

**Minutes for the Gulf LMSC
Annual Meeting
November 16, 2011**

Attendance: Jill Gellatly, Steve White, Eric Cozadd, Renee Protopapas, Emmett Hines, Mark Hahn, Kris Wingenroth, Sheila Baskett, Andrew Teske, Allison Van Natter, Beckilyn Skidmore, Scott Campbell, Markell Lacy

The meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting (August 24th) were approved.

Officer Reports

- President (Jill Gellatly):
 - Announced dates of 2012 SC Zone meet to be held in North Texas
 - Reported successful Level 1 and 2 coach's certification with 26 coaches attending and positive feedback from many attendees. Net cost to the LMSC was approximately \$2700 (budgeted \$5,000).
- Vice Chair (Markell Lacy):
 - Facebook –Reported the addition of questions similar to the USMS and she will be completing an article on dryland for website
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn):
 - Presented October financial statements showing net balance of \$24,664.71 and \$30,000 in certificate of deposit accounts. Grand total: \$54,664.71
- Registrar (Scott Campbell):
 - Reported our 2011 membership hit an all-time high with 1,126 members
 - Reported all of our 2010 clubs have re-registered and we have one new club- FINS.
- Top Ten Recorder (Emmett Hines):
 - Long Course Top 10 is finalized and posted on USMS website
 - Reported he just received the SCM file and will have those submitted shortly.
- Officials/Sanctions (Kris Wingenroth):
 - Jesse Coon meet has been sanctioned (January 21 date)
- Other Reports (Steve White):
 - Reported on the Woodlands SCM Classic meet which had 115 participants (about 15 deck entries). Had a raffle for a 32 inch TV, every participant got 1 ticket free and additional ones could be purchased. Sent out a vertical response e-mail to encourage deck entries and participation.

New Business

- Proposed amendments to the By-laws were presented by Jill Gellatly- These included (1) the addition of a conflict resolution policy as required by the LMSC Minimum Standards (2) change of requirement of annual meeting date by October 1st to December 1st and (3) inclusion of mention that we are 501c(3) organization under the IRS tax laws
- After further review of actual by-laws, it was determined that we could not make changes to the by-laws without 15 days notice of the “exact” changes but discussion ensued regarding the changes.
- Kris Wingenroth and Scott Campbell agreed to review the current By-laws for any other suggested changes and will present at the next meeting. Additionally, the policies will be reviewed including the addition of job descriptions in the policies as required by LMSC Minimum Standards. We currently have a few positions detailed but not all per the requirements.
- A Waiver of the Annual Meeting delay was approved and signed.
- Kris Wingenroth presented a “Professional Development Application” form for Gulf Coaches. The Committee earlier had embraced the idea of approving a certain budgeted annual amount for professional development for coaches and publishing a form for coaches to complete if they wish to apply for funding related to professional development of their choice. It was determined that the form needs to include a statement about the responsibility of the coach to make a report to the GMSC after their return so that we have verification of their participation and submission deadlines were agreed upon. Kris will revise the form.
- MSA to approve \$2,500 for Coaches Professional Development for 2012.
- 2013 Registration fees were discussed. The GMSC Board had voted via e-mail to retain the current \$40 membership dues for 2012. USMS is increasing their share of dues by \$2 each year through 2014. Currently, USMS retains \$31 of the \$40 dues. Further discussion was postponed until mid-2012.
- Discussion ensued about developing policies regarding open water sanctions. We are having an increased number of inquiries about open water swims and one was recently denied due to a conflict with another event. However, there is concern over the ability of inexperienced event directors to run a well organized and safe event.

- MSA for addition to open water sanction policy as follows:
 - “In order for an open water event sanction to be considered, any new open water race director must complete the sanction application 90 days prior to the event and attend a Gulf LMSC board meeting to present their proposal for consideration.”
- MSA- To allow a 1 day USMS Registration for the Woodlands Relay. The fee will be \$15.
- Jill introduced the concept of a “First Meet Free” policy similar to North Texas. It was decided to implement and further discussions to finalize it will be held at January meeting. To qualify, a participant must not have ever been previously registered with USMS.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Next meeting will be January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.