

Utah Swimming Age Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2025

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Chair: Dennis Tesch

Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Tesch, who welcomed attendees and acknowledged the committee's extended hiatus of approximately six to eight months.

2. Attendance

Present: Dennis Tesch, Nate Gailey, Gadi Shamah, Cori Meyette, Mark Shevyd and other committee members.

Absent: None

3. Overview and Purpose

Dennis Tesch led a discussion on revitalizing the Age Group Committee, emphasizing the need to clarify its purpose, goals, and direction. Despite the lapse in meetings, age group operations have continued smoothly. Dennis proposed reestablishing a consistent meeting cadence and strengthening collaboration within the LSC (Local Swimming Committee).

4. Committee Meetings

- Monthly meetings will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesdays beginning in September, continuing through November.
- A face-to-face meeting is planned for a Saturday evening later in the fall to set long-term goals and direction.

5. Beehive Invitational Scheduling

Discussion centered on the Beehive Finale and whether it should function as a last-chance qualifying meet or an end-of-season event. Consensus leaned toward flexibility, with final determination based on meet scheduling and athlete needs.

Dennis will send out bid invitations for both the short course (SCY) and long course (LCM) Beehive meets. The committee discussed possibly moving the Beehive Finale to the first week of August to improve alignment with other events.

6. Communication and Representation

Members agreed there is a strong need for improved communication across the LSC, particularly involving smaller teams and age group coaches. A subcommittee will be formed to focus on communication and engagement strategies.

The committee also discussed adding athlete representatives, one senior athlete and one younger athlete, with a rotating system to ensure continuity.

7. Championship and Time Standards

The committee will coordinate with the Championship Committee to explore moving the UTAGS meet to the last week of July. A review of 50-meter and 50-yard time standards for the 13–14 age group was requested to ensure fairness and consistency.

8. Additional Topics

Discussion included the importance of clear committee roles, creative age group programming, and increasing participation across the state. The group highlighted the need for fun, developmental meets to maintain engagement among younger swimmers.

9. Action Items

Action Item	Responsible Party	Deadline
Send out Beehive meet bid invitations	Dennis Tesch	End of week
Schedule monthly Age Group Committee meetings (8 PM Wednesdays)	Dennis Tesch	Before September
Discuss UTAGS meet timing with Championship Committee	Dennis Tesch	Next meeting
Establish subcommittee on LSC communication	Committee Members	Ongoing
Identify senior and younger athlete reps	Committee Members	Before next meeting
Address 50 event time standards with Championship Committee	Dennis Tesch	Next meeting

10. Adjournment

Meeting concluded with agreement to continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting and to build momentum toward a more active, collaborative committee.

Minutes submitted by: Dennis Tesch

Date submitted: Oct 8, 2025