

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

Attendance:

Officers and Committee Chairs: Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Newsletter, Long Distance, Fitness), Linda Visser (Membership Coordinator), Nicole Christensen (Webmaster, Zone Chair)

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

There was an error in the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes for the extended term of the Zone Chair. It was originally listed as one additional year, but should have been listed as one additional two-year term. There was a motion to correct the error. The amended minutes were approved and will be posted to 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) – There has been very little financial activity since the previous meeting, with a very small number of both expenses and deposits. There is currently approximately \$34,000 in the checking account plus several CDs. Kris suggested that we think of ways to spend our funds to benefit the membership.
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser) – An updated membership report has been provided and is attached to the minutes. Club registration for 2022 began on October 1, 2021. Nicole would like to send an email blast to coaches and club contacts reminding them of 2022 club registration. Kris is amenable to doing this.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Not present. No report. Kris reported that the November Classic and the Spring SCY Zone Championship Meet have both already been sanctioned.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield) – Not present. No report. Kris reported that Kyra has been officially transitioned to be the Gulf Top Ten Recorder. Kyra is currently working on the 2021 LCM Top Ten results for submission to the National Office.
- Communications (Karlene Denby) – Karlene is working on the fall edition of the Gulf newsletter. Topics will include a notice of the annual meeting, a nutrition article, a swim workout, information on the 2022 Gulf Swim University fitness event, and the LCM National Championship results.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen) – No report.
- Coaches (Bruce Rollins) – Not present. No report.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby) – Plans are being made for the 2022 Gulf Swim University event. Members will be notified of the event in the Fall Gulf newsletter. Several suggestions were made to improve participation in the event, including having an end-of-event social.
- Officials (Herb Schwab) – Not present. No report.
- Open Water (Karlene Denby) – There are currently no open water swims on the event schedule.

South Central Zone Report – Nicole Christensen

- Report from the South Central Zone meeting at the USMS Annual Meeting has been provided and is attached to the minutes. The 2022 SCY Zone Championship meet was approved during the meeting. There are no bids at this point for a 2022 LCM Championship meet.
- The 2022 Jesse Coon Award nominations are due by February 1st, and the award will be presented at the 2022 SCY Zone Championship Meet (April 1-3). Kris encouraged us to think about nominees for the Jesse Coon Award. Nominee submissions should be sent directly to Nicole.
- Nicole is thinking about having a Zone open water tour, with an event in each LMSC. Various distances will be offered: sprint distance (1-2K), middle distance (2-4K), and long distance (4.5-6K). All the LMSCs seem receptive to this concept, with the possible exception of North Texas.
- All events from every LMSC will be on the calendar page of the Zone website, including pool meets, open water events, and clinics.
- Nicole was excited to report that there is now a Zone Vice Chair, Kirsten Hoffman (OK). The addition of a Vice Chair will assist the Chair in some of the responsibilities of the position and will ensure a smooth transition to the Chair position in 2023.

Unfinished Business

- Update on the upcoming Sabine Weiser November Classic meet: Registration is currently at about 20 swimmers. The number of lanes used and event seeding will be based on the number of entrants, to maintain sufficient rest between events for the entrants. Meet t-shirts will be for sale. WMST purchased lane extenders to make the SCY lane lines suitable for SCM, as Conroe ISD had discarded the old SCM lane lines. The lane extenders will be stored off-site so that they will not be accidentally discarded. There will be same day entries. There will be no one-event entries.
- 2021 USMS Annual Meeting: USMS President, Peter Guadagni, is committed to have a hybrid (in-person and online) annual meeting next year. The USMS National Office has expressed some reservations about the hybrid meeting, citing both expense and organization but the President is committed to making the hybrid meeting happen. The Volunteer Relay is scheduled for March 2022. This is a separate event from the hybrid annual meeting. Stacey felt it was important that both events occur and that the annual meeting have an in-person component. Stacey believed that there may be different attendees at the two separate events, which would get more members involved. She also felt that ideas and initiatives may be developed at the Volunteer Relay which would need to be addressed further at the subsequent annual meeting.
- Emmett Hines Award: The nomination deadline has passed. Kris doesn't think that she received any nominations this year but has some left from the previous year.

New Business

- First Meet Free: Nicole thought that this should be an on-going benefit of Gulf membership and should include both pool and open water events within the LMSC. Membership notification of this benefit will be included in an email blast and in the upcoming newsletter.
- Jesse Coon Award nominations are due on February 1st. Send nominations directly to Nicole.
- Annual Meeting: The Gulf annual meeting must be held before Dec. 31. This is NOT an election year. Kris wants us to already start thinking about officer replacements in 2022, as next year ALL officers, except our Membership Coordinator, must vacate their positions. Please send Kris a private message if you are interested in an officer position next year.
- Gulf Committee Chairmen: Committee Chairs are appointed annually by the Chairman. Kris would like to know which committee chairs wish to continue to serve for another year. If anyone is interested in serving as a chair or vice chair of one of these committees, please let Kris know.

The current Gulf Committees and Chairs are:

Sanctions: Kevin Lunsford

Officials: Herb Schwab

Top 10: Kyra Wakefield

Website: Nicole Christensen

Communications: Karlene Denby

Long Distance: Karlene Denby

Coaches: Bruce Rollins

Fitness: Karlene Denby

Nicole thinks job descriptions for each position would be helpful to recruit potential committee chairs. The National Office has job descriptions that could be customized to suit the needs of the Gulf and the Gulf also have job descriptions on file.

Upcoming Events

November 13 -14, 2021: The Sabine Weiser November Classic (SCM), Conroe ISD Natatorium **Registration is open.**

February 12, 2022: Sweet Heart Meet (SCY), Spring Branch Natatorium

March 5, 2022: March Madness Meet (SCY), Rice University

April 1 - 3, 2022: South Central Zone Champs (SCY), Conroe ISD Natatorium **Registration is open.**

April 28 - May 1, 2022: USMS Spring National Championships (SCY), San Antonio, TX

May: Graham Johnston Invitational (LCM), Dads Club

May 31 - June 9: FINA World Championships (LCM), Island of Kyushu, Japan

August 3 - 7, 2022: USMS Summer National Championships (LCM), Richmond, VA

Next Meeting

The next meeting, the Gulf annual meeting, will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for food and socialization. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Location: Nicole's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary