

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

APPROVED 11/5/2022

Meeting via Zoom

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), Kyra Wakefield (Top Ten), Anna Bass (Diversity), Herb Schwab (Officials)

Other Attendees: Alana Wilson (WMST), Patrick Harrington (MACA), Jill Gellatly

All meeting attendees, except Jill Gellatly (not yet registered in the Gulf LMSC), are certified eligible to vote.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The October 5, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by an email vote on October 13, 2022, and they have been posted to the Gulf LMSC website.

Officers' Reports

- Chair (Kris Wingenroth): Stacey, Patrick and Kris are working on a coaches' survey to gather team information needed for the team dividend program and to gauge interest in professional development opportunities.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford): Not present. No report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby): No report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn): No report.
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser): No report.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford): Not present. No report.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield): No report.
- Communications (Karlene Denby): No report.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen): No report.
- Coaches (Stacey Eicks): No report.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby): No report.
- Officials (Herb Schwab): No report.
- Open Water (Andreas Lorenz): No report.
- Diversity and Inclusion (Anna Bass): The pool for ALTS classes is still undergoing repairs (heater issues). The heater has been repaired but currently the water temperature is too cold to

hold learn to swim classes. It is anticipated that the pool will be reopened in the next one or two weeks. When that occurs, there are approximately ten ALTS participants ready to start lessons. Anna is still recruiting more swimmers for the ALTS program and would eventually like to have a Masters team organized at the pool.

- Social Media (Claire Parker): Not present. No report.

South Central Zone Report – Nicole Christensen (Zone Chair)

- The Lake Longhorn open water swim is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023.
- Registration for the South Central Zone SCY Championship meet in Lewisville, TX should be opened next week.

Unfinished Business

- The Gulf LMSC Annual Meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Dad's Club has been announced on the Gulf website and via email, and the slate of officers has been posted.
 - Chairman: Nicole Christensen
 - Vice Chairman: Stacey Eicks
 - Secretary: Kris Wingenroth
 - Treasurer: Karlene Denby
 - Membership Coordinator: Linda Visser (This position will be removed from the slate of officers if the proposed by-law change is passed later in this meeting.)
- The annual "Tanksgiving" Day Swim will be held on Thursday, November 24, 2022 at Dad's Club. The facility gates will open at 9 a.m. and will close at 11 a.m. The event announcement has been made on social media.
- ACTION ITEM: Vote to amend the by-laws in order to move the Membership Coordinator from an elected officer position to a standing committee chairman position. The effect of change is to make the Membership Coordinator an appointed position, rather than an elected position, which removes the term limits for this position. The position remains a Board of Directors position. This proposal was presented at the October 5, 2022 meeting, and it was posted on the Gulf website for member review. The by-law revision is attached to the minutes. **This proposal was made and seconded at the October 5, 2022 meeting. On today's vote, it passed unanimously.**
- ACTION ITEM: Code of Conduct for Clubs – The document has been revised by Stacey Eicks and Carolyn Boak. The final version was sent out to attendees prior to today's meeting for review, and it is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by Karlene to accept the document as written and that it be disseminated to the coaches and teams and be posted on the Gulf website. The motion was seconded by Nicole. **The proposal passed unanimously.**
- Holding a Coach's clinic in the Gulf. A coaches' survey is currently being prepared to gather information to help gauge interest and timing for a clinic (among other information). The Chair recommends discussion of this proposal, after survey results are gathered.

New Business

- Survey Monkey subscription renewal – The monthly fee for Survey Monkey is increasing from \$5/month plus tax to \$25/month plus tax. We are currently renewing it on a month-by-month basis. After discussion, it was decided to continue the subscription until the coaches' survey is completed and to then drop the subscription.
- ACTION ITEM: Jill Gellatly, Coach of the Texas A&M College Club team, presented a proposal for the Gulf LMSC to pay the \$25 "bridge" fee for a maximum of 20 college club swimmers for the 2023 registration year. (Maximum cost is \$500). The bridge fee allows College Club

swimmers to swim in USMS meets and to workout with USMS teams. To receive the \$25 “bridge” reimbursement, each swimmer must be registered with a Gulf LMSC College Club team and enter a Gulf LMSC Masters meet. Currently, there is only one College Club team (Texas A&M) in the Gulf LMSC. Jill’s full proposal is attached to the meeting minutes. Nicole stated that she strongly supports the proposal as a means to build future membership. She noted that our LMSC is the only one within the South Central Zone that has experienced drops in both membership and event participation. **The proposal to pay the \$25 bridge fee up to a maximum of 20 swimmers (\$500) was motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.**

- ACTION ITEM: Proposal to make the following updates to our policies (highlighted) to match the current USMS rule book.

Grounds for Grievances

Any individual member of the Gulf LMSC and/or any Club member of the Gulf LMSC may bring a complaint on any matter for which grievances may be heard under the Rules of USMS Article 4. Specifically, complaints may be brought alleging unsporting conduct, defined in Article 402 as:

- a. Violation of the opportunity to participate, as set forth in Article 4.
- b. Discrimination in violation of Article 5 of the Rules of USMS.
- c. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USMS related activity.
- d. Any **intentional** nonconsensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed toward **members, volunteers, staff, or bystanders meet personnel**, in connection with a USMS event.
- e. Any act, conduct or omission that is detrimental to the image or reputation of USMS, an LMSC, or the sport of swimming.
- f. **Any form of harassment, hazing, or bullying.**
- g. **Aiding or abetting another to engage in any of the foregoing violations.**

The policy update was motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- Ideas to publicize the upcoming Annual Meeting – As in previous years, the meeting will be publicized in the November newsletter, on social media, on the Gulf website, and by email. Additionally, it was suggested that word of mouth to other swimmers and teammates would be helpful. Nicoles plans to have a “Save the Date” card available for distribution at the upcoming November Classic SCM meet. The meeting format will be similar to last year in which the Board of Directors are introduced and each one explains their role. There will be minimal business conducted except for the voting for new officers. There will be ample time for Q&A, suggestions from attendees for future initiatives, and socializing.

Upcoming Swims and Events

Events

November 1, 2022 2023 USMS member registration began.
February 18, 2023 USMS Coaching Certification Classes, Dallas, TX

Pool Meets

November 12-13, 2022 Sabine Weiser November Classic SCM Meet, Conroe ISD Natatorium, Shenandoah, TX
February 11, 2023 Sweetheart Swim SCY Meet, WW Emmons Natatorium, Houston, TX
March 5, 2023 Rice March Madness SCY Meet, Rice University, Houston, TX
March 31-April 2, 2023 South Central Zone SCY Championships, Lewisville ISD Westside Natatorium, Lewisville, TX
April 27-30, 2023 USMS Spring Nationals (SCY), Irvine, CA
June 4, 2023 (tentative) Graham Johnston Invitational LCM Meet, Dad's Club, Houston, TX
July 22-23, 2023 South Central Zone LCM Championships, Walker Pool at Blossom Aquatic Center, San Antonio, TX
August 2-6, 2023 USMS Summer Nationals (LCM), Sarasota, FL
August 2-11, 2023 FINA World Masters Championships, Kyushu, Japan

Open Water Swims

April 15, 2023 Lake Longhorn Open Water Swim, League City, TX
Early June 2023 Gatormania Open Water Swims, Bourne, TX
September 24, 2023 OZ Open Water Swims, Beaver Lake Dam, Arkansas

Next Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled on Saturday December 3, 2022, 2:30-4:30 p.m., at Dad's Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary



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