

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

*Meeting Called to Order at 4:30pm by Stu Hixon, General Chair.*

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

ABSC	HURR
ASL	LINS
CCAC	MAAC
CW	RAYS
DAQ	SA
DCS	SCAT
DYNA	SFY
GA	SUMM
GCAT	TARA
GIST	TCS

**2. Review of Minutes** (presented by Emille Williams) – BOD and HOD Minutes from April 2014 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) – There are 73 clubs and 9,342 athletes. Please use Financial Summary Sheet as it will help Lora and your team. Document is posted on GA Swimming website under “Reg Docs” and then “Club”. Not to be used for individual athlete and non-athlete registration and rather for groups of registration.

Lora is sending newsletters through Constant Contact, so if you are not receiving let Lora know.

Other LSCs have asked Lora if we use birth certificates during team registration process, so Lora asks floor and everyone says no.

Hugh has been helping Lora clean up the website, and Lora asks that if there are any reports that teams need, just ask.

Any changes with your club need to be given to Lora ASAP when made (ie. New email, website, address, etc.)

Club Portal – Lora encourages swimmers to use it; it is updated in real time.

Fines for entering an unregistered athlete in meets is \$100 per swimmer. USA Swimming allows for \$100 per event.

4. **Financial Report** (presented by Doug Kintz) – expenses are the same this year and Budget looks good and is tracking well. ED salary has been approved; that's been added to the budget and travel expense deducted to take care of that. \$35k budget surplus.

Hugh Convery upset that fee reduced for travel expense. Stu explains that swimmers are still getting same amount as in year's past. Budget was intentionally expanded last year for ED position.

Approve Budget.

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

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### **Administrative**

- All-Star Towels - Stephen Potter reports that Hugh Convery is getting the list to him and the deadline for team to submit the final order is November 15<sup>th</sup>. List should be available soon and athletes suggesting towel color. Banquet being held in same venue and there are 56 Scholastic All-Americans in the LSC.
- Sanctions – No discussion
- Records/Top 16 – No discussion
- Board of Review - George Ways said there was a major incident in the stands at Senior State and is going to National Board of Review. A couple parents got in a ruckus in the stands, and that incident is pending.

Bottom line is that parents aren't members of USA Swimming and don't understand expectations of behavior.

George Ways would like inserted in GA Swimming registration form or with club registration process that every swimmer's parents sign and acknowledge USA Swimming's Code of Conduct, which represents the entire family's actions.

BOD approved that starting in Fall 2015, it is required that Code of Conduct will be included in club registration process and on GA Swimming registration form.

##### **Age Group (presented by Lucas; Weeks Absent)**

- State Meet Assessment - LC Champs went well. Proposal to move 10 & Unders to another State meet was tabled by committee.

At this time, unattached swimmers can attend State Champs and host team must assign a coach to that swimmer for supervision. Age Group Committee states that line should be stricken from the meet information, and the responsibility should be taken away from the host and onto the athlete.

- ZONES – GA won 3 times in a row. Head Coach had to leave due to a family emergency. Age Group Committee will put into writing that before trip occurs, a plan is in place in case of emergency.
- AG SC STATE MEET INFORMATION – One team bid for meet, Gwinnett Aquatics and that will be held July 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Meet information for Short Course State, hosted by Dynamo, will be out soon.
- Disability (presented by Stu for Glenda) – 3 athletes on Para Pan Pac Team and 4 athletes on Zone team. Discussion to bring disabled athletes in for scoring at Zones. GA proposing that should be scored. ASL hosting a meet and camp and information on ASL and GA Swimming websites. Can Am time standards will be used in State meets, so that will be reflected in meet information.

### **Senior**

- State Meet Assessment – Timeline ran over at State so have 3.5 day meet for Long Course State
- TIME STANDARDS – Bill Forrester says that committee has tabled adjusting the time standards because length of meet until after convention.
- SENIOR LC STATE MEET INFORMATION – Meet held July 24-28 at UGA.
- Travel Reimbursement – Federal Way \$400, Greensboro \$300, and San Antonio \$600.
- OUTREACH – No discussion.
- OPEN WATER – Rob Copeland states that 9 Open Water swims were held in GA this year but none sanctioned by GA/USA Swimming. All of them are getting sanctioned by other governing bodies.

Hixon mentions that there is money in the budget to host a State Open Water even but no one has ever done it. Also, USA Swimming Open Water Committee can help run an event.

- MASTERS – Ed not present; No report.

### **Athletes** (presented by Andrew Tang)

- Age Group and Senior State went well. Senior State was long and hectic. He suggests that offering swimmers food to attend the LSC meeting would help get swimmers there.
- Athletes working to get feedback for towel colors and on getting a speaker for the Banquet

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

- Jeff Dumont resigned. Hixon states that someone would head Coaches Committee if he or she didn't have to plan the banquet. That task will be taken over by the ED.
- Coaches Clinic to be held April 10-12 in Metro area.
- Hixon suggests redoing By-Laws to dissolve coaches committee and dividing those tasks by Age Group and Senior Committee. Those committees will discuss April '15.

- Lora suggests that it would help coaches if there were safety training courses organized in areas around the state; a suggestion was made to offer those at the LSC meeting. Lim states that he does those courses and do call him anytime you need them.
- Athlete Protection is now a 2 year certification. All expiring in 2014 are now good until 2015.

#### **Technical Planning** (presented by Jonathan Foggin)

- LTG to Northern Division.
- GAS is no longer a club.
- Requirement of AG Chair that State and Metro entries use OME beginning April '15.
  - Floor upset and Potter explains that OME helps unprovable fines yet OME allows for it, admin, meet host, and registrar are helped when OME is used, and it also helps with unattached swimmers.
  - Floor says it is cumbersome and F
  - Foggin says table it and board will discuss in April '15. Kintz motions to table and bring up as new business. All approve; no opposition.
- Foggin asks floor to look over meet schedule for SC and LC. Many meets held July 10-12 all around the state but officials feel it can be covered.
- Hugh Convery unhappy about so many new qualifiers/new times before Age Group State. Said wording on meet information is clear but people took advantage.
- Foggin asked about how to bid meets. Currently free market, but we are open to suggestions. Meets cluster around weekend.
- Legends Meet won't affect Senior State or Sectionals. Date TBA.

Motion to approve Meet Schedule; all approve, no opposition.

#### **OFFICIALS**

- Number of officials is relatively constant and not all actively volunteering. Officials are best recruited by coaches.
- Safety – (Jonathan Wilson) No real trends with Safety Reports. Asks that incident reports be submitted online but also printed and submitted to Jonathan. He and lower at-risk behavior than last year

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- No Discussion

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Task Force to hire ED as approved in budget. Stu Hixon, Rob Schreer, Bill Forrester, and Emille Williams will report to BOD. Hopefully by end of the month, Stu can go ahead with job posting and hire by 1/1/15.
- Floor asked if looks for a coach or LSC member and Hixon says best candidate.
- If swimmers registers individually or a team who uses electronic registration process will be required to include Code of Conduct as of 9-1-15.

- April '15 meeting date and location – April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Sonesta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA. Committee meetings in the afternoon in order for coaches to have practice.
- April positions to be elected: General Chair, Secretary, Senior Chair, and 2 members of Board of Review.

*Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm by Stu Hixon, General Chair*

Submitted for approval by GA LSC Secretary, Emille Williams