

Gulf USMS Meeting
Location: Star Pizza
July 11, 2007

Attendees: Mark Hahn, Nancy and Eric Crecelius, Jill Gellatly, Renee Protopapas, Stacey Van Horn, Scott Campbell and Tom Boak

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Officer's Reports

- Treasurer-Mark distributed an update on the financials
- Secretary-No new items to report;
- Registrar- Scott distributed an updated summary of our registrations highlighting that total membership is at 645. The increase is attributed to the upcoming Nationals meet to be hosted by WMST.

Member retention was also discussed for 2008 and it was agreed by all that a follow-up postcard will be sent in February 2008 to all 2007 registered members who have not renewed their membership. It was suggested by Jill Gellatly that this postcard include the 2008 event calendar as space permits once the calendar is finalized.

- Top Ten- Nancy reported she has submitted the SC Top Ten file to the National office and has received questions from the office. Both meet directors were contacted and are currently working to resolve the issue. Nancy also proposed a new policy that would require the meet results to be accepted by the National office prior to the refund of the deposit. The policy was approved by those in attendance. It was also noted the Nancy will ensure that any new policies are included in our manual. She plans to assign this task to the secretary going forward and I will send the current policy manual to the secretary to maintain.

New Business

- President- New Business or Outstanding Business
 - Convention Delegates

- Nancy explained that the Gulf still has one remaining delegate position for the upcoming convention. It was voted and approved by those in attendance that Stacey Van Horn would fulfill the remaining at large delegate position. As a follow-up to the May meeting, our LMSC policy with respect to the funding of delegates not residing in our LMSC was further discussed. After a lengthy discussion regarding the wording of the policy that was modified by the proposal submitted by Kris Wingenroth subsequent to the May meeting, the following proposal was approved:

The BOD, at its discretion may waive the criteria noted above, when it is in the best interest of the LMSC.

After approval of this policy, it was then voted that the LMSC would fund the expenses of Ross Davis and Laura Koch to attend the National Convention in 2007.

- Calendar

- 9/29/07- Tentative Fall Open Water Swim at Twin Lakes
- October- SCM Ft. Bend
- 11/3/07- Jesse Coon SC Yards Meet
- 2/2/08- WMST Relay meet
 - Discussion about the format of the meet and the possibility of individual races was suggested; WMST agreed to re-visit the format of the meet and report back to the Board in early fall;
- 3/8/08- March Madness- SC Yards Meet at Rice University
- 4/26/08- Tentative Spring Open Water Swim at Twin Lakes

- Mentor Clinics

Nancy introduced the idea of hosting a mentor clinic in the fall or early winter. Mark communicated that the Houstonian would be unable to host one. Stacy Van Horn volunteered to check-in to the possibility of using the Memorial Athletic Club. The LMSC decided to apply for the SMOG grant and also discussed potential clinic leaders.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22nd.