

Committee Name:	Georgia Swimming Officials Committee		
Committee Chair:	Ed Saltzman	Vice Chair:	Clarice Wasmuth
Minutes recorded by:	Ed Saltzman	Date/time of meeting:	Wed, May 6, 2020 - 6:00PM

Motions Passed:

1. Waive online clinic fees for remainder of 2020 to make it easier for teams for recruit new officials.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present: Ed Saltzman, Bruce Adams, Doug Kintz, Eric Pingel, Neal McKinney, Oded Ravid, Phil Kopf, Clarice Wasmuth, Nancy Harmon, Mia Sinkiewicz (Athlete)		
Committee members missing: Jason Meszaros (Coach) Guest: Will Heffner		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. EDT

1. Status check – All committee members reported to be in good physical and mental health. No COVID-19.
2. Review of GSI BOD COVID-19 activities – Ed Saltzman gave an update on the current status of the following items:
 - a. Change in BOD makeup – Temporary Treasurer and Temporary Financial Vice Chair.
 - b. Financial Relief Package for clubs.
 - c. Technical Planning discussions – AG and Senior State – status of both still being discussed in several committees, as the COVID-19 situation plays out.
 - d. Letter to Governor Kemp petitioning the opening of Competitive Pools being developed.
 - e. Virtual H.O.D. meeting will be conducted on June 13, 2020 at 1:00PM – information forthcoming.
3. Review of USA Swimming COVID-19 activities – Ed Saltzman provided an update on the current status.
 - a. Annual USAS convention cancelled for September – meeting will be held as a Virtual meeting. Information will be released by USA Swimming in the near future.
 - b. Online webinars are being held weekly for clubs, coaches, athletes, etc.
 - c. USA Swimming releases COVID-19 Relief Program for Teams – Grant Guidelines.
 - d. USA Swimming announces ENHANCED PRODUCTS, SERVICES & BENEFITS TO ALL CLUBS (see attached).
 - e. USA Swimming announces plan and dates for return to swimming – [see below](#):

4. Impact of COVID-19 on re-certification requirements – Ed & Doug (Certification Chair)

Action Item: Ed and Doug to work on a modification to the Georgia Swimming Officials Re-certification requirements to compensate for the competition opportunities lost during the current pandemic restrictions and add appropriate additional time to item “c3” (**Time duration during which a specific number of sessions must be completed to re-certify at the given position**). The current period specified is 2 years. This will be adjusted based on the re-start of competition (whenever that occurs).

Clarice Wasmuth (Training Coordinator) raised a point about the impact the lockdown has had on students who have recently completed their online training and were about to start, or had started, their apprentice sessions, and were interrupted by the cancellation of meets.

Action Item: Ed and Clarice will work on a similar adjustment to the one year period, during which the apprentice sessions were to be completed, to add additional time to offset time lost due to the pandemic.

5. Zone work shop status – Nancy

The USA Swimming Zone workshop was to be held on May 1-3, 2020 in Chicago. Nancy Harmon was scheduled to attend; but it was cancelled due to the current situation. It will be rescheduled for April-May 2021. The Officials Committee budget item for this activity has been cancelled and returned to the Finance Committee for use in the Financial Relief Package for Clubs. This item will be resubmitted in September, during the 2020-2021 budget cycle.

6. The Future????? – Unclear at this time. The GSI COVID-19 Task Force and the BOD will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as deemed necessary. Information will continue to be broadcast to the Georgia Officials as things develop.

7. New Business: None

MSA: To adjourn
Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

3.e. USA Swimming announces plan and dates for return to swimming:

The introduction of 14-16 regional events in mid to late August would allow for a successful return to pools and training and help kickoff the competition season.

These regionally focused events will limit the need for travel and promote a safer competition environment for our athletes, families and everyone involved. The approval of these event sanctions will be subject to local health guidelines and directives. We look forward to providing further details in the coming weeks.

Following the end-of-summer events, we are pleased to announce our tentative 2020-2021 national schedule of events in preparation for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Omaha in 2021:

Nov. 5-8, 2020

TYR Pro Swim Series at Richmond | Richmond, Va.

Dec. 2-5, 2020

Toyota U.S. Open | Atlanta, Ga.

Dec. 9-12, 2020

Speedo Juniors East | Atlanta, Ga.

Dec. 9-12, 2020

Speedo Juniors West | Austin, Texas

January 13-16, 2021

TYR Pro Swim Series at Knoxville | Knoxville, Tenn.

March 3-6, 2021

TYR Pro Swim Series at San Antonio | San Antonio, Texas

April 8-11, 2021

TYR Pro Swim Series at Mission Viejo | Mission Viejo, Calif.

May 12-15, 2021

TYR Pro Swim Series at Indianapolis | Indianapolis, Ind.

June 13-20, 2021

U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming | Omaha, Neb.

Qualifying periods for the national events will be announced later this summer.