



AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Winkowski

CALL TO ORDER 12:00 pm EST (Quorum)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Michael Hamann - Committee Chair
- Mikaela Bagley – Coach **(Absent)**
- Rhi Jeffrey - Coach
- Marci Callan - Coach
- Alexis Mendenhall - Coach
- Ian Murray - Coach **(Absent)**
- Amy Parrato - Coach
- John Bruenning - Coach **(Absent)**
- Jake Mitchell - Athlete
- Violet Schwartz - Athlete
- Sara Mendoza - Athlete
- Angelina MacLeod – Athlete
- David Berkoff - SRDC Rep
- Michael Lawerance - CAC Rep
- Beth Winkowski - Staff
- Mariah Carnahan - Staff

Guests: Paris Jacobs; Derek Paul; Logan Englestad; Mike Novell; Will Ledbetter; Aidan Amora; Tommy Rockwed

MISSION STATEMENT

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

RESPONSIBILITIES

To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age group programs.
To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age group swimming.
To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.
To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.
To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.
To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.
To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

No conflicts of interest were reported.

Guest athletes gave presentation on ideas that came out of Zone Athlete Leadership Summit in June.

AGE GROUP DEEP DIVE UPDATE – Age Group Deep Dive will skip August and start again in September. Will schedule for Tuesday after LSC Leaders call

AGE GROUP EXCELLENCE UPDATE – Education plan discussed. Will meet with Team Services, CAC, ZDC, Club Development, LSC Leaders Call. Will put an article in August Coach Connection. Will provide presentation during Age Group development Committee meeting at Summit. Joel Shinofield is working on a direct email to coaches via Comms. Ty and Patrick have a plan for the website.

NEW PROJECT IDEAS

- VCC needs to be reevaluated for potential addition of 50's. Michael H, Sarah M, Alexis M, Rhi J

OPEN FLOOR

LSC Task Force presented to committee.

USA SWIMMING SUMMIT ATTENDEES

- Will be revisited with Michael

PLANNED MEETING SCHEDULE

- August- Off, unless needed
- September in person at Summit

ADJOURNMENT 1:03pm