

**Gulf LMSC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Brenda and John Duncan YMCA**

Attendance:

Bruce Rollins (President), Kris Wingenroth (Vice-President, Sanctions), Kevin Lunsford (Secretary), Bruce Williams (Registrar), Stacey Eicks (Top Ten Recorder), Tom Boak, Carolyn Boak, Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Robin Tompkins (Fitness), Elaine Rollins, Karlene Denby (Newsletter), John Keen, Linda Visser, Jimmy Durham, Russell Hubbard, Cheryl Hubbard, Eddie Rodriguez, Austin Rodriguez, Alana Wilson

Club Representatives:

Memorial Athletic Club:	Robin Tompkins
SWYM:	Russell Hubbard
WMST:	Stacey Eicks, Tom Boak, Alana Wilson
RICE:	Bruce Williams
COOG:	John Keen, Linda Visser, Cheryl Hubbard
Trotter Y:	Kris Wingenroth
Houstonian:	Mark Hahn
SSSM:	Karlene Denby

At Large:

Eddie Rodriguez, Austin Rodriguez

Elected Officers:

Bruce Rollins (President), Kevin Lunsford, (Secretary)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Brenda and John Duncan YMCA.

Old Business

- MSA for the amended (changed typo and corrected USMS portion of 2019 registration fees to \$45) minutes from Gulf LMSC meeting of October 17, 2018.
- Advised those in attendance of amendments to the Gulf LMSC by-laws as presented and explained by Kris and Kevin.

Officer Reports

- Chairman (Bruce Rollins):

Welcomed all guests to the meeting and briefly outlined the agenda for the meeting.

- Treasurer (Mark Hahn):

The current ending cash balance as of October 31, 2018 is \$22,787.20 along with \$30,000.00 in CDs for a total of \$52,787.20.

It was confirmed that Bruce Williams would be conducting an independent review of the LMSC financial reports prior to submission of required documentation to the National Office.

Mark distributed the proposed 2019 budget to the meeting attendees for viewing. The written budget showed \$8,450.00 in total income and \$7,890.00 in total expenses for a net excess of \$560.00.

At the meeting, the budget was amended to include the following additional expenses totaling \$5,500.00: ALTS Certification (\$1,500.00), two Gulf representatives to LMSC Conference (\$2,500.00), and Coaching Certification (\$1,500).

With the changes, the 2019 budget shows \$8,450.00 in total income and \$13,390.00 in total expenses for a net deficit of \$4,940.00. Mark explained that the deficit would be covered by the cash on hand and the CDs.

MSA to approve the amended 2019 budget.

- Sanctions (Kris Wingenroth): No report
- Secretary (Kevin Lunsford): No report
- Registrar (Bruce Williams):

As of October 31, 2018, there were 1,263 registered swimmers in the Gulf. As of November 6, 2018, 61 members have registered for 2019. 26 of 31 teams are registered for 2019. Five clubs have not yet renewed their club registrations for 2019. Attrition of about 550 swimmers in the last two years, which follows a trend nationally. The national office is sending out a survey in the first quarter of 2019 to find reasons for the high attrition rate. Bruce Rollins suggested that attrition may be due to lack of communications between Gulf LMSC and non USMS-registered coaches. In a follow-up to the previous LMSC decision to pay the 2019 USMS membership for a non-registered club coach/club contact, said membership must be done through a paper registration so that Gulf LMSC can pay for the contact/coach.

- Top Ten Recorder (Stacy Eicks): No report
- Officials (Herb Schwab, not present): No report
- Website/Newsletter (Nicole Rembach [not present], Karlene Denby): No report
- Fitness (Robin Tompkins):

Robin Tompkins discussed the following fitness events for 2019:

Gulf Masters Swim University – January through April
National Winter Fitness Challenge – February
Gulf 400 Swim for Time - July
National Summer Fitness Challenge – August
Gulf 400 Kick for Time - September
National Fall Fitness Challenge – November

Robin noted that some fitness swimmers may not like timed events. Carolyn Boak mentioned that the USMS Fitness Challenges lack sufficient structure to motivate some WMST members. Other possible fitness events suggested included completing all three distances of a swim pentathlon or completing all the standard competitive events.

New Business

- Election of Gulf LMSC Officers for a two-year term. Currently on the ballot running unopposed: Chair: Kris Wingenroth; Vice Chair: Kevin Lunsford; Treasurer: Mark Hahn; Registrar: Bruce Williams; Secretary: Karlene Denby. No additional candidates were offered by those in attendance. MSA to elect the aforementioned slate of officers.
- Bruce reviewed 2019 Gulf event calendar.
 - January 19 – Jesse Coon SCY Meet
 - January 26 – Woodlands Relay Meet
 - February 17 – Sweetheart Meet
 - February 23 – Brazos Valley Senior Games (50 and over)
 - March 10 – March Madness Meet
 - March 23 – USMS Coaching Certification, Levels 1 & 2
 - March 29-31 – South Central Zone SCY Championship
 - April 6 – Texas Senior Games (50 and over)
 - April 25-28 – USMS Spring National Championship, Mesa, AZ
 - April 28 – Twin Lakes Open Water Carnival (need to purchase USAS one-day entry)
 - May 4 – Swim Across America Charity Swim
 - July 19-21 – South Central Zone LCM Championship
 - August 7-11 – USMS Summer National Championship, Mission Viejo, CA
 - August 9-18 – FINA World Masters Championship, Gwangju, Korea
 - September (TBA) – “First Time for Everything” SCY Meet
 - November (TBA) – WMST November Classic SCM Meet
- Floor was opened for questions/suggestions on how to make the Gulf LMSC work better for its members.
 - Stacey Eicks reported that Kerry O’Brien was going to provide a clinic for The Woodlands Master Swim Team on January 5, 2019. Gulf members may have a chance to attend this clinic, provided there is space. WMST is

limiting the clinic to 40 swimmers, but encourages any interested coach to attend.

- Russell Hubbard suggested that meets allow unofficial relays combining swimmers from teams that don't have a sufficient number of swimmers to form an official relay.
- Linda Visser mentioned that she preferred meets in which the men and women swim in separate heats.
- There were questions about the team registration on the USMS website. Why are teams only allowed to list USMS certified coaches?
- Appreciation awards were given to out-going chair, Bruce Rollins, and to Mark Hahn for his many years of service as Gulf treasurer.

Next Meeting – January 16, 2019 at Brenda and John Duncan YMCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Gulf LMSC Secretary