



Minutes

May 20th Board Meeting

📅 Wed May 20th, 2020

🕒 7:30pm - 8:30pm CDT

📍 Remote

👥 In Attendance

I. **Roll Call**

Charlie called meeting to order at 7:30pm. Attending: Charlie Fry, Paige Sikkema, Jennie Shamburger, Dusti See, Erik Cozzad, Jamie Morgan, Katie Shelburne, Noelle Marsh, Ainsley Dodson, Jimmy Gavin, Eddie Adams, John Burke, Kate Zabler, Tom Hasz, Julie Bachman, Loren Fischbach, Donna Dormiani, Clay Pruitt, Herb Schwab, Mark Martinez

II. **Mission Moment**

Charlie read Mission Statement: Gulf Swimming provides opportunities to learn, grow and strive for excellence, developing leaders through competitive swimming.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Decision: Motion to approve minutes from 5.6.20. Seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. **Old Business**

V. **Officer/Chairperson Reports**

a. **TPC**

Decision: Clay Pruitt recommended from TPC to approve presented schedule. One meet required vote. TPC voted and awarded bid and moved forward. Five blanks on schedule. Several teams are checking availability for meets needed. TPC will make suggestions as to who should fill spots and those will go to BOD for approval. Clay hopes that some of this schedule will be salvageable and can be used. Charlie made a motion to pass the 2020-2021 SC/LC schedule as presented and TPC will continue to work on filling spots that need to be filled. Motion seconded. Motion passed. .

Charlie made motion to waive late sanction fees for remainder of summer if meets can be held and sanctioned. Motion seconded.

Clarification - sanction fees will still be due. Question about definition of late - Gulf sponsored meets due 8 weeks prior to date of meet, non-Gulf meets 6 weeks out. Clarification about amount of time from sanction to meet date. TPC recommended Sanction Coordinator input into decision of hard deadline to sanction meet. Herb we should be as lenient as possible and could assist if there is a glut of sanction requests. Clarification about penalty if paperwork isn't returned before meet? Would meet then not be sanctioned - answer is yes.

Charlie suggested at least a 48 hour turn around. Amendment to waive late sanction fees if presented at least 48 hours prior to event. Amendment seconded. Opinions of present previous Sanctions Chais was requested. Paige said confirming people for positions is quick, but if someone isn't eligible then it needs to be communicated to team and they have to find new person and get them confirmed.

Paige suggested a standard template to speed process. Charlie removed amendment to motion. Mark said there have been templates created and he can send them out. Charlie asked that this be discussed by task force and brought back. Original motion passed.

b. **General Chair Report**

1. **Task Force**

Decision: Travis Sandifer gave task force update. Mike Swaim has joined group and brought insight as to what officials is doing. His input is appreciated. At last BOD meeting, Swimmingley was discussed as platform Gulf teams could use for non-sanctioned and virtual events to get less people on pool deck. They felt like it was best platform to move forward with. They went back to Swimmingley to see about reducing costs and teams kits from \$400 to \$300 and still monthly subscriptions teams would have to get - 100 less swimmers \$50 a month. 100 - 300 \$75 per month. 300+ \$100 per month. Working with USA Swimming on possibility of running sanctioned meets with this platform. Structure also good for Flex members. Motion for Gulf Swimming to purchase up to 60 units of these Swimmingley start up kits for \$18000 total (\$300 per unit). Motion seconded. Tom said if we don't have 60 teams, would it be up to and for those who want to participate. This motion is just for the start up kits - not the monthly subscriptions. If only 20 teams want to participate, only 20 kits would be purchased. Loren Fischbach confirmed we have exactly 60 teams in the Gulf. This allows for a kit per team. Travis said we could communicate this info via HOD meeting and a coaches meeting and via the Gulf office to all the teams. Motion passes.

Mark Martinez is looking into three different options for live streaming platforms. Meet formats for non-sanctioned meets are still being discussed as well as small intrasquad and virtual meets. This is in line with USA Swimming suggestions. In August, USA Swimming has possible regional competitions for Sectionals and above. They may also have some sanctions in July for small intrasquad and virtual meets. We are looking at different forms for competitions for our teams. Working on first virtual stroke and turn meeting. Travis thinks this will be great to get more people involved. Donna will post info as soon as dates confirmed. Travis asked that she also send info to the office so Julie can get info and blast out to teams as another form of communication. Tom suggested motion to waive any late sanction fees for remainder of the summer. Charlie said this would be discussed during TPC report.

2. **HOD Meeting**

Following up on Eddie Adam's suggestion for HOD meeting. Charlie was on national Zoom call with information about different state rules. We can hold an HOD meeting. State by-laws allows for virtual voting. Our particular by-laws do not allow for virtual voting. Meeting will be informational only. If there is voting needed that is pressing for LSC business, exception can be made. We don't have that issue.

Meeting will be informative. Meeting will be June 3rd at 8pm. Julie asked for reports to be submitted and can use consent agenda to discuss.

3. **Governance Committee**

Decision: Governance committee has met. Charlie would like to appoint Dr Henry Clark back onto the committee for a 3 yr term. Charlie motioned to allow Dr Henry Clark back onto Governance committee for a 3 yr term. Motion seconded. Motion approved. Charlie announced Herb Schwab as chair of Governance committee. No vote needed.

VI. **New Business**

Task: Donna said she's sent duties to Herb. Deadline to send description of duties is next Wednesday 5/27. Please send to Herb by this deadline.

Julie suggested banquet committee meet and formulate some recommendations because banquet won't look like it normally does. Alternatives for awards or celebration or other options on the table. Charlie thinks banquet committee meeting discussing options will be best idea. He asked that committee report back with options for HOD meeting.

Parking Lot

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm. Next BOD meeting June 10th at 7:30pm.