

**Gulf LMSC Meeting
Saturday, December 3, 2022
Dad's Club**

Kris welcomed all attendees. All attendees were certified eligible to vote.

Attendance

Officers and Committee Chairs: Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Kevin Lunsford (Vice-Chair, Sanctions), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Communications Chair, Fitness Chair), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Linda Visser (Membership Coordinator), Andreas Lorenz (Long Distance Chair), Nicole Christensen (Gulf Webmaster, South Central Zone Chair), Patrick Harrington (Coaches Chair)

Other Attendees: John Keen (COOG), Cyd Thomas (RICE)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The November 2, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by an email vote on November 5, 2022, and they have been posted to the Gulf LMSC website.

Introduction of Current Officers and Slated Nominees

The current officers were introduced to the meeting attendees. The floor was opened for additional nominations for the four elected positions, and none were offered. The proposed slate of new officers was then presented for consideration and voting. They are:

- Nicole Christensen (Chair)
- Stacey Eicks (Vice-Chair)
- Kris Wingenroth (Secretary)
- Karlene Denby (Treasurer)

The 2023-2024 slate of nominees was voted in unanimously.

Officers' Reports

- Chair (Kris Wingenroth): No report.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford): No report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby): No report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn): There is currently \$38,505.71 in the checking account, and there are three CDs totaling \$30,505.71.

Committee Reports

- Membership Coordinator (Linda Visser): As of December 3, 2022, there are 154 members registered for 2023. The 2022 registration year finished with 966 registered members (498 male and 468 female). There are three 2022 clubs that have not yet registered for 2023 (The Houstonian, South Shore Sails Masters, and Swim Houston Aquatic Center Masters).

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford): The LMSC sanctioned six pool events and one open water event in 2022. Two 2023 pool events, the Sweetheart SCY Meet and the March Madness SCY meet, have already been sanctioned, and registration is open for the two events.
- Top Ten Recorder (Kyra Wakefield): Not present. Kris reported that Kyra has submitted the Sabine Weiser SCM meet results to the National Office. She is currently working on the 2022 SCM Top Ten results.
- Communications (Karlene Denby): The Fall 2022 edition of the newsletter was completed and posted on the Gulf website in November, and work has already begun on articles for the Winter 2023 newsletter which will be published in January.
- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen): Nicole continues to keep the Gulf website up to date.
- Coaches (Patrick Harrington): Stacey sent a survey to all the Gulf coaches. She received only six responses, four of which were submitted by Gulf Board of Directors members and two which were submitted by her fellow WMST coaches. There was no response from the other Gulf coaches. It was suggested that the survey be sent again and then followed up by personal phone calls to the coaches who do not respond.
- Fitness (Karlene Denby): Plans for the 2023 Gulf Swim University are underway. A reminder email will be sent out in mid-December to the 2022 participants. The 2023 participation award will be a high-quality towel.
- Officials (Herb Schwab): Not present, no report.
- Open Water (Andreas Lorenz): In 2022, the Gulf sponsored a one-hour swim at Dad's Club in January, put on its first open-water race in many years, and offered an open-water swim clinic for beginners. Plans are underway for a January one-hour swim, the Lake Longhorn open water race in April, and two open-water clinics in May and September.
- Diversity and Inclusion (Anna Bass): Not present. Kris reported that Anna is still working on offering the ALTS course after the HS swimming and water polo seasons end.
- Social Media (Claire Parker): Not present, no report. Nicole reported that she is working closely with Claire to have weekly posts on the Gulf's social media platforms. Nicole suggests the content, and Claire makes the posts visually eye-catching.
- College Club Swimming Liaison (Jill Gellatly): Not present. Kris reported that Jill is very involved in the Texas A&M College Club Swim team. Right now, that is the only active college club team in Texas. Because of her previous affiliation with the university, Kris plans to contact Rice University to see if there is interest in starting a college club program at Rice as well.

Announcement

USMS Level 2 coaching certification and ALTS certification courses will be held in Dallas, TX on February 18-19, 2023. Level 1 certification is done online now. Information regarding the courses is on the USMS website. Nicole asked if the courses were scheduled so that both the Level 2 and ALTS certifications could be completed on the same weekend. Kris suggested that Bill Brenner be asked about that.

Award Presentations

- Nicole Christensen was recognized as the 2022 recipient of the USMS June Krauser Communication award. This was officially announced at the USMS annual meeting in September.
- Mark Hahn was recognized as a 2022 recipient of the USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service award. This was officially announced at the USMS annual meeting in September.
- The recipient of the Gulf LMSC's 2022 Emmett Hines award is Kevin Lunsford in recognition for his many years of service as part of the Gulf leadership team.

- Mark Hahn was presented with a service award and a USMS backpack in gratitude for his 24 years as Gulf treasurer. Mark is leaving the leadership board after several decades of service.

Upcoming Swims and Events

Events

November 1, 2022	2023 USMS member registration began
January 1, 2023	USMS registration dues increase by \$5 to \$70/year
February 18-19, 2023	USMS Coaching Certification Classes, Dallas, TX

Pool Meets

February 11, 2023	Sweetheart Swim SCY Meet, WW Emmons Natatorium, Houston, TX
March 5, 2023	Rice March Madness SCY Meet, Rice University, Houston, TX
March 31-April 2, 2023	South Central Zone SCY Championships, Lewisville ISD Westside Natatorium, Lewisville, TX
April 27-30, 2023	USMS Spring Nationals (SCY), Irvine, CA
June 4, 2023 (tentative)	Graham Johnston Invitational LCM Meet, Dad's Club, Houston, TX
July 22-23, 2023	South Central Zone LCM Championships, Walker Pool at Blossom Aquatic Center, San Antonio, TX
August 2-6, 2023	USMS Summer Nationals (LCM), Sarasota, FL
August 2-11, 2023	FINA World Masters Championships, Kyushu, Japan

Open Water Swims

April 16, 2023	Lake Longhorn Open Water Swim, League City, TX
Early June 2023	Gatormania Open Water Swims, Bourne, TX
September 24, 2023	OZ Open Water Swims, Beaver Lake Dam, Arkansas

Next Meeting

There is currently no meeting scheduled yet for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary



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