

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

Attendance:

Officers and Committee Chairs:

Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Newsletter, Long Distance), Bruce Williams (Registrar), Stacey Eicks (Top Ten Recorder), Herb Schwab (Officials), Nicole Christensen (Webmaster, Zone Chair)

Team Representatives: Carolyn Boak (WMST), Tom Boak (WMST),

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

MSA for approval of the minutes from the Gulf LMSC meeting of January 22, 2020.

Officers' Reports

Officers submitted written reports prior to the conference meeting. A summary of those reports is attached to the minutes.

- Chairwoman (Kris Wingenroth)
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford)
- Secretary (Karlene Denby)
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn)
- Membership Coordinator/Registrar (Bruce Williams)

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs submitted written reports prior to the conference meeting. A summary of those reports is attached to the minutes.

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford)
- Top Ten Recorder (Stacey Eicks)
- Communications (Karlene Denby)
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen)
- Coaches (Bruce Rollins)
- Fitness (Rebecca Tompkins)
- Officials (Herb Schwab)
- Open Water (Karlene Denby)
- South Central Zone (Nicole Christensen)

Congratulation to Kris Wingenroth on being nominated for a position on the USMS Board of Directors.

Old Business

- The cost to the Gulf LMSC for the Zone meet entry fees that were refunded to the swimmers, due to meet cancellation, was \$441.75 (Club Assistant fees). The Gulf intends to absorb this expense, rather than ask for assistance from the other LMSCs.
- Linda Visser has volunteered to be our new Membership Coordinator, and will be transitioning into the position in the fall.

New Business

- USMS Board of Directors suggested policies
 - Waive all sanction fees for the remainder of 2020. (Gulf LMSC does not charge sanction fees.)
 - Waive registration fees for the remainder of 2020. (Starting June 1, \$60 fee will cover 2020 and 2021 USMS dues.) MSA to approve waiving registration fees for the remainder of 2020.
- Select delegates for the virtual USMS convention to be held Sept. 24-26. MSA to select Stacey Eicks, Herb Schwab, and Kevin Lunsford as delegates to the convention, with Mark Hahn as the alternate delegate.
- Emmett Hines Award nominees: Kris is looking for nominations in addition to those received in 2019. Carolyn and Tom have a worthy candidate in mind for the award and will submit a nomination.
- Potential Rules or Legislation Proposals:
 - A Legislation Subcommittee is evaluating a change of the transfer period from the current 60 days to 30-35 days, or even 0 days. MSA for a resolution from the Gulf LMSC to keep the transfer period at 60 days.
 - Carolyn said that the Rules Committee is considering a new rule in which swimmers that enter an event at USMS National Championships with a NQT and swim a time that is far slower than the NQT would need to provide proof that they have met the time in the previous two years (by either event results or a time trial verified by their coach). If there is no proof, the Championship Committee could void the swim and any results or awards. This idea is only in the proposal stage and has not yet been approved by the Rules Committee.
- Ways in which the Gulf LMSC can best help our members, coaches and clubs: Are coaches and clubs in distress due to the closure of facilities? Tom reported that the USMS Board of Directors is considering a proposal to provide \$10/member (Gold Status USMS Clubs), and \$5/member (other USMS Clubs) to assist said clubs and coaches due to the coronavirus crisis. It was also pointed out that swimmers may not be able to afford USMS dues, monthly club dues, or entry fees because of job loss and loss of income. A subcommittee composed of Tom, Carolyn, Stacey, and Nicole will look into ways to assist our members and will report back with their suggestions at the next meeting.
- LC Zones – Nicole believes that the LC Zone Championship may be cancelled due to coronavirus, especially since the meet is being held in a school district facility. In order to be proactive, Nicole would like to start working on some potential alternatives such as a different venue or a virtual Zone Championship. Nicole reported that Governor Abbott will allow the reopening of pools on Friday, May 8 and that Dad's Club will be reopening on Saturday, May 9.
- Nicole wants input on the Zone website. Please look at the website and provide feedback to Nicole.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (virtually)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary

2020 GULF LMSC COMPETITION & EVENTS SCHEDULE

Go to <https://www.gulfmastersswim.org/GMS/meets.cfm> for event information and registration links. This page is updated frequently as new information is received.

SHORT COURSE YARDS (all events are pending due to coronavirus)

- Saturday, August 22, 2020: MAC Against Cancer, SAA Charity Pool Swim, Houston, TX
- June TBD: USMS Try Masters Swimming Week

LONG COURSE METERS (all events are pending due to coronavirus)

- May 15 – Sept. 15, 2020: USMS 5K/10K ePostal National Championships
- June 17 – 27, 2020: UANA Pan Am Masters Championships, Medellin, Colombia
- Sunday, June 28, 2020: Graham Johnston Invitational, Dad's Club
- Saturday, July 11, 2020: WMST long course meet, Conroe ISD Natatorium, Shenandoah, TX
- July 15 – July 31, 2020: SmartyPants Vitamins USMS Summer Fitness Challenge (2K swim)
- Fri. – Sun., July 24-26, 2020: South Central Zone Long Course Zone Championship Meet, Walker Pool, San Antonio, TX
- Wed. – Sun., August 12 – 16, 2020: USMS Summer Nationals, Richmond, VA

Officer reports for the Gulf LMSC meeting 5/6/2020 (phone conference call)

Chairwoman's Report (Kris Wingenroth):

I have been working on updating the Dual Sanction and Sanction sections of the USMS Guide to Local Operations. These are complete except for updating the Meet Manager tutorials that go along with the documents. Onshalee and Mary Beth Windrath will work together to get the tutorials updated. I also created a meet entry checklist that lists all the required information that must be on a meet announcement for a USMS sanctioned event. This has also been posted in the Guide to Local Operations. I have turned in my election packet to the USMS Election Committee to run for the South Central Zone Director position on the USMS Board of Directors. Nicole and I reviewed the website for information that needed updating. Nicole and I reviewed the bid packet that College Station was preparing for USMS Nationals in 2022 but they have withdrawn their bid because the high rental cost of the A & M natatorium makes it cost ineffective.

Vice Chair's Report (Kevin Lunsford):

Reviewing communications with regards to the LMSC Standards Survey.

Secretary's Report (Karlene Denby):

Minutes from the annual meeting were submitted to the National Office on February 22, 2020, with receipt confirmed on February 26, 2020.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Hahn):

Please see the attached for the **2020 Gulf Cash Flow** for the year through April 30th. I am only sending the 2020 Cash Flow statement which has the Gulf up in funds \$6,593.88 for the year. All Gulf expenses are currently paid at this time. Limited financial information is being sent due to this being a "zoom" meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and not being able to control the data being sent out.

We have had (5) **Gulf's First Meet Free** participants to date at a cost of **\$200**. We had to refund Club Assistant **\$441.75** due to the 2020 SC Zone meet at UH being cancelled with USMS ending all competitions due to the Coved-19 virus. There were two individual SC Zone refunds that were paid directly to the swimmer (**\$110**). We made a quarterly payment to Club Assistant for website support (**\$180**).

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
If anyone is wanting to receive a complete accounting, please let me know.
The financial information will be sent by regular mail to help keep sensitive financial data secure.

Membership Coordinator's Report (Bruce Williams):

Membership: 4/30/2020: 837 (444 Men, 393 Women)
End of yr 2019: 1202 (630 Men, 572 Women)

Clubs: 4/30/2020: 25
End of yr 2019: 31
Coaches: 4/30/2020: 76
End of yr 2019: 117

Chair reports for the Gulf LMSC meeting 5/6/2020 (phone conference call)

Sanctions Chair's Report (Kevin Lunsford):

Assisting Kris with information regarding David Guthrie's Sanction Request.

As advised by USMS, marking Sanctioned events as cancelled as information has been received.

Top Ten Chair's Report (Stacey Eicks): (abbreviated)

Last Updated: 4 May 2020					Record Requests	
Current Season	Course	Meet Date	Meet Desc	Members	WORLD	USMS
2019	SCM	11/9/2019 - 11/10/2019	Sabine Weiser November Classic	105	1	4
2020	SCY	1/11/2020	2020 Jesse Coon Memorial	25	0	0
2020	SCY	1/10/2020	January UofH Meet (USA Meet)	1	0	0
2020	LCM	1/10/2020	January UofH Meet (USA Meet)	1	0	2
2020	SCY	2/15/2020	Sweetheart Swim 2020	92	0	0
2020	SCY	3/8/2020	March Madness	101	0	0
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Top Ten File Submits

2019 Short Course Meters Top 10 file to National Swims Administrator

Submitted

13-Jan

2020 Short Course Yards Top 10 file to National Swims Administrator

2020 Long Course Meters Top 10 file to National Swims Administrator

Communication/Newsletter Chair's Report (Karlene Denby):

The Spring 2020 edition of the Gulf Newsletter was completed and submitted to Nicole on April 11 and she posted it on the Gulf website a few days later. Several topics were COVID-19 specific. The nutrition article was about immunity boosting foods. The newsletter contained both a dryland workout and a yoga workout in place of the usual swim workout. Other topics included announcement of the suspension of Gulf Swim University until pools reopen, a rescheduled date (August 22) for the MAC Against Cancer SAA Pool Swim, solicitation of nominations for the 2020 Emmett Hines award, SCM top ten listings, and announcement of the 2019 All Americans, All Stars and All World swimmers from the Gulf.

The next issue of the Gulf newsletter is scheduled to be published in July or August, assuming that there is sufficient content to include in a Summer 2020 edition.

Webmaster's Report (Nicole Christensen):

Some minor updates and postings have been completed. I have been trying to mark swim meets as cancelled or postponed as I get definite word from the meet hosts. I am not simply marking all meets as cancelled or postponed without hearing from someone as my assumption may be incorrect.

As always, I encourage feedback, requests and complaints even.

To improve the site, we may want to update it to a more modern look. Here is a new site that has some elements we may want to include. It also has a fresh look.

<https://www.comsa.org/>

I am not sure how our current site works on everyone's mobile device. Please let me know what, if any, problems that any of you have had with our site.

Feel free to give me your thoughts.

Coaches Chair's Report (Bruce Rollins): no report**Fitness Chair's Report (Rebecca Tompkins):**

The Swim University has been suspended until the pools reopen.

Officials Chair's Report (Herb Schwab): no report**Open Water Chair's Report (Karlene Denby):**

Due to COVID-19, the SAA Open Water Charity Swim (April 18) has been postponed, and the Rice Open Water Swim Carnival (May 9) has been cancelled. There have been several conference calls with the SAA National Office. At this time, there are no firm plans to reschedule the OW swim. Once states reopen and the course of the virus is better determined, SAA will be able to make some decisions regarding the date and format of the rescheduled event.

South Central Zone Chair's Report (Nicole Christensen):

The SC meet was cancelled but for now the LC meet is still on. I have spoken to Susan Ingraham who tells me that the school district has not looked at cancelling usage of the pools during the summer.

However, that being said, in the current environment I think we need to be aware that this may happen. Within the last week, USAS LSCs have begun cancelling their entire long course season including the Gulf. We know that schools are closed for this school year. We do not know how each school district will handle reopening.

Additionally, we do not know, even if the pool does not cancel, if swimmers will be ready to enter a meet or not.

I have asked Susan to let me know ASAP about any news developments that may come up with NISD and the LC Zones Champs meet.

I have reached out to the other LMSC leaders. They all are trying to stay positive and just waiting to be able to swim.

Many groups have been trying to engage their clubs with dryland workouts. Oklahoma YMCA's are reopening this week with restrictions in place. It looks like the majority of the pools around the area will start the reopening process sometime during the month of May.

I have also started a draft Zone Web site. I have the month of May to work on the platform and the Zone can decide to move forwards or not with it. On the current platform, if we go forwards, it will cost \$10 per month.

Graham Johnston Invitational

I am waiting to hear from the Dads Club whether this meet will be allowed to occur on June 28th. If USMS does not send out a message asking everyone to cancel any competitions in June and Dads Club allows the meet to happen, my plan is to go forwards with the swim meet. I have closed entries waiting for further word.