

**Gulf LMSC Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference**

**APPROVED 8/26/2021**

**Attendance:**

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

Voting Team Representatives: Stacey Eicks (WMST), Amy Powitsky (RICE)

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the Gulf LMSC meeting of May 5, 2021 were approved by an email vote on May 21, 2021 and have been posted on the Gulf LMSC website.

**Officers' Report**

- Chairwoman (Kris Wingenroth) – No report. Roll call was taken. All participants on the Zoom meeting are eligible to vote in this meeting.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Not present. No report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby) – No report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn) – The expenses since the last meeting include some payments for the Gulf Zone Championship meet, two Jesse Coon Awards (2020 and 2021), and the artwork and tee shirts for the 2020 Gulf Swim University fitness event. The current account balance is \$ 33,257.
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser) – There were no significant changes in registration since the last meeting. There is a new registered team, which is located in Friendswood.

**Committee Reports**

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Not present. No report.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield) – Kyra is continuing to work with Stacey to learn the intricacies of the position. This will become easier as more competitions occur. The results of the most recent competition, the Gulf Zone Championship meet, have been completed and submitted.
- Communications (Karlene Denby) – Karlene is working on the summer edition of the Gulf newsletter. Topics include a nutrition article, swim workout, 2020-2021 Top Ten results, and the SCY National Championship results.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen) – Nicole is asking that meet directors submit the information on upcoming competitions asap so that they can be posted on both the Gulf website and Gulf Facebook page. Input, both positive and negative, is requested on the contents of the Gulf's communication sites.
- Coaches (Bruce Rollins) – Not present. No report.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby) – All Gulf Swim University tee shirts have been distributed to the participants.
- Officials (Herb Schwab) – No report.
- Open Water (Karlene Denby) – The only upcoming open water event is the Swim Across America charity swim on October 16, 2021.

**South Central Zone Report – Nicole Christensen**

- South Central Zone SCY Championship Meets – the financial summary for the Gulf Zone Championship meet is an addendum to the meeting minutes. Net entry fees were \$3,065. The meet was run at a profit of \$1,674.25. The unexpected profit was because the Spring Branch ISD provided

an abnormally low bill of \$333.38 for the two-day event. Nicole checked several times, and ISD insisted that the billed amount was correct.

- Nicole's two-year term as South Central Zone Chair is ending. If no one steps up to replace her, Nicole can remain as Chair for one additional year.
- There will not be a 2021 LC Zone Championship meet. The Zone is currently seeking bids for the 2022 SY and LC championships. Tom Boak has indicated that WMST is interested in bidding for the 2022 SCY championships, with a tentative date set for April 1-3, 2022. The WMST Board will consider the bid submission prior to the September USMS annual meeting. Nicole emphasized that it is important to also have a LC Zone Championship meet in 2022.

### **Unfinished Business**

- USMS Try Masters Swimming Month: Nicole felt the event was pretty much a non-starter. Kris should get a report regarding the event at the August 21<sup>st</sup> USMS Board of Directors meeting. Stacey reported that WMST got about a dozen inquiries about their program as a result of the promotion, and about a quarter of those tried some WMST workouts. Several could not swim and would be better candidates for the USMS ALTS program.

### **New Business**

- Survey Monkey: Nicole has currently been paying a student rate of \$5.33/month for Survey Monkey. To date, she has not been required to reconfirm the student status. Mark made a motion that we continue paying the \$5.33/month for the service until Nicole is notified of a rate change. Karlene seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Gulf LMSC rule change proposal: The Gulf's submitted proposal to extend the Top Ten season dates, if warranted, was not recommended by the Rules Committee because the proposal did not require said committee's input on any date changes to a Top Ten season. As the proposal has already been submitted to the membership in the convention packet, it was decided to keep the proposal as submitted, rather than withdraw it.
- Upcoming USMS Board of Directors Meeting: One of the major items of discussion will be the future format of the annual meeting. USMS is leaning towards doing the business portion via Zoom, and dedicating the time spent in-person for volunteer training and workshops. Nicole feels that having some portion of the meeting in-person has immense value for cohesion and networking in a wide-spread organization. To date, the USMS task force investigating the topic has provided no details. Stacey feels she doesn't have enough detailed information yet to provide input. Herb noted that USAS is heading to a similar type of format. The major difference is that the USAS training/workshops would be at a Zone level, which, historically, USAS has not funded.
- Rules, Legislation, and Long Distance proposed rule changes: Kris has reviewed all of the recommended changes, and they look fairly straight-forward.

### **Upcoming Events**

November 13-14, 2021: The Sabine Weiser November Classic, Conroe ISD Natatorium, Shenandoah, TX.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (virtually).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karlene Denby, Secretary