

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday May 25, 2022
Via Zoom Conference Call

Kris welcomed all attendees.

Attendance

Officers and Committee Chairs: Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Communications Chair, Fitness Chair), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Linda Visser (Membership Coordinator), Stacey Eicks (Coaches Chair), Andreas Lorenz (Long Distance Chair), Nicole Christensen (Gulf Webmaster, South Central Zone Chair), Herb Schwab (Officials Chair)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The April 13, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by an email vote on April 18, 2022, and they were posted to the Gulf LMSC website shortly after being approved.

Officers' Reports

- Chairwoman (Kris Wingenroth): Updated Gulf By-Laws were sent to the USMS website for posting. There were three "First Meet Free" requests processed for the Lake Longhorn Open Water Swim, two of which were approved. One of the three requests was denied as it was not the requester's first meet.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford): Not present. No report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby): No report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn): Current financial status: \$42,110.11 in the bank, \$30,495.36 in CDs for a total of \$72,437.29. There has been very little financial activity since the last meeting.
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser): There were a few members added since the last meeting. There has been nothing out of the ordinary. There was very little positive impact on membership from the Spring Nationals being held in San Antonio. Currently, 2022 membership is ahead of the 2021 membership.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford): Not present. There have been no additional sanction requests since our last meeting.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield): Not present. No report.
- Communications (Karlene Denby): The spring newsletter was completed and provided to members in early May. The summer newsletter will be published in August and will include a workout, a nutrition article, the SCY Top Ten results, a USMS Summer Nationals recap, a Gulf Swim University social article, a report on the Gulf delegates to the USMS National Convention, and upcoming USMS virtual championships and fitness events.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen): Nicole would like to have feedback on what people like or don't like about the website. She has worked to make it mobile friendly, so that it works well on a phone or a tablet. All items will reduce in size on the phone or tablet, rather than disappearing.

- Coaches (Stacey Eicks): The Josh Davis Clinic will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting. Stacey is contemplating holding some mini-clinics at local Masters workouts. Currently, she is awaiting the level of interest in the Josh Davis Clinic prior to holding mini-clinics. Nicole believes the two types of clinics are quite different, and that Stacey should go ahead with the mini-clinics. Stacey will send an email to the Gulf coaches to gauge interest in having a mini-clinic held at their workouts.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby): The Gulf Swim University social was held at Fuzzy's Pizza on May 22nd. Twenty Gulf swimmers attended. The participation awards (a duffel bag) were distributed to those in attendance. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to socialize. Almost all duffel bags have been distributed by mailing, delivery to teammates, or hand delivery.
- Officials (Herb Schwab): Herb said that USMS Spring Nationals had minimal problems and ran very smoothly. There were some issues with Club Assistant missing some long-distance event check-in and relays being incorrectly entered. Herb will be officiating at the Graham Johnston Invitational meet on June 5. The National Senior Games meet in Ft. Lauderdale had frequent weather delays. The facility had no lighting to run events past sunset which caused some events to be delayed to the following day. The weather resulted in a chaotic meet.
- Open Water (Andreas Lorenz): Andreas expressed thanks to Seth Huston and Nicole for helping organize, promote, and run the Lake Longhorn open water swim. There were about 65 entrants. Andreas is offering an Open Water Introduction Clinic on June 11 at Lake Longhorn. The event is limited to 12 participants. There will be a very low swimmer-to-mentor ratio during the swim. That will allow the open water novices to have a positive, comfortable experience and help allay any apprehension about swimming in open water.
- Diversity and Inclusion (Anna Bass): Not present. Kris will discuss the ALTS initiatives during the budget discussion.

South Central Zone Report – Nicole Christensen

- South Central Zone Open Water Swim Series:
 - Lake Longhorn Swim (May 15): Entries exceed expectations. Seth needed a minimum of 40 entrants to break even and hoped for 60. The final entrant count was 63.
 - Gatormania in Boerne, TX (June 5): Currently there are 48 registered swimmers.
 - Arkansas OZ Swim (September 25): This event is not using Club Assistant. Therefore, the only way Nicole can get updated registration numbers is by communicating directly with the race director, Bonnie Adams.
 - Upon completion of the Lake Longhorn Swim, Nicole has posted the series leaderboard on the South Central Zone website. The leaderboard will be updated after the Gatormania Swim on June 5.
- Long Course Zone Championship Meet: If no meet is held in 2022, this will be the third year without a LC Zone Championship meet. Although there have been ongoing efforts to nail down a meet since November 2021, high pool rental fees, a lack of available suitable facilities, and a lack of experienced meet hosts have made this impossible. Stacey and Alana Wilson (WMST) tried to secure the Conroe ISD Natatorium, but availability was limited to a single day. Nicole has been in discussion with Seth Huston at Rice. If the meet was held at Rice, there would be six competition lanes, one buffer lane, and one warmup/cooldown lane. A discussion ensued about the viability of organizing and advertising a meet at such late notice. There were concerns about sufficient attendance to make the meet break even. Nicole followed up our meeting with an email on Thursday, May 26 advising that after discussion with Seth about costs and volunteer requirements as well as looking realistically at the number of swimmers that might

attend a late July outdoor swim meet, the decision has been made to not pursue this option. Nicole will instead concentrate on a 2023 LC Zone Championship meet.

Unfinished Business

- Update on the “team dividends” proposal: (Stacey Eicks): Stacey stated that there is a potential conflict of interest with her spearheading this proposal as the team she represents and coaches (WMST) would be the largest beneficiary of the proposal. Stacey has no personal conflict of interest. There is already money in the 2022 budget to fund the team dividend initiative for this registration year. Stacey went over the Powerpoint presentation which is attached to the meeting minutes. A lively discussion ensued over ways to distribute the funds among the teams. A concern was also expressed on the level of impact this initiative would have on 2022 registration since the LMSC is already at about 80% of the total anticipated 2022 registration. **A decision was made to table the proposal for further discussion.** It was suggested that the initiative be fine-tuned over the coming months via on-line discussions and meetings. The initiative would then be announced to the teams and swimmers prior to the start of the 2023 registration year, which begins on November 1, 2022.
- Update on an ALTS proposal (from Anna Bass, presented by Kris): Anna is hoping to receive approval this week to use an HISD pool for ALTS classes. There are no costs associated with use of the pool. Anna says she can handle up to 10-12 adults. She has already thought of some potential venues, such as a local recreation center, to recruit participants. Anna would like to be able to provide caps and goggles to the participants. She is looking at holding the classes in July. Anna says that she is normally paid \$35/hour to do classes. She may have a potential volunteer to assist her. The Gulf leadership expressed concerns about paying Anna to hold ALTS classes, as it would set a precedent for other members in leadership positions being compensated for what are normally volunteer duties. **Followup: The LMSC approved paying for caps and goggles for the ALTS program participants by an email vote on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Additionally, the LMSC approved paying a stipend of \$100 per week (\$300 for the three-week program) for the recruitment of registrants and implementation of the ALTS program by an email vote on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.**
- **MSA - Approval of the 2022 budget as presented.** The 2022 budget is attached to the meeting minutes.

New Business

- The LMSC is actively searching for a volunteer to handle our social media accounts.
- **The Josh Davis swim clinic was approved by an email vote.** The clinic will be held on June 26, 2022 at the Rice University pool with slots for up to 60 participants. To date, there are 14 swimmers registered. Two people outside of the Gulf LMSC asked to be put on a wait list. Non-Gulf swimmers, if slots are available, will pay more for the clinic, and they realize that they won't be notified of any openings until right before the clinic date.
- USMS is holding Zoom meetings with the Zone and LMSC Chairs (and any interested parties). The purpose of the meetings is to review the strategic plan and to answer questions about it. This is an opportunity to share with the USMS Board your thoughts. There will be an informational presentation on Tuesday, May 31 (approximately 30 minutes in length) to explain the strategic plan. The informational presentation must be attended or viewed in order to be involved in the follow-up discussions which will be held Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. CDT.
- The USMS annual meeting will be held at the Westin Denver International Airport hotel on September 16-18. There is also an option to attend the meeting virtually. The Gulf LMSC is allotted three slots for the meeting. Kris and Nicole are automatic delegates and do not count

towards the three slots. USMS pays hotel costs (1/2 room) and will make the hotel reservations. Gulf pays for the registration fee (\$250), airfare, parking, and meals. Kris & Nicole's transportation, room and (presumably) registration fees are paid by USMS. **MSA – Approval of Stacey as a delegate to the annual meeting.** Anna Bass, Kyra Wakefield, and Alana Wilson are also potential delegates. We need to try to settle the selection of convention delegates prior to June 9th. **Followup: Anna Bass and Alana Wilson were approved as Gulf delegates to the 2022 USMS Convention by an email vote on Saturday, June 4, 2022.**

Upcoming Events

June 5, 2022: Graham Johnston Invitational (LCM), Dads Club
June 5, 2022: Gatormania Open Water Swims (1500 yds./3000 yds.), Lake Boerne, Boerne, TX
June 11, 2022: Open Water Introduction Clinic, Lake Longhorn, League City, TX
June 26, 2022: Josh Davis Swim Clinic, Rice University, Houston, TX
July 21-28, 2022: UANA Pan American Masters Championships (LCM), Medellin, Columbia
August 3 - 7, 2022: USMS Summer National Championships (LCM), Richmond, VA
September 16-18, 2022: USMS Annual Meeting, Westin Denver International Airport, Denver, CO
September 25, 2022: Walmart OZ Open Water Swims (1 mi./2 mi./3 mi.), Beaver Lake Dam, Bentonville, AR

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary



Gulf Budget revised
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