

Gulf USMS Meeting
Location: Star Pizza
October 4, 2006

Attendees: Seth Huston, Scott Campbell, Kris Wingenroth, Mark Hahn, Sheila Baskett, Nancy and Eric Crecelius, Tom and Carolyn Boak, Renee Protopruas

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the August minutes followed by the approval of the 2007 Officer elections as follows:

President- Nancy Crecelius
V.P. – Kris Wingenroth
Secretary- Jill Gellatly
Treasurer- Mark Hahn
Registrar- Scott Campbell

Officer's Reports

- VP- Kris- Reported the Ft. Bend meet has received its sanction and she has the measuring equipment which in the future will be maintained at a central location. Jill Gellatly volunteered to take this responsibility
- Registrar- Scott Campbell provided the attendees with an update on membership and reported that we surpassed our all-time high with 622 members and Scott gave an update on the following for 2007 registration procedures:
 - Registration for 2007 will become available on November 1st
 - On-line registration for 2007 will not be available until later in 1st quarter of 2007
 - There will not be a dues increase in 2007; however, at the USMS convention, a dues increase for 2008 was passed
 - Carolyn Boak also reported that beginning in 2007, swimmers who have reached their 18th birthday by the day prior to the USMS Nationals may register on that day and swim in the meet the following day
 - Scott and the attendees also discussed the need to add a request for team information to the applications made by teams in order to accurately communicate each team's practices times and places
- Treasurer-Mark distributed an update on the financials which reflected the LMSC convention costs and update on other costs. He also reported the postponement of

the planned clinic at the Houstonian until the spring of 2007 or when a warmer date can be obtained.

- Secretary- Jill Gellatly reported the Zone bid was accepted at convention and UH will host the meet on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Jill reported a draft of the meet information will be available for comments/suggestions at the December 13th meeting. Discussion was held about the proposed fitness challenge and the attendees moved to postpone this event until 2008 after the LMSC hosts Zones and LC Nationals
- Executive Update- Tom and Carolyn Boak provided an update on the USMS Convention noting the 2008 SC bid went to Austin, TX and LC bid was awarded to Mt. Hood, Oregon.
- President's Report- Nancy Crecelius followed-up on a previous idea of operating a booth at the Houston marathon Expo in order to promote Masters swimming in the Houston area. Approval was made to spend \$640 in order to cover the costs of the rental space. Discussion about the nature of the booth and focus followed and included ideas of various flyers with places to swim (Nancy and Carolyn volunteered to take this responsibility), volunteers, coupons to distribute offering a week of free swimming and other tools of marketing USMS.

New Business

- Kris Wingenroth introduced and challenged the attendees to discuss ways to introduce or draw swimmers to meets in the local area. The possibility of low-key unsanctioned events was discussed or a short one-day format with shorter races. Discussion was made concerning the format of the relay meet and it was brought to the LMSC attention that the meet is rather long.
- Website- A sub-committee of Nancy and Sheila was formed to discuss improving the format, content and timely updating of the LMSC website.
- Seth Huston, Head Women's Swimming Coach at Rice, asked for the LMSC's support of starting an open water race series in Houston. Possible dates include April 13th and one in October. These dates are tentative. He discussed the possibility of having these in conjunction with USS and dual sanctioned. The LMSC gave his support and will assist with the planning of the races.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th.