

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Dad's Club

Attendance:

Kris Wingenroth (Vice-President, Sanctions), Kevin Lunsford (Secretary), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Bruce Williams (Registrar), Karlene Denby (Newsletter), Nicole Rembach (Communications), Tom Boak, Carolyn Boak, Jackie Busa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. at Dad's Club. MSA for the minutes from Gulf LMSC Meeting Minutes on March 21, 2018.

Officer Reports

- Chairman (Bruce Rollins): Not Present
- Vice-President Sanctions (Kris Wingenroth):

Summer Sizzler Meet is not being held this year. South Central Zone Meet – Long Course will be held on July 6-8, 2018. There are 137 swimmers who have already registered and taken advantage of the early registration discount signups. Nicole is in the process of getting the awards.

- Treasurer (Mark Hahn):

As of April 30, 2018, the ending cash balance was \$27,436.12 along with 3 certificates of deposits for a total of \$57,436.12.

- Secretary (Kevin Lunsford):

Submitted Annual Minutes to National USMS

- Registrar (Bruce Williams):

Six Houston area swimmers took advantage of the Harvey Grants. As of May 23, 2018, there are 30 clubs with a total of 1,087 swimmers registered. There is new club registered - Lake Jackson Aquatics Club (LJAC). The Gulf LMSC is down about 170 registered swimmers from last year. This is about an 11% decrease. There was a discussion about why the registrations are down this year, ranging from Harvey, the cost of membership, the lack of Open Water events or a decrease in pool events. This is a national trend.

- Top Ten Recorder (Stacy Eicks not present): No report
- Officials (Herb Schwab not present): No report
- Website Newsletter (Nicole Rembach, Karlene Denby):

The spring newsletter is available on-line Nice Job, Karlene! Please send Karlene any new ideas and topics. Send information to Nicole to post on the Website.

- Coaches/Fitness (Robin Tompkins not Present):

Old Business

Convention participants for Jacksonville, Sept. 26 – 30, 2018

Automatic delegates: Tom Boak, Carolyn Boak, Bruce Rollins, Kris Wingenroth approved

Other committee attendees: Stacey Eicks approved

Potential Gulf LMSC representatives:

We have a total of 4 delegates, so we can select 3 more.

MSA for Nicole Rembach, Robin Tomkins, and Elaine Rollins to be added as delegates for USMS Convention. Gulf LMSC will pay travel expenses, one-half of the cost of the hotel room and a per diem.

Dates and location for the National Convention are scheduled through 2021. There are two bids for the 2019 Short Course Zone Meet which will be decided at the convention.

There was a discussion about promoting attendance at LMCS meetings: We should be certain that our emailed notices include coaches and team representatives. Bruce Williams is going to produce a mailing list of coaches, team representatives and officers.

Tom Boak was named to the board of directors of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

New Business

Nominating Committee: 2018 is an election year for the positions of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar Elections will be held at the Annual meeting in November/December. We must appoint a committee of no less than three people to select nominees for officer positions. The chairs of the following standing committees are appointed by the President: Sanctions, Coaches, Officials, Top 10, Communications/Webmaster, Open Water, and Fitness.

The nominating committee will be comprised of Kris Wingenroth, Nicole Rembach and Karlene Denby.

We are required by USMS to add an Open Water Committee. We have also elected to add a Fitness Committee to our standing committees (this requires a by-law change). A description of the chair positions for these committees was crafted at this meeting and will be presented for a vote at the next meeting. Since it is a by-law change, it must be announced 15 days in advance of the meeting.

MSA for description of Open Water Chair and Fitness Chairs to be recommended and voted on at the next meeting to amend the Gulf LMSC Bylaws

6. Long Distance/Open Water Chair – The long distance/open water chair (LDOW chair) may name a committee as desired or needed. The LDOW chair shall work in coordination with event directors to ensure the safety and success of Gulf LMSC long distance and open water events. The chair shall review and evaluate sanction and recognition applications for long distance or open water events held in the Gulf jurisdiction. After approving such an application, the LDOW chair shall ensure that the sanction application is forwarded to the USMS National Office for approval of the safety plan. The LDOW chair shall keep a list of Gulf area USMS certified Safety Directors and Referees.

7. Fitness Chair – The fitness chair may name a committee as desired or needed. The fitness chair shall promote the fitness, health, and lifestyle benefits of Masters Swimming. The fitness chair shall help develop and promote programs designed to benefit those members that are interested in the health and fitness benefits of Masters Swimming.

USMS Promotions for Coaches/Teams Try Masters Swimming Week is June 1 – 10 and the July Fitness Challenge (2000 swim in any manner including relay, fins, broken, etc.)

Jackie gave a brief presentation about African Water Safety Outreach – October 2018 in Gambia. They are seeking volunteers and donations. (Resources could be - life jackets, kick boards, swimwear, goggles, caps, any written material, noodles etc.) There was a favorable response to possibly help.

Ongoing Discussion of Topics

Swim Across America Cancer Fundraiser Open Water Swim – May 4, 2019 – Karlene
This is not a USMS event but we can gain experience and contacts for running an open water event. SAA is seeking leadership volunteers (event management and marketing/fund raising are the two major branches). Many volunteers will be needed on event day also. They also hope we will promote participation which requires a \$400 donation. SAA representatives will be returning to Houston on June 14 for a site visit and another meeting. They are seeking volunteers to assist at the event.

USMS Club Finder: Check it out on the USMS.org site

Emmett Hines Award:

Mark Hahn and Kris Wingenroth are working on this. The Emmett Hines Award should be an annual award given to a deserving Gulf LMSC coach. It is proposed that teams will nominate coaches for the award. Karlene and Jackie will help create an application. No progress has been made on this yet.

Promoting Coaches Development and Involvement:

A committee was formed to work on how to use the approved \$3,000 funds: Mark Hahn, Steve White, Kris Wingenroth, Karlene Denby. No progress has been made on this yet but everyone was reminded that the coaches are important, and we need to find ways to engage them in our governance and the USMS programs. Everyone was asked to be thinking about this topic.

Promoting Meet Attendance to Rookie Swimmers:

There was further discussion about assisting rookie swimmers at local meets.

Calendar

Gulf Masters Swim Meet Dates:

July 6-8, 2018	Zone LCM Championship Meet Texas A&M	College Station, TX
July 28-Aug 4, 2018	Pan AM Meet	Orlando Florida
Sweet Heart Meet	February 16, 2019	Houston, TX

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Dad's Club

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.