

1. Welcome

Meeting was held at the Marriott Westchase Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston TX.

a. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

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

b. Attendance

Jennie Shamburger did roll call. BOD members attending Charlie Fry, Paige Sikkema, Jennie Shamburger, Travis Sandifer, Tom Hasz, MaryAnne Svoboda, Tanja Avant, Mark Martinez, John Burke, Makayla Noe, Ava Caspersan, Anna Burke, Jake Camp. Office Staff attending: Julie Bachman, Loren Fischbach. Coordinators attending: Davis Peden, Natalie Melenric.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve BOD minutes from Jan. 3rd 2024. Motion was seconded. Minutes from that meeting approved.

- i. Jan 3rd BOD Meeting Minutes https://www.gomotionapp.com/gslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/gulf-bod-minutes-1-3-24_054202.pdf

2. Reports

- a. Executive Director https://docs.google.com/document/d/16dxORnRsOMkdI92_c0Ez9SvwfH8-T2SpVWxr1uQrKCQ/edit?usp=sharing

Both Duel in the Pool and Gulf Open Water teams have been chosen and information being finalized.

Gulf Coach's Clinic got positive feedback for clinic itinerary and great response to presentations by Gulf Coaches. This was also the first year for an Official's track. Matt Sale has been working on the new legislation coming from USA Swimming. His presentation at the clinic was impressive. Julie was thankful for the opportunity to get to know the LSC meet refs better. New officials get a welcome kit with Gulf gear and other things. That has been a big hit. Next year's clinic may lean into more of a Swimposium agenda and will again include the officials.

Still determining the efficiency of using Boardable and it being cost effective.

Tom Hasz spoke to the importance of including reports of committee meeting minutes and if it can be included in Boardable platform. Paige Sikkema spoke about ease of uploading report on to Boardable platform.

b. Financial Report

Travis Sandifer presented report. He summarized audit summary as posted in meet documents. Nothing out of order in audit. Julie thanked Tom Hasz for working

through the audit process required of USA Swimming. He did an exemplary job.

Travis is working to make financial reports more readable. P & L comparisons with previous year - we are positive on revenue for first quarter. Spent less on travel so far this year. Positive to net ordinary income for first quarter compared to last year's first quarter. Investments also had a good first quarter gain. Balance sheet compared to last year at this time - difference of \$263,000 plus increase in total assets and liabilities.

c. Committee Reports and Updates

i. Safe Sport

Tanja Avant presented Safe Sport report. As of March 2024, 52% of Gulf clubs have started or completed Safe Sport certification with 26 current clubs having started the process. Tanja is working on mental health first aid and how to make that class available to coaches. She is also working with officials and TPC to get Meet 360 ready to share with teams. John Burke spoke to difficulty in achieving Safe Sport recognition. He asked if there is anything that can be done to facilitate ease of process. Tanja is reaching out to clubs who have begun the process or are close to finishing process. She is open to any suggestions on how to encourage clubs to finish certification.

ii. Admin Vice Chair

Paige Sikkema presented report. No show reports from Gulf meets are now required with other post meet information within two weeks of meet date. Report should include failure to show at the block and those who no showed at finals. Failure to submit this report will result in a \$100 fine for host teams. Because information about this report is not clearly stated in meet director report documents - this will be corrected and fines will begin to be assessed as soon as this is done.

Southern Zone Athlete Summit at University of Louisville will have six athletes from the Gulf attending. There will be training and yoga and Olympic Trials viewing scheduled during the summit. This will add \$7500 to budget because information was just distributed in February. House will need to vote on budget increase. Paige motioned to add line item for costs of Southern Zone Athlete Summit of \$7500. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Paige will be traveling with the athletes as chaperone and they will report back to the Gulf after their trip.

Makayla Noe stated that this entire Summit has been athlete driven and she is grateful that underclassmen will be attending with the Sr year athletes.

Travis Sandifer asked about the 4 hour rule for 12 & Unders and if these reports were being received. He asked about including the verbiage about the 4 hour rule

to clarify for the teams at the HOD. Paige said she would do this for the HOD meeting.

Policies and Procedures continue to be updated. Meet information and 4 hr rule info are included in the Meet Director education packet.

iii. Athlete Committee

Makayla Noe presented report. She has two major points of discussion. Regarding the equipment drive, she has emailed the U of H coach and has not gotten an response. Hoping to use U of H as a distribution point. If anyone has a club centrally located and could host a weekend distribution of equipment, please let her know.

Julie stated that the distribution of Duel in the Pool and Gulf Open Water team gear will be held at the Marriott Westchase on a weekend date in May. She suggested using the same date and location for distribution from the equipment drive. It will be promoted and swimmers will be able to come and pick up gear. Julie said there will need to get be a process in place. Form to sign up for equipment needs has been posted for several months and no one has filled it out.

A new Jr Athlete Rep is needed and will be grandfathered into being the Sr athlete rep. She feels this position needs to be filled quickly.

Beach clean up date is being postponed until dates are determined. Hoping for it to be scheduled for June.

iv. TPC

Davis Peden presented TPC report. These summer champs series recommendations were presented at an open meeting in March. Information and calendar are in the meeting packet. He reviewed the meet dates and format changes and the TPC host site recommendations. He spoke about host sites criteria included location and officials representation.

Suggestion was made to revise criteria required for 12 & Unders to take away the opportunity to swim all three meets. Progression of racing at Summer Champs if time achieved as B & Under Champs remains. Suggestion to change 14 & Unders to allow them to swim at Age Group Gulf Champs but not allow them to swim at the Summer Champs meet because overqualified. Charlie suggested putting info in about "newly qualified swimmers" from B & Under Champs being allowed to go to Summer Champs.

If entry deadline is missed, there is a substantial fine to prevent qualifying times from being earned AFTER the entry

deadline. Loren Fischbach spoke to original design of meets to allow each tier of swimmer a championship meet for their ability level. Suggested motion made for swimmer with at least one Gulf Champs times for 14 and Unders to be overqualified and not eligible for Summer Champs will be presented at HOD meeting.

3. Old Business

No old business.

4. New Business

Charlie Fry announced Futures entry cap information. Teams already entered in meet may enter new swimmers who did not have times when entries were sent even after cap set. Encouraged teams to submit entries for Futures now.

Email was received from a coach about Gulf Open Water meet organization. RICE is usually meet host for this meet but it can be reviewed to accept bids. BOD member mentioned that Sharks have proven that they host a quality open water meet with a timing system. She suggested that the spring qualifier be open to bidding process.

Buoys for race in April different from buoys Sharks used in October. Davis stated that this meet should be open for bids. Davis asked question about how to get bids to be open for this meet. It will be brought up at the HOD meeting.

5. Closing

Motion made to adjourn meeting and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

a. Action Items

6. Adjournment