

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

APPROVED 3/20/21

Attendance:

Officers and Committee Chairs: Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Newsletter, Long Distance), Linda Visser (Membership Coordinator), Nicole Christensen (Webmaster, Zone Chair), Herb Schwab (Officials), Kyra Wakefield (Top Ten Recorder)

Voting Team Representatives: Stacey Eicks (WMST), Andreas Lorenz (DADS), Amy Powitzky (RICE)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Gulf LMSC meeting of January 20, 2021 were approved by an email vote on February 3, 2021.

Officers' Report

- Chairwoman (Kris Wingenroth) – The Dad's Club 25-yard configuration has been measured, and it is out of compliance for USMS (too short). USMS year-plus membership will be offered again for 2021-2022. It begins July 1, 2021 for \$99. The year-plus membership runs for the remainder of 2021 and though to December 31, 2022. The National Office expects a deficit for 2021, but will dip into reserves to cover it. The National Office is optimistic about 2022 registration and revenue. The Gulf 2020 audit was completed by Stacey and was sent to Mark and Kris. The USMS annual convention will be virtual, primarily for budgetary reasons.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Not present, no report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby) – No report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn) – Very little financial activity has occurred since the last Gulf meeting.
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser) – Linda's report is attached. Gulf 2021 registration is trending in a similar manner when compared to the 2021 national registration data.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Not present.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield) – Kyra has been trained by both Stacey and through tutorial videos from the National Office. The upcoming Gulf LMSC Zone Championship meet will be the first live event, and Stacey will be assisting Kyra through the process.
- Communications (Karlene Denby) – The Winter 2021 newsletter was completed since the last meeting and was made available to the membership. The Spring 2021 newsletter will be published in April or May.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen) – Some minor revisions have been made to the website. A minor glitch has appeared in the meet results section which Nicole will investigate and correct.
- Coaches (Bruce Rollins) – Not present, no report.
- Fitness (Rebecca Tompkins) – Nicole suggested that we open a Gmail account for Gulf events that multiple administrators can access. Karlene has volunteered to take over the 2021 Gulf Swim University fitness event if Rebecca is unable to run it.
- Officials (Herb Schwab) – No report.
- Open Water (Karlene Denby) – SAA has finalized the date and location for their 2021 open-water event. It will be held Saturday, October 16 in Lake Houston at Alexander Deussen Park.

South Central Zone Report

- South Central Zone (Nicole Christensen) – Nicole provided a written report regarding the upcoming Zone Championship meet.
- The various LMSCs will offer the Championship on either the weekend of May 8-9 or the weekend of May 15-16. All LMSCs will have the same meet registration deadline regardless of the actual event date. Swimmers can enter only one of the LMSC meets. The meet entry fee will be \$50. Swimmers are limited to six events per day. Out-of-zone swimmers must have the permission of the meet director to enter the meet.
- The Gulf LMSC proposes to hold their meet on May 15-16 at the Spring Branch ISD Natatorium (W.W. Emmons Natatorium).
- The Gulf LMSC meet budget was presented by Nicole. Of the three possible venues, Spring Branch ISD Natatorium offered the best price and is a high-quality facility. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee. The pool rental is for a minimum of six hours per day (one-hour warmup/five-hour swim meet). The cost for six hours is \$960 (\$1,920 for two days). The fee for SBISD police and custodial staff is approximately \$1,140 but is still being negotiated. Sweetwater supplies lifeguards and console operators (minimum of two) for a cost of \$600. The total out of pocket expenses to hold the meet is approximately \$3,685. If revenue is based on 50 entrants, that would be \$2,500 gross/\$2,200 net revenue after credit card fees. That would leave an approximate \$1,500 shortfall which Gulf LMSC would commit to cover. Nicole is assuming that there will be more than 50 entrants, based upon entrants at the November Classic in 2020.
- **MSA:** The Gulf LMSC shall be the sponsor for the Gulf Zone Meet and will cover any financial shortfalls due to insufficient revenue from entries.
- **MSA:** The Gulf LMSC Zone Championship meet's dates, venue, entry fee, and order of events is confirmed. A "Save the Date" flyer will be emailed to the membership.
- There will need to be a safety review and protocols submitted to the National Office prior to sanctioning. The safety committee will be comprised of Herb, Kris, and Frank Bergfield. The committee will determine the maximum number of entrants allowed. Kevin will be notified of the upcoming sanction.
- Nicole would like to have the meet open for entries by the end of March.

Unfinished Business

- The 2021 Gulf Swim University is underway. An announcement is on the Gulf website. Event details were also published in the Winter 2021 newsletter.

New Business

- Nominations for the Jesse Coon Award are due March 31st. See the Gulf webpage for details.
- The annual USMS Meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for Sept. 24-26, 2021. Kris requested any format recommendations. An in-person meeting for volunteers, to be held in 2022, is being considered by the National Office.

Upcoming Events

The Gulf LMSC Zone Championship Meet will be held on May 15-16 at Spring Branch ISD Natatorium (W.W. Emmons Natatorium).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. (virtually).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary

