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| Committee Name: | Georgia Swimming Officials Committee – <u>Fall LSC Meeting</u> | | |
| Committee Chair: | Ed Saltzman | Vice Chair: | Clarice Wasmuth |
| Minutes recorded by: | Ed Saltzman | Date/time of meeting: | Sat, August 22, 2020 12:00PM |

Motions Passed: N/A

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| Number of committee members present: 8 | Absent: 3 | Number of other delegates present: 8 |
| Committee members present: Ed Saltzman, Bruce Adams, Eric Pingel, Oded Ravid, Phil Kopf, Clarice Wasmuth, Doug Kintz, Nancy Harmon, | | |
| Committee members missing: Neal McKinney, Jason Meszaros - Coach Rep, Mia Sinkiewicz - Athlete Rep. | | |
| Non-Committee members present: Steve Potter, Rayleen Soderstrom, Peter Soderstrom, Shami Jones, Judy Nadi, Dean Athanassiades, Larry Norcini, Jason Frankel | | |

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. EDT

1. Introductions – Roll Call

2. Summary Reports:

a. Sanctions – Eric

- i. To-date Georgia has held eight post-pandemic meets during the last few weeks – five sanctioned meets and three non-sanctioned meets. Sanction requests are beginning to pick up as more teams return and are looking for opportunities for their swimmers to race.
- ii. Reviewed the additional conditions and restrictions required for a sanction during these difficult times – Covid-19 Addendum; Social distancing guidelines; Local jurisdiction pandemic restrictions; etc.
- iii. Discussed the eight meets that have been run so far and the Georgia recommended guidelines for officials. All of the meets were successful and safe. Discussed any modifications that might be needed and any problems that occurred. Common theme in all meets was the great job done by the coaches controlling the environment during warm ups and competition. Coaches' involvement is key to a successful and safe meet. They make sure all swimmers maintain proper social distancing and followed all specified procedures and traffic flow during the meet.

b. Training – Clarice

- i. Waived \$16.00 class fee through December 31, 2020 to encourage new volunteers.
- ii. Extend apprentice window to 1.5 years (temporarily) due to the lack of apprentice opportunities; rather than the required 12 months to complete apprenticeship.
- iii. We need to reach out to the (7) DR's, (6) SR's, (24) S&T's and (8) AO's who took their clinics in late 2019 and early 2020 and then were impacted by the suspension of meets. Need to make sure they are made aware of upcoming apprentice opportunities and are encouraged to pick up where they left off.
- iv. Post meeting discussions – in an effort to help AO apprentices complete their five sessions in a timely manner during this time where there are fewer opportunities we will waive the AO requirement to work two sessions of a Prelim session of a Prelim/Final meet.

Reasoning: There will be no Prelim/Final meet opportunities for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. As long as the senior AO they apprentice with goes over the differences and special procedures required for a Prelim/Final meet, they should be o.k.

- v. Post meeting discussion – in the current environment, it is difficult for a new Starter to get their apprentice sessions, given the restrictions placed on a single Starter handling the microphone. We will allow an apprentice Starter to work the entire session under strict supervision/mentoring of a senior Starter or Referee.

Reasoning: To provide more opportunities for apprentice Starters to get their apprentice sessions. Under the new guidelines; meets run a lot slower and there is less stress on the Starters to maintain an accelerated pace; therefore providing an opportunity for mentoring.

- vi. Establish 4th Qtr. training schedule - Clarice and Ed to work on.
- vii. Work with club team leads to recruit volunteer students for the clinics.

Note – Use non-sanctioned meets for apprentice sessions – O.K.

3. Return to Officiating Survey Status - Ed

- a. 62 out of 288 responded

46 = Very Likely

8 = Likely

5 = Not Sure

3 = NO

Dave Landis-SA (medical), Rob Schreer-RAYS (retired), Tom Weyrich-LA

- b. Extend 2 year re-certification period due to pandemic

4. Returning to competition – Group discussion and review of the procedures used for the 7 meets held so far. See comments under the Sanction report.

5. Name Tags – Nancy Harmon

- a. Plan to drop order around October 1st – invoice will hit the 2020-2021 budget.
- b. Lost Name Tags – we will take advantage of Hasty Awards' LSC Official's Name Tag program and place a link on the Officials webpage to allow people who lost their name tag to re-order and pay for a new one. Nancy to register Georgia in the program and provide our name tag template.

6. Budget

a. USA Swimming upcoming Officials clinics????

i. 2021 Zone Workshop – April – most likely will occur as a virtual meeting.

ii. 2021 LSC OC Meeting – May – most likely will occur as a virtual meeting.

iii. New Official Workshop – most likely will be held in October, 2021 – will be addressed in the 2021-2022 budget cycle.

iv. 2021 ARRE Mentor Workshop - TBD

v. 2021 Misc. Officials Meetings?

b. Travel to National Meets? (\$0 budget for athletes) – Officials will follow suit and not reimburse any travel to National level meets during this budget cycle.

i. 2020 Senior & AG SCY State Champs? – Evaluators – awaiting results of Technical Planning meeting.

ii. 2021 Senior & AG LCM State Champs? – Evaluators - awaiting results of Technical Planning meeting.

c. Go-To-Meeting License – we will cancel the \$700 license and convert the online training clinics to use the LSC Corporate Zoom license.

d. New Officials Name Tags – resume ordering in October.

e. Sanction administrative expenses – none required.

f. Misc. Expenses

7. 4th Qtr 2020 and 1st Qtr 2021 Training plans?

- a. Pro-actively reach out to teams & coaches to push clinics

b. Establish & publish list of team leads / mentors

8. Meet Referee Assignments – AG & Senior SCY State Champs?????

a. Will they happen?

b. December National level meet conflicts?

Will wait to see the outcome of the Technical Planning meeting

9. 2020-2021 Special Projects:

a. Website updates

i. Finish update of sanction documents - **complete**

ii. Refresh all documents – upload new “Professional” documents - **complete**

iii. Refresh training clinics – Clarice and Ed will review.

iv. Re-visit CJ Clinic / MR Clinic – Ed will review.

v. Crank up plan for September / October recruiting effort – OC and Club Team Leads

vi. Revisit Meet Referee shortage in certain areas of state – Review USA coach’s survey

10. Congratulations to our 2020 Pete Junkins award winners

a. This year’s recipients – Rayleen and Peter Soderstrom – congratulations!!!

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business – None

a. **Para Swimming Update:**

i. The alternate (motivational) time standards for swimmers with a disability are being revised and higher levels will be included.

ii. A Zoom clinic for officiating swimmers with disabilities is being planned before the end of the year. Date will be posted on the Georgia Officials webpage and distributed in the newsletter.

13. Motion to adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.
