by the coaches at the club level. He offers the opportunity to have someone from the Officials Committee to come by the clubs to discuss the opportunity if that would be of interest.

(b) Sanctions are about the same as a year ago. They should break 100 sanctions within the next 10 days. He projects there to be about 170 – 180 sanctions by the end of the year.

(c) There is a review done of the results of the State Meet to compare them with the Qualifying times that were established. The senior State Meet has been provided if you have a swimmer who did not have a State Qualifying Time and did not swim that at the meet and the SWIMS database did not show the swimmer as having made that Qualifying time within the time allowed. If anyone has questions about that or a specific swimmer, Rob asks the coaches to contact him.

No Questions for Rob.

g) Safe Sport Chair – Ceci Christy

- Gives updates on:

(a) Ceci mentions that everyone is required to have a Bullying Policy on their website by the end of the year. She also notes that teams will be required to send that in with their Registration requests. This is a requirement from USA Swimming.

(b) Ceci says that she will need to have a club representative from every team so that the emails she sends out will get to the team members appropriately. She requests that she get an email reply from her Bullying Policy suggestion coming out soon so that she (1) knows you got the Bullying Policy Suggestion and (2) can get the name and email address of the designated Team Rep for her future contacts.

No Questions for Ceci.

5) Treasurer's Report – Gary Theisen

(a) The Current Financials Report:

He notes it has been out on the website, and there are copies available in the meeting. He asks if anyone has questions about the current expenses and lines listed there? There were no questions.

(b) Presentation & Approval of the 2017 Fiscal Budget:

He notes that the 4th column shows the recommended 2017 budget numbers. He mentions the negative / positive changes from last year to this year as well as a few assumptions that we expect (such as the increased Towel order due to having the Trials qualifiers order the towel in that special year, etc.).

No questions for Gary on the 2017 budget.

Motion to adopt the budget (Ed)

Second (Charles)

None opposed. Motion carries.

6 & 7) Old / New Business

- Stu says the All Star Banquet will be the 22nd and 23rd. He is not sure where but most likely will be here at this Marriot, but they have not yet negotiated the details. If we do it here, we will have a block of rooms available for out of town guests.

8) Adjournment:

Nothing from the floor

Motion to Adjourn (Ed)

Second (Ian)

None opposed. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 pm
Minutes submitted for approval by GA LSC Secretary, Kim Seaman.