

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Attendance:

Bruce Rollins (Chair), Kris Wingenroth (Sanctions, Vice-Chair), Emmett Hines (Top Ten), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Jackie Busa, Elaine Rollins

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 6:51 P.M. at Dads Club
MSA for the minutes from Gulf LMSC Meeting on June 3, 2015

Officer Reports

- Chairman (Bruce Rollins):

Distribution of Gulf University T-Shirts: Bruce reported that the “Gulf University” t-shirts were distributed and that only 10 of them had to be mailed. The distribution was completed by 7/13. The cost of mailing was \$23.88. Bruce received a lot of positive feedback for the program. We discussed possibly doing it again in 2016.

Biographies: Completed List – Emmett, Kris, Mark, Jackie, Dustin, and Herb.
Undetermined – Scott, Sheila (Steve, Tom and Carolyn)

Bruce thanked those that had turned in their biographies to Karlene for the newsletter. There was discussion concerning how to make the newsletter sustainable and interesting.

Tip of the Hat: Karlene Denby for a GREAT Job in July’s News letter. The newsletter will have a nutrition article as a new feature. We discussed possibly including a cartoon from Kerry Shur.

LC Zone Meet: Bruce will present Nicole Rembach’s proposal for a Zone Meet on July 29, 2016 at the USMS Convention Zone Meeting. She is requesting we ask for funds from the other LMSC’s in case there is a shortfall. She is also asking for a quick, broad publishing of this meet to generate more interest. Her breakeven point is 200 swimmers. Bruce had an idea to create interest by hyping college rivalries among Texas, A&M, Rice, U of H and others during the meet by wearing college caps or t-shirts and having secondary scoring by school.

Fitness Kicking: There was very little participation with only three entries. The event was scheduled to end on September 30. The committee discussed extending the event and decided to extend it until 10/15/15 in order to encourage more participation.

Gulf Bid for LMC 2017 Nationals at the University of Houston: Bruce was informed by the head of the USMS Championship Committee that our bid for the 2017 LCM Championship Meet came in second to Minneapolis in a close vote.

- Sanctions (Kris Wingenroth):

The upcoming year's meets will be sanctioned after approval of the Zone meet schedule at the USMS convention. The upcoming year's meet schedule and sanctioning status was discussed. Bruce presented a list of possible Masters meets to the group.

- Treasurer (Mark Hahn):

Bruce asked if we prepared a budget. Mark indicated that historically, we have not done a projected budget. Bruce suggested we might want to try to do one for 2016. End of August 2015 cash balance is \$20,951.41. The cash balance plus the three certificates of deposit give a total of \$50,951.41

- Secretary (Kevin Lunsford): (Not Present)

- Registrar (Scott Campbell): (Not Present)

The new four month sign-up option for USMS was discussed. The option is offered in September for new sign-ups and for November meets. The committee discuss how best to promote this sign-up option. Bruce will send a note to Scott asking him to notify the members of this option as well as the extension of the 400 Kick Challenge. As of August 31, 2015 there are currently 1424 registered swimmers.

- Top Ten Recorder (Emmett Hines):

LCM times are due to the national headquarters by September 30. The committee discussed how to handle dual sanctioned meets. Emmett is on top of these meets and the required follow-up. This should get easier as several of our elite swimmers continue to swim in these dual sanctioned meets.

- Officials (Herb Schaub): (Not Present)

- Website (Sheila Baskett): (Not Present)

The committee discussed the need to update the websites for sanctioned meets, the officer's list, the list of meets and links to USMS website. The committee discussed that the USMS "Places to Swim" information is not connected to the information on the USMS website. USMSD Office suggests we link to them through our website. Going to see if more things can be updated on the website. Updating club contact information can now only be done via the Registrar. Discussed possibly have more people with access privileges.

- Newsletter (Karlene Denby): (Not Present)
- Coach's Report (Dustin Poe) (Not present) through Bruce

The list of coaches needs to be updated. It is important for the coaches to promote events such as the fitness challenge in order for these vents to be successful.

New Business

Convention – Attendees: Bruce Rollins, Scott Campbell, Steve White, Dustin Poe
Automatic Delegates: Tom & Carolyn Boak, Kris Wingenroth.
At Large: Herb Schwab and Ross Davis.

Bruce was informed last week that Dustin Poe could not attend due to increased workload in his coaching job. Bruce recommended that Ross Davis be asked to attend. Discussion was held as to what Ross' long-term contribution might be to our LMSC. Bruce is going to follow-up with Ross as to his commitment to helping us.

Rooms and Flights – Learning from this year's experience is that we must book rooms early. We also need to book flights early. Mark is going to handle compensation for all attendees: one-half of the cost of the room, all of the cost of the flight, and a per diem of \$25.

November Meeting Idea – The committee discussed possibly having our mandatory open meeting right after the 11/8 SCM meet at the pool. Awards and input was also discussed. Bruce led a discussion concerning our "End of The Year" open meeting. This is done at other LMSC's with some success. The November Classic is a timely opportunity for our meeting with a two day meet, possibly meeting right after the end of the first day. All agreed that it should not be a boring meeting, but one where we seek a lot of input from the attendees, especially the coaches. We need the coaches to drive our fitness challenges in their teams and to strongly recommend that their swimmers are USMS members. Our LMSC will not grow without their support. The consensus was to not try this until next year.

Pictures on our website. Bruce suggested some ideas for the website such as swimmer of the month for each club. We discussed the need to continually make our website “pop,” and to provide information for our members. Nothing was decided as our webmaster was not present.

There was an open discussion of how we can be a better LMSC.

Calendar

Nov 7th & 8th for November Classic hosted by the Woodlands

2016 Swim Meet List

January 23 – Jessie Coon Memorial Meet	Aerofit Pool	Bryan, TX
January 30 - Woodlands Relay Meet	Conroe ISD	Shenandoah, TX
February 14 - Sweetheart Meet	Spring Woods Nat	Houston, TX
February 19 - Brazos Valley Sr. Games	Middle School	College Station, TX
March 12 - March Madness	Rice University	Houston, TX
April 8-10 – Zone Meet	New Pool	Frisco, TX
April 9 – Texas Senior Games Meet	Josh Davis Nat.	San Antonio, TX
April 14-17-YMCA Nationals	Sarasota YMCA	Sarasota, FL
April 28-May 1 - USMS SCY Nationals	Fast Pool	Greensboro, NC
June 26 – Summer Sizzler LCM	Dads Club	Houston, TX
July 29-31- South Central LCM Zones	TAMU	College Station, TX
August 17-21 -- USMS LCM Nationals	Mt. Hood Comm. College	Gresham, OR

The next meeting will be November 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Dads Club, if Rey Aguilera approves. If Dads Club is not available, the meeting will be at Bruce’s house or at Fuzzy’s Pizza.

The meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m.