

**PENDING APPROVAL SEPTEMBER HOD MEETING
2011 HOD SPRING MEETING MINUTES GEORGIA LSC
ATHENS, GEORGIA
APRIL 17, 2011**

The Delegate registration was held at 8:30am.
The meeting began at 9:03am.

General Chair Jerry Faulkner introduced a quest speaker for the virtual Hall of Fame presentation.

- The website to view the presentation will be a test drive website.
- The induction banquet will be around August 26-27th. It will be held in Atlanta. Waiting and checking for availability for the facility.
- There was a discussion of where the seed money for the virtual Hall of Fame came from- the original five individuals were Jack Bauerle, Chris Davis, Mike Eddy, and Lee Freeman.
- Was brought to our attention that the Virtual Hall of Fame will be interfaced with Face Book.
- They are looking forward toward the financial funds needed for the virtual Hall of Fame.
- There was a discussion from the members on what is the cost to maintain the virtual Hall of Fame? The cost will be based on how many uploads and changes that are made on the virtual Hall of Fame.
- The Georgia LSC thanked the speaker for his time and he departed the meeting.

-The meeting was called to order by General Chair-Jerry Faulkner.

Roll Call- Secretary, Teresa Coan

-Members present- Athens Bulldogs, Aiken Augusta Swim League, Georgia blazers, Camden County Bloomers, City of Atlanta Dolphins, Dynamo Swim Club, Gwinnett Aquatics, Golden Isles Swim Team, Chattahoochee Gold Swim Club, Habersham Rapids Swim Team, Marietta Marlins, North Georgia Swim Team, Swim Atlanta, Southern Crescent Aquatic Tam, Summit Chase Aquatic Club, Tara Tarpons, Tidal Wave Swimming, Macon Waves Swim Team, Warner Robbins Aquanauts, Carrollton Bluefins, Carpet Capital Aquatics Club, Douglas County Stingrays, Couth Fulton Swordfish, Greater Augusta Swimming, Stingrays Swimming.

-Review of the minutes- HOD SEPTEMBER 26, 2010- handouts were given out at the Delegate registration table upon arrival. **MOTION** –to accept minutes- Susan Nichols, **Second-**, **no opposition**, and **motion carried.**

-Registration Report- Claude Rhen

-Power point was used in presentation – 10 years ago we had 6, 600 swimmers this year will be a possible 8,000 swim members. Discussion on the club portal and its purposes; the IMX roster, the club website and club contact person info, club coach

S information can be accessed in the portal club. An individual can check athlete and the non-athlete roster. This list has a watermark roster which can be used instead of carrying their cards. Non-athlete is coaches and officials will get the expiration dates for their certifications. If you do not have a login please contact Claude.

- Discussion of the athlete protection plan. One in four girls and seven boys are assaulted 10% by strangers 30% by family and 60% of people in the community

- All non-athlete members must complete an athlete protection education test prior to renewal. This must be certification will be good 2-3 years the test will be on USA online a background check must be done.

- There was discussion on the background screen for pre-employment rule 502.8-conducts a pre-employment- back ground screening on all new employees who are required to be members of USA swimming. USA swimming has a list of approved vendors.

- Discussion – Ian- on team trips- will chaperones have to be a member of USA swimming? Answer-yes they must be a member of USA swimming, their membership would use the class of “other”. Discussion- Glenda Orth-clerk of course will only need level 1, the ATO does not have to be USA swim member, but they must go through the course training. The starter, stroke & turn, and referees will need to be level 2.

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Discussion Pat- Murphy, Hugh, other members-questions about the e-mails that are being sent out regarding the USA

Swimming scandals discussion, members answer from Claude says convention is aware. Question discussion Gary US a swimming making money off of background checks? Answer Claude- did not know amount but yes. Discussion Gary questions seven dollars? Answer Claude- could not be sure.

Financial Report- Martin Hilliard, Treasurer as of April 15, 2011- the current assets, total checking and savings is \$152,816 other current assets Wachovia securities \$144,072.20. The total current assets \$296,888.20. The liabilities and equity liabilities current liabilities other current liabilities, CAD sanctioned deposits \$1996.87. Total current liabilities \$1996.87. Equity FASB 115 unreal gain/loss \$-7,754.89. Opening balance equity \$201,921.01, unrestricted new assets \$-7906.17, net income \$108,631.38. Total equity \$294, 891.33. Total liabilities and equity \$296.888.20.

-Still waiting on travel expenses to be turned in

-One team has four meets with fees not paid –two are national meets that will be delayed and two are club level meets. Martin has requested that no sanctions to be given out to this team until these fees are paid.

-Some of the expenses such as a computer had to be purchased for the sole use of the Ga. LSC due to a computer crash of failure.

-Other expense All-Star towel and thread for embroidery-spoke with Wes Young- we have 80 towels not purchased from previous banquets approximately total billing \$3500. Discussion-on selling the towels at a set price on the web and word-of-mouth by swim teams to recoup some revenue.

-Travel request need to be done by May 5

-All reimbursements must be in by September 1 to close out books by end on September.

-Expenses increased due to double cards with the new background checks in place.

-At the end of the year we should have \$30,000 plus.

-Discussion-Harvey Humphries-Question receipts need to an actual receipt or could it be an itemized e-mail with total amounts?-Answer- An itemized total would be acceptable. Please see handouts for itemized information about the financial report.

-Committee Reports:

Administrative- Phil Hurd- **Absent**

Chair Report- **no report**

Sanctions-Pete Junkins – **Absent**

Records/top 16 – Emillee Williams- **Absent, no report**

NTDB- Kathy Stephens- **No report**

Towel Coordinator- **No report**

Board of Review -Rob Copeland- George Ways has stepped down as the Chair and has resigned from his committee. Jerry has replaced him with Melissa Welbourne. The committee met electronically and elected me as the Chair of the BOR. Currently there are no complaints or issues pending. Elections will have three spots up for election.

Age Group- Falco Fleischmann-adjust time standards guidelines which effect long course 2012 short course 2013 to include a two-year adjustment to QT if exceeds 60+swimmers per year, 40+ swimmers per year for three years. State meet entries-the host team sets entry deadline with a psych sheet posted for review. Where changes will be accepted with a final deadline on the Sunday before the meet at 10pm. A final psych sheet will be posted on Monday morning with no changes allowed until the start of the meet. Short course location recommended Ga. Tech hosted by SCAT/BUZZ on February 24-26, 2012. A subcommittee shall be formed to discuss having single age groups of the state championships. Two teams have bid to host for age group state-discussion Susan Nichols-Why Ga. Tech-Answer –the committee felt with the availability of Ga. Tech for the date and size of the facility that this was the choice.

Call for Vote-State meet for SCAT/BUZZ to co-host at Ga. Tech, **no opposition, carried.**

-Adapted Athletes- Fred Lamback- informed Georgia LSC that we had sent 5 disabled athletes; McKenzie Coan, Lance Lamback, Curtis Lovejoy, Lindsay Grogan, and Ashley Owens to the Can Am swim meet in Minnesota. And that the LSC had done well.

Senior – Adam Byars – scheduled changes to long course 2011 – moved summer senior meet from University of Georgia to Georgia Tech and changed date one week earlier (July 22-24th). Senior Circuit will be hosted by Dynamo July 8-10, 13yr. and older are eligible. Will be finalizing long course date info after this weekend. Senior Committee recommends that Senior State be hosted by Athens Dec. 9-11.

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Dealing with unattached swimmers when breaking records – 1. Swimmers breaking a record while unattached coming from another LSC will not count.

2. Swimmers breaking a record while unattached transferring between Georgia clubs will stand. 3. Swimmers representing their college that break a record will not stand (Conference/NCAA's).

Discussion, Motion to accept changes, Second no opposition carried out. Senior Committee recommends that this be added to the Standing Rules.

-Outreach- Tommy Jackson-May 5-8 will have two athletes to attend the Diversity Meet with all expenses paid by USA swimming.

- **Open water** – Rob Copeland – discussion over zone open water championship – Dynamo has requested a date – discussions on open water temperature answer recommendations are online for water temperatures which includes a member of variables such as guidelines which include water temperature and air temperature and more to be taken into consideration- discussion on what happens if the temperature is not adequate.

- **Masters** – Ed Salzman- reporting a successful national meet – had 1000+ swimmers. Hosting USMS in Jonesboro in May. Offering ASCA master level certification May 20th and 21st, coaches clinic 21st at Jonesboro pool, go to Georgia's Masters webpage, athletes and coaches clinic.

- **Athletes** – Courtney Peters and Shayla King – their committee worked on trying to get more people to attend. Swimmers had noted that the date is a problem because of prom season. Idea is to draw a larger crowd-the athletes feel that the location is one of the larger problems. They would like to see a more fun atmosphere such a hosting in Atlanta near Six Flags, Georgia Aquarium or at the beach. The group would also like to see about having door prizes such as concert ticket raffles, gift cards, etc. Group swimmers complained about warm down pool/facility in Savannah and want to see if someone else could host the meet.

-Coaches- Jason Turcotte-**ABSENT**-report sent in by Jason/presented by Adam-background screenings. Called Susan Wisner to get an idea of the overall numbers/total through, idea of how many registered coaches did background screening so far etc, but she had no numbers. The ZONE team coaches: Andrew Griffin/Georgia-head coach, Olga Davis/CCA, Mary Catherine Ivey/ASL, Christopher Carter/ABSC, Matt Zachan/Dynamo, still in need of manager-if interested talk to Andy or Jason. Hotels have been secured. Working on a coaching clinic with Milt Nelms to be gearing short course nationals at Ga. Tech in December tried juniors this past year, but not enough time to put together.

-Technical planning-Hugh Convery-report will be displayed on the Website/Schedule has changed from six months ago dates and locations senior state July 22-24th at Ga. Tech. New standards on website senior state December 9-11 at UGA with new standards 1/11. 15 -18 ZONES will be using point system from short course season prior. The due date to apply is May first. LSC needs to be more diligent through: minutes BOD and HOD minutes to post so agenda and venues are available to increase attendance.

- All Stars- **NO** fall banquet it has been moved to the Spring Banquet will be 18 months-2yrs. for towels. -- BOD recommended UNICOI for next LSC meeting.

- Towel list will be due for next LSC meeting.

Discussion- Harvey, David, Bill, others on list to be sent to coaches or coaches to send list in, What if athlete breaks a record: How to handle that for the season at which we did not have a banquet to recognize the record-discussion on the Betsy Dunbar Award- **Phil Hurd needs to be notified to do Betsy Dunbar Award for the academic year ending in 2011 and do another one in the academic year ending in 2012. This needs to be brought to PHIL's attention.**

-Discussion on having some type of service offered such as a 501(c3) clubs, lawyers, retirement discussions, Red Cross trainer, etc. at the next LSC meeting

-Restructure of the divisions- please see attachments five and six which will be posted to the website May 1st. It will be up for public view-committee of five will evaluate and receive feedback; if they feel it's a go will take effect in 2012; if not it will be tabled until the next meeting- Discussion-Harvey- so if you have problems with the divisions and do not communicate with the committee the division will go forward?- Answer- Yes, that's correct.

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-**BIDDING of schedule**-Power point used-please see website for schedule for meets.

-**UNCOI STATE PARK is recommended by the BOD for September 24-25 Fall LSC meeting.**

-Discussion about meet schedule- Glenda Orth foresees problems with the dates December 2-4 due to Conflicts with multiple meet including short course nationals.- Multiple discussions with coaches and officials about dilemma. Glenda-the officials will try to work with this.

-**MOTION**- to accept the schedule as it appears, **second, no opposition, carried.**

-**Officials Chair**- Glenda Orth- the officials committee reports a loss of 40+ officials some due to background checks, some have kids that have graduated and did not re-up and for other various reasons. The committee discussed at looking at advancing quicker in the different jobs. The officials feel that it is necessary for the starters and referees to have adequate time to learn their job tasks ahead of them.

-Discussion-Harvey, David, Julie, and multiple members-discussing the financial requirements of being a “volunteer” official from paying the dues versus teams paying for the dues increase in the background checks. Also, the amount of hours required to become a Starter and Ref., a sub committee of Rob, Julie, Ed and Jamie are looking @ the requirements to advance in official positions. Two Clinics to train officials were held this weekend at LSC Meeting. Clinics are being offered whether a “Mega” or “Express” Clinics to train officials. The teams needing training need to contact Rob. Several meets ran over the 4 hour limit. Two meets ran over 5 hour time frame because of the # of swimmers allowed to participate in the meet past the limit. Discussion of the financial costs of volunteering to be an official such as hotel, travel, certifications, etc.

-**MOTION**- Harvey to form a committee to look at an idea of cost reduction for our volunteer officials. **Second-** multiple members, **no opposition, motion carried.**

-Short course Refs- will be Pete Junkins and Rob Schreer.

-Glenda Orth will be attending the official workshop in Kansas City in June.

-**Safety Chair**- Kathy Clark-one report of an injury where a swimmer slipped and fell.

-**New Business**- member-Jamie-spoke about the fees for swim meets.

-**MOTION**-to have a “free market” on meet fees, fees to be set by host teams-purpose to remove the swim meet fee cap.

-Discussion-Hugh, Harvey, Ian, Falco, David, Susan, Adam, Kathy and multiple members-discussion with key points of financial burden on swim teams hosting meets, some kids will not be able to afford to attend the meets, discussed the competition level versus the meet fees, discussion of how it would negatively (burden) families of multiple swimmers, it was discussed how it will give clubs lead way.

-**The Motion was second by Ian. Call of questions to end discussion-Hugh. Motion passes. THIS WILL NEED TO BE PUT IN THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SECTION FOUND IN THE BYLAWS.**

-Jamie Myers-should delay the publishing of 2011-2012 to allow the club’s bidding the meets to update the meet fees for their meet.

-Discussion- Members inquired about the backup for the Chair of the Sanction Committee in case of illness such as what has happened in the recent season.

-Discussion-on the sanctioning committee and the proper channels which the sanction process should be handled.

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-Elections- the nominations for the following offices: General Chair- Gary Theisen, Senior Rep.-Adam Byars, Secretary-Teresa Coan. **MOTION** –to accept the nominees-Mark, second-Rob, no opposition, and motion carried.

-Tentatively the next LSC Fall meeting will be September 24-25th at Unicoi State Park.

-MOTION TO ADJOURN-SECOND MULTIPLE, NO OPPOSITION, MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes submitted by:

Teresa Coan, GA. LSC Secretary