

**Minutes for the Annual Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

Attendance:

Jill Gellatly (Chair), Nicole Rembach (Vice Chair), Kevin Lunsford (Secretary), Tom Boak, Carolyn Boak, Bruce Rollins, Kris Wingenroth (Sanctions), Herb Schwab (Officials), Jackie Busa, Emmett Hines (Top Ten), Mark Hahn (Treasurer)

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

MSA for the minutes from the Meeting on May 29, 2013

Officer Reports

- Chairman (Jill Gellatly):

Jill provided the audience with the highlights from the National Convention including the announcement that the WMST was awarded the SC Zone meet to be held on March 28th-30th. Currently, there is no bid for a long course meet. Other Gulf convention attendees included: Kris Wingenroth, Jackie Busa, Nicole Rembach, Dustin Poe, Herb Schwab, Tom and Carolyn Boak.

She also noted that the National Registration is going up \$2 for the next five years beginning in 2015. Based on votes taken over email, the Gulf BOD decided to keep our 2014 fees consistent at \$40 but to have an increase in 2015 to \$45 to cover the upcoming National increases slated for the next five years.

Finally, she reported that USMS is hoping to move to promoting more National open water festivals with three big events to attract more people rather than the numerous isolated championships currently being run.

Jill Gellatly is stepping aside as Chairman to be replaced by Nicole Rembach.

- Vice Chair (Nicole Rembach):

Nicole announced a new SCY meet February 16, 2014 at W.W. Emmons Natatorium. It will be a one-day meet with warm-up at noon and competition starting at 1:00 p.m. Registration is live.

Nicole also reported despite the small attendance (30), the Gulf received positive feedback from the Brendan Henson clinic. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for such low attendance.

- Treasurer (Mark Hahn):

With an increase in offering of clinics (2) for members, the Gulf saw expenses outpace revenue by \$10,918.85. The only outstanding expenses include convention reimbursements. Ending cash balance is \$17,813.59 with \$30,000 in the certificate of deposits for a total of \$47,813.59.

- Secretary (Kevin Lunsford):

Annual meeting minutes need to be made available to the National office by April 2014.

- Registrar (Scott Campbell)- Not in attendance but via email Scott reported the following:

As of October 31, 2013, there were 1218 registered swimmers with the Gulf LMSC.

- Website (Sheila Baskett): Not in attendance

- Top Ten Recorder (Emmett Hines):

Long Course top ten has been submitted. Steve White did the documentation for the world records from the Woodlands meet.

- Officials (Herb Schwab):

Herb reported he is now a member of the USMS Officials committee. And he gave a brief explanation of changes regarding the breaststroke and butterfly turns and touches.

- Officials/Sanctions (Kris Wingenroth):

There are currently two sanctioned meets with the Jesse Coon on January 25 and the Sweetheart meet on February 16.

With the increased cost of insurance USMS Open water events, there was discussion about the option of having Masters participants use the one day USA registration (\$10) option since our only OW events are run in the same venue as the USA events.

- Fitness Chair (Markel Marler)- Not in attendance

New Business

- 2014 Calendar- See below
- MSA to allow Nicole Rembach to spend up to \$200 for promotional material for the local Gulf LMSC events. Card will include all meets through the SCY season. Promotional information about First Meet Free for 2014 should also be included.
- Fitness Challenge Event: Discussion ensued regarding possibly holding a fitness event in 2014 based on attendance at workouts rather than yardage.
- Clinics – Discussed potentially a fall date given the current meet schedule and the idea of partnering with USA swimming clinics in the area.
- Carolyn provided some input and discussion for possible changes in the rules committees for entries to the national meets.

2014 Calendar

- Jesse Coon Meet - Saturday, January 25th, 2014
- Relay Meet- Saturday, February 1st, 2014
- Sweetheart Swim- Sunday, February 16th 2014
- March Madness- Saturday, March 8th, 2014
- SC Zone- Woodlands- March 28th-30th
- Rice Open Water Carnival- May 4th

Next Meeting Date- Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.