

Committee Name:	Georgia Swimming Officials Committee – <u>Spring LSC Meeting</u>		
Committee Chair:	Ed Saltzman	Vice Chair:	Clarice Wasmuth
Minutes recorded by:	Ed Saltzman	Date/time of meeting:	Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:00PM

Motions Passed: MSA – Eliminate the \$16 clinic fee for trainees.

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 9
Committee members present: Ed Saltzman, Eric Pingel, Phil Kopf, Clarice Wasmuth, Doug Kintz, Nancy Harmon, Neal McKinney, Mia Sinkiewicz - Athlete Rep. , Jason Meszaros - Coach Rep.		
Committee members missing: Bruce Adams, Oded Ravid		
Non-Committee members present: Rayleen Soderstrom, Peter Soderstrom, Dean Athanassiades, Kathy Clark, Dominic Thomas, John Joiner, Heather Boyer, Alyssa Keehn, Jason Frankel		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT

I. Introductions – Roll Call

II. Summary Reports:

a. Officials Committee Status – Ed

I. Registration Status

1. Current Officials Headcount – 232 + 20 active apprentices close to certification = 252
2. Removed 71 un-active/did not renew for 2021 from mailing list.
3. Columbus Hurricanes – lost 11 officials due to club’s loss of access to water.

II. SCY State Championship Official’s Support:

AG State

Cumming = 25

Dynamo = 32

GT = 33

Total: 90

Senior State

Cumming = 27

GT = 29

Total: 56

b. Training – Clarice

I. Recommendation to discontinue the \$16 clinic fee.

Ed gave the background on the clinic fee and why we used to charge. Originally it covered the cost of location rental, mini rule books and refreshments for in-person four hour clinics. As we evolved into online training using the “Go-To-Meeting” platform, the \$16 covered the annual \$624 license fee for the package.

Last year we have transitioned again and moved to the LSC corporate ZOOM license which is used to conduct LSC meetings and BOD business.

Recently, we have converted the training content to pre-recorded clinics available on request.

Motion: Eliminate the \$16 fee associated with Officials Training clinics, thus making it more appealing to new volunteers. – **MSA**

II. 2021 Training Clinic Status:

2021 Training

	S&T	AO
Expressed Interest	36	13
Took Clinic	29*	9
Tested	19	9
Graduated	7	2

*Follow up on the 10 that took the clinic and did not take the test

III. Introduce New Certifications:

Georgia is one of several LSC’s that does not currently offer Chief Judge (CJ) or Meet Referee (MR) training or certification. We have discussed it for some time and have developed prototype training courses. During the meeting we discussed the benefits and need to provide this additional training for our officials. It was the consensus of the committee members on the call that both courses would elevate our official’s knowledge and skill level and therefore should be introduced.

A sub-committee will be formed to work through the technical issues involved with rolling out the two new course and certifications. Issues to be addressed: course content; testing; apprentice requirements; USA tracking requirements and certification support in OTS; and finally, how to handle current officials who have already worked in those positions and proven their ability – grandfather in?

c. Certifications – Doug

I. New Certifications:

January	February	March
Referee – 1	Referee - 1	Referee – 2 / AR - 1
Starter – 2	Starter - 1	Starter - 3
S&T – 3	S&T - 7	S&T - 7
AO		AO - 2
TOTAL = 6	Total - 7	Total = 14
DCS, ABSC, LIFE, DAQ, CWGA	ASL, GA, SUMM, OAC, SEGA, SPAC, DYNA	LIFE, RAYS, ASL, GA, SUMM, SST, DYNA, UNAT, GOLD, SPAC

II. Current Officials	232
2021 Officials Not Renewed	58
2020 Officials Not Renewed	40
Officials at the end of 2020	273
Officials at the end of 2019	289

d. Name Tags – Nancy

- I. We usually drop an order quarterly for name tags for new officials and graduating apprentices. Nancy will send the order our next week. Ed and Clarice to supply names.
This order will be for 21 new officials.

e. Sanctions – Eric

- I. We continue to be on a record setting pace for this year with 74 sanctions this quarter to-date. This pace is presenting major issues and putting an overwhelming strain on the sanction process. While extreme flexibility was necessary during the height of the pandemic in order to assist teams during their times of uncertainty; many teams have gotten back in the water and we should be able to begin moving back to our former processes as detailed in the LSC Processes and Procedures. At the upcoming Technical Planning meeting (04/14) Eric and Ed will present a motion to return to the documented processes and defined timeframes (45 days pre-meet sanction submission) previously in place.

f. SWIMS – Oded

- I. No report – Oded ill and unable to attend

g. Rules – Phil

- I. Nothing new to report

h. Review Budget Restrictions – Ed

- I. 2020-2021 budget submitted in September 2020 does not contain any travel funding for officials due to reallocation of funds by the LSC to support teams in need due to Covid-19. Next budget cycle will be the September Fall HOD meeting. We will once again be submitting a request for Officials travel funding.

i. Status of N2/N3 freeze on advancements – Ed

- I. Freeze still in place.

- j.** Upcoming possible OQM opportunities – Ed
 - I.** **Atlanta Classic** – May 14-16 - Eric Pingel & Nancy Harmon Meet Referees. Application will be published next week.
 - II.** **GA 14&U LCM State Championships** – July 15-18 Location – GT, Host – GA
 - III.** **GA Senior LCM State Championships** – July 23-25 Location – UGA, Host – ABSC
- k.** Officials Committee to begin assembling the **Team Leads** for AG and Senior State meets:
MR / JR. MR / AR / Jr. AR / TL SR / TL CJ
- l.** Old Business – None
- m.** New Business – None
- n.** Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM