



**Georgia Swimming Board of Directors
Conference Call Minutes
March 14, 2018 - 8:30pm
Call in: 404-465-2907**

“Increasing opportunity, recognition and growth in competitive swimming.”

1) Roll Call

In Attendance: Stu Hixon, Ed Saltzman, Steve Potter, Jonathan Foggin, Lucas Ferreira, Gary Theisen, John Pepper, Jody Betts (guest), Jessica Cooper (staff)

Absent: Beth Winkowski, Marc Roark, Jason Meszaros, Ceci Christy, Harrison Wayner, Addie Rose Bullock, Jonathan Shaheen

2) Approve February BOD Minutes

Motion to Approve (Lucas), Seconded (Steve), Passed

3) Current Financials - Gary

As submitted, no discussion.

4) Administration Reports

a) Executive Director - Jessica

i) [Spring LSC Meeting Weekend](#)

Jessica reported that the announcement and information regarding the spring meeting weekend has been posted online. Everyone attending is asked to RSVP this year to better plan the logistics for space and lunch. Michael Chadwick will be running the athlete clinic and presenting a session for coaches on the athlete/coach relationship. Abby Keenan will be presenting on mental performance, Skipp Mattson presenting on Sport Medicine.

Steve Potter reported that the Nominating Committee is close to determining a slate of nominees for this year to be posted online. Currently the Administrative Vice Chair nominees are Jody Betts, Beth Winkowski, and Jamey Myers; Age Group Chair nominee is Lucas, running unopposed, and Gary Theisen for Treasurer, running unopposed. Steve will need to be replaced on the Nominating Committee as he becomes the new General Chair.

Gary asked what will happen if Beth becomes the new Administrative Vice Chair. If she becomes Administrative Vice Chair, a new Senior Chair will be appointed. Otherwise, she will continue to serve out her term as the Senior Chair.

Jonathan asked who will be invited to attend the clinic. Jessica said the designated Club Athlete liaisons will be invited to the clinic. Athlete Reps are to be emailing the coaches and designated Athlete Reps to attend the clinic.

ii) All-Star Towel Update

Jessica reported that 616 towels were order this year and will be delivered to each respective club the week of the LSC meetings in April. Total numbers are down from previous years, which may be due to a change in club contacts collecting orders for our larger clubs. Our overall cost for towels this year is much less. With the number of towels ordered, the LSC will be making a small profit on towels this year. Those who have not submitted towel payment yet have been contacted. We will be able to better evaluate the new towel vendor and process after this year's delivery.

5) Committee Reports

a) Age Group Committee - Lucas

i) LSC Age Group Select Camp

Coaches have been notified of the swimmers who have been selected for the camp. Estimated cost per swimmer is \$175 based on 60 swimmers. If the camp does not have 60 and only 40 at a minimum, there would be an additional cost to the LSC of about \$60 to cover the rest of the camp costs. Lucas would be asking the LSC to cover about \$1,200 if we don't meet the numbers. Gary mentioned there is \$1,500 allocated to camp expenses. Lucas said this will be used to bring in a coach from outside the LSC. Best case scenario is we have 60 swimmers attend and stay within budget. We do not know what the response from the LSC will be as far as sending swimmers, but the goal of the camp falls within the mission of the LSC. Gary said we will find the money to supplement the camp budget as needed.

b) Technical Planning - Jonathan

i) Tech Suit Update

Jonathan reported that information was collected from other LSCs, which was presented to the BOD in advance of the meeting. Lucas, Jessica, and Jonathan received information for their counterparts in other LSCs. Despite concerns voiced from other LSCs and Georgia, there have not really been any issues with the LSCs that have implemented policies. Most LSCs had a short turnaround between adding legislation and implementation. It appeared to be less controversial because many clubs already have policies in place. Steve spoke with a suit manufacturing representative about the tech suit movement where he found out that from a coach perspective this is the right move, but will likely change the dynamic of USA Swimming's support from suit manufacturers. This may be why USA Swimming has yet to reveal the results of the tech suit study.

Jonathan asked what we do from here regarding our LSC policy, specifically what Lucas suggests from the Age Group Committee's perspective. Lucas would like us to see the proposal present to the HOD in April. Jonathan asked Lucas to present the proposal with the Age Group Committee's recommendations to Technical Planning and then to the HOD on April 21. As this is not a Bylaw change it does not require HOD approval, just presentation to the House. The policy would be added to Rules & Regulations.

The proposal would apply to 10 and unders at all meets, and 11-12's except for championship meets, which includes Divisionals and State Championship meets.

Steve asked about policing the policy on deck. Jonathan said this would mostly rest on the education and communication from coaches and less from officials. Most LSCs had officials on their committees who helped write the policies. Ed received information from officials at the TYR meet that he plans on reviewing for the Georgia LSC.

6) Old Business

None.

7) New Business

a) [P&P Updates for Approval](#)

Jessica and Steve spent time at the recent Age Group State Meeting to clean up the Policies and Procedures document. Two new changes not included in the email that went to the BOD was the deletion of the USA Swimming Safe Sport contact and the Zone Team deposit was removed and replaced with a non-refundable application fee. BOD approved the housekeeping updates to the P&P.

Motion to Approve P&P Updates (Ed), Second (Lucas), Passed

8) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn (Lucas), Seconded (John), Passed

Next meeting April 21 during Spring LSC Meeting weekend.