

Gulf USMS Meeting
Location: Star Pizza
May 2, 2007

Attendees: Kris Wingenroth, Mark Hahn, Nancy and Eric Crecelius, Jill Gellatly, Renee Protopapas, Emmett Hines, Markell Lacy

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

The first order of business was the approval of the February minutes followed by the Officer's Reports.

Officer's Reports

- VP- Kris- Reported the a sanction was granted to WMST for the upcoming LC meet June 10th, Long Course Nationals and the recent Open Water carnival on April 28, 2007. She also reported that the Sr. Olympics in Houston would not count for Top 10 as there was no observer for the Gulf. However, times from the meet in College Station would be accepted.
- Treasurer-Mark distributed an update on the financials
- Secretary-No new items to report; Jill reported the SC Zone Hy-tek file would be submitted in the coming week to the Top 10 and the record applications had been filed.
- Registrar- No report
- Top Ten- No items to report
- Communications- Emmett distributed his map which outlined the registered clubs in Gulf utilizing the Google Map technology; it was approved by the attendees to have this feature added to our website.

New Business

- President- New Business-
 - Nancy discussed the application for the USAS grant from Markell Lacy. It was voted and approved to extend the grant money to Markell. Additionally, it was approved that the Gulf LMSC would fund her entire registration fee outside what the National office covers. No specific new ideas were introduced as the focus of the meeting was to finalize the details regarding the Marathon Expo exhibit booth being sponsored by the Gulf LMSC.

- Convention Delegates-Nancy explained that the Gulf has 2 delegate positions for the upcoming USMS National Convention in Anaheim, CA September 23-30th. Nancy expressed an interest in filling one position and it was voted and approved for Nancy to represent the Gulf as a delegate. No other members expressed an interest in the second position and it was determined that this position would remain vacant until further discussion at the July meeting.
- It was explained to the attendees that Kris and Jill will be automatic delegates based on committee membership
- Nancy then brought to the table discussion regarding our policy related to the funding of members of a Gulf team that do not reside in our LMSC to the National Convention. It was determined that a policy would be written by the Gulf and applied to situations as they arise. Kris accepted the task of writing the policy for distribution. It was agreed that this policy would include reference to one's service to the LMSC on both a local and National level. No decision was made regarding the funding of delegates not residing in the LMSC.
- Last, Nancy introduced the bid received from Dan Wegner regarding utilizing the Club Assistant Program to help organize the Gulf Website including monthly maintenance. Discussion regarding confidentiality, access to the site and content were briefly discussed. A motion was made and approved for Nancy to continue discussions with Dan and if necessary, move forward on spending the initial \$1,000 plus the monthly maintenance fee of approximately \$80/month for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 11th.