

Gulf LMSC Meeting (Annual Meeting)
Saturday, December 4, 2021
Dad's Club

Kris welcomed all attendees, and an attendance sheet was passed around and signed. As there were no agenda items to be voted on, there was no need to certify voting members.

Attendance

Officers and Committee Chairs: Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Kevin Lunsford (Vice-Chair, Sanctions), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Communications Chair, Fitness Chair), Linda Visser (Membership Coordinator), Stacey Eicks (Coaches Chair), Andreas Lorenz (Long Distance Chair)

Team Attendees: John Keen (COOGS), Brian Miller (SWYM), Patrick Harrington (MACA), Ted Eicks (WMST), Dave Kehn (RICE), Doug Allen (DADS), Jonathan Edwards (DADS), Anant Bajpai (DADS)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:46 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The October 20, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by an email vote on November 1, 2021, and they were posted to the Gulf LMSC website on November 2, 2021.

Officers' Reports

- Chairwoman (Kris Wingenroth) – Kris said the Thanksgiving Day Swim had 30 swimmers at a cost of \$375. One member took advantage of the First Meet Free offer for the November Classic meet. Kris provided a description of the various officers' and chairs' roles and their job descriptions. She talked about the various programs offered by USMS and the LMSC, such as coaching certification, ALTS certification, and the college club swimming program. Kris explained that one of the LMSC's responsibilities is mediating and addressing any grievances filed between members, coaches and the LMSC. Next year is an election year for our LMSC. Most current officers and chairs are planning to vacate their positions after two two-year terms. The LMSC is, therefore, looking for replacement volunteers.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – Kevin introduced himself to the attendees and described his role as vice-chair and sanctions chair.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby) – The October 20, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by an email vote, and they were posted to the Gulf LMSC website on November 2, 2021.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn) – Mark provided an updated financial report which shows an ending cash balance of \$33,826.15 as of November 30, 2021. There has not been much activity since the previous meeting. The only large expenditure was a submission from Bruce Rollins for last year's Fitness Fanatics Challenge (\$493.15).
- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser) – Linda reviewed her report and talked about the renewed and renamed teams. USMS hopes to soon allow members to transfer to a different team online, rather than through the LMSC membership coordinator.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford) – The Rice March Madness Meet has been sanctioned, but it is not yet published on the USMS or Gulf websites.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield) – Not present. Stacey reported that the SCM Top Ten report has been submitted to USMS by Kyra. The only SCM held in the Gulf LMSC in 2021 was the Sabine Weiser November Classic meet.

- Communications (Karlene Denby) – The next Gulf newsletter will be published in January 2022. It will include information about the 2022 Gulf Swim University, the 2022 Emmett Hines award recipient, LCM Top Ten results, a nutrition article, a workout, upcoming events and other items of interest.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen) – Not present. Nicole provided a detailed report about updates to the Gulf website and about emails that have been sent to the membership.
- Coaches (Stacey Eicks) – Stacey will be taking over this position, which was previously held by Bruce Rollins. She had nothing to report at the present time.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby) – The Gulf LMSC will again hold the Gulf Swim University event from January 1 to April 30, 2022. Karlene is looking to offer different participation awards, rather than the usual t-shirt, and plans to hold a participant social at the conclusion of the event.
- Officials (Herb Schwab) – Not present, no report.
- Open Water (Andreas Lorenz) – Andreas is the new open water chair, and he presented his goals for the position. He wants to provide more opportunities to hold open water events. Nicole has been working with four LMSCs within the South Central Zone to hold open water races in 2022. Each event will offer sprint, middle distance, and long distance options. There will be points awarded for each race which will be added together to determine the open water series champions at each distance. The USMS One Hour Postal Swim will be held at Dad's Club at the end of the January. Andreas is also planning to hold two swim clinics at Lake Longhorn to introduce members to open water swimming.

South Central Zone Report – Nicole Christensen

- None of the other LMSCs have yet paid for their share of the Zone Chair's submitted and approved expenses. The total owed to Gulf LMSC is \$145.85 (\$29.17 for each of five LMSCs). It was decided that a simple email/invoice will be sent to each LMSC to nudge them to pay their portion of the expense.

Unfinished Business

- Jesse Coon Award nominations are due on February 1st. Send nominations directly to Nicole.

New Business

- The 2022 Gulf Committees Chairs will be:

Sanctions: Kevin Lunsford
 Officials: Herb Schwab
 Top 10: Kyra Wakefield
 Website: Nicole Christensen
 Communications: Karlene Denby
 Long Distance: Andreas Lorenz
 Fitness: Karlene Denby
 Coaches: Stacey Eicks

Up to three at-large members can be named to the Board of Directors by the Chairman. These positions will be filled at a later date.

- The USMS Volunteer Relay will be held from the evening of Friday, March 4 to around noon on Sunday, March 6th in Denver. The Gulf LMSC is allotted three slots. Since the emphasis of the meeting will be on Club/Team development, people interested in this topic would be the good candidates to attend as well as future Gulf LMSC leaders. USMS also wishes for us to send a member that is "new" to LMSC administration. All meeting expenses will be paid by USMS and the LMSC. Meeting topics will include LMSC management, club and team administration, development of relationships with swim facilities, and development and support of coaches. Potential attendees include Stacey Eicks (the new coaches chair), Andreas Lorenz (the new open water chair and new to LMSC leadership), and Nicole Christensen (webmaster and South Central Zone chair).

- USMS is planning to have a hybrid in-person/virtual annual meeting, and they are working on making the event happen. The meeting date and location have not yet been finalized.
- New meeting attendees introduced themselves to those in attendance.

Upcoming Events

February 12, 2022: Sweet Heart Meet (SCY), Spring Branch Natatorium. **Registration is open.**

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

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 be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. It will be determined at a later date whether this will be a Zoom or an in-person meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary

Addendums to the Meeting Minutes

- The following three items were set forth in a motion, seconded, and approved by an e-mail vote on December 13, 2021.
 - That Brian Miller (SWYM) be reimbursed his \$125 coaching certification fee, after successfully completing the course.
 - That Stacey Eicks, Andreas Lorenz, and Nicole Christensen be the Gulf representatives at the USMS Volunteer Relay conference, and that the Gulf LMSC reimburse them for any associated expenses that are not covered by USMS.
 - That Kris Wingenroth be reimbursed any expenses associated with the USMS Volunteer Relay conference that are not covered by USMS.
- Kris Wingenroth presented the 2022 Emmett Hines Award to Steve White at the WMST Holiday Party on December 11th.



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Upcoming Events
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Open Water and Long Distance 2022

Goals 2022 a) Create new opportunities to participate in long-distance and Open-water events

b) Introduce new swimmers to long-distance and Open-Water Events

Events 2022

1. South Central Zone Open-Water Series (4 events in 4 different locations)
2. USMS 1-Hour Swim event at Dad's Club (tentative date 1.29.2022)
3. Introduction to Open-Water Swimming Events (2 in 2022, possibly at Lake Longhorn)

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President's Report

We had one Gulf member take advantage of the First Meet Free promotion for the November Classic.

We had 30 members attend the "Tanksgiving" Day swim at Dad's Club. The weather was threatening but we managed to finish just as the rain started. Most swimmers chose to participate in the organized swim practice but some members just swam in the open swim lanes. The total cost for the event was \$375. We paid \$125 for the lifeguard and gave Dads Club a \$250 donation for use of the pool.