

SECRETARY

Linda Brenneke

No report.

TREASURER

Tom Hasz

Checking account balance is down due to more travel expenses paid out and 2009 registration fees not in yet.

**SENIOR VICE
CHAIRMAN**

Tim Bauer

Tim reported on the 2008 USAS convention. A Zones Senior Champs meet for 15 & over swimmers will be held August 3-8, 2009 (same date as US Open). Time standards and formats (4 day) meet should be out by Dec. 15, 2008. This is a sub Jr. meet. TWST bid on the meet. The swimmers will enter by their club team, not an LSC team.

**AGE GROUP
VICE CHAIRMAN**

Allison Beebe

USAS is putting a greater emphasis on the IMX program. USAS has also passed legislation regarding 12 & under swimmers suit attire. See attached report.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN**

Henry Clark

by Herb, report on the meet director's clinic in August. See attached report.

**ATHLETE REGISTRATION
COORDINATOR**

Annette Leach

Report by Herb, 5611 total swimmers registered for 2008, this is 290 greater than 2007. \$3,683.75 for 883 events to 47 outreach swimmers was reimbursed for 2008. 901 swimmers are registered for 2009.

**NON-ATHLETE REGISTRATION
COORDINATOR**

Chris Day

37 new non-athletes are registered for 2009 in addition to 9 life members and 8 coaches. A total of 552 non-athletes were registered for 2008. GIST is up and running. Chris sent a list of the approved safety courses in the team registration packets. This information may also be found on the USAS website "how to satisfy safety training"

OFFICIALS CHAIRMAN

Rick Kehlenbach

Officials clinic will be October 15, 2008 at UH. The clinic is not required.

SAFETY COORDINATOR

Mark Taylor

On October 12, UH CRWC will hold classes in coaches safety training, first aid and CPR from 9 am -12 noon. Contact Mark for more information.

**PAST GENERAL
CHAIRMAN**

Herb Schwab

No report.

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

Chelsea Leary

"Thank you to the Board for sending me to the Convention. I had a great learning experience."

Ashley Adams

Not present, report by Eddie. "Thanks for sending me to the Convention." See attached report by Ashley.

COACH REPRESENTATIVE

Eddie Adams

Eddie reminded coaches that all occurrences need to be reported to the Gulf Safety Chair.

SANCTION COORDINATOR

Linda Brenneke

Present, no report

NTV COORDINATOR

Rick Kehlenbach

Not present, no report.

**ADAPTED SWIMMING
COORDINATOR**

Gary Baker

Not present, no report.

**TOP 10 RECORDS
COORDINATOR**

Rick Kehlenbach

Top 16 has been redesigned by USA Swimming and is now the Top 10.

**COMPUTER INFORMATION
COORDINATOR**

Sharon Bourne

Not present, report by Herb. Gulf Swimming is eliminating the Hy-Tek searchable database. The current database will not be updated. There will be a link from the current Gulf database to the USAS searchable times database. Comments and requests regarding information on the Gulf web should be sent to Herb.

**MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT
COORDINATOR**

Rick Tobin

An equipment repair day was held with Eddie Adams, John Swank, Eric Amundsen and Gary Baker helping Rick replace and repair equipment and restock the trailers. Old and out dated timing consoles were replaced with 3 new CTS 6 systems. The workshop for these consoles will be held October 4 and will be hosted by HCAP. Thank you HCAP for all your help with this training class.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT
LIAISON**

Ray Loney

Not present, no report.

PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

Robert Kelly

Present, no report.

**OUTREACH (DIVERSITY)
COORDINATOR**

Gilbert Legaspi

Gilbert is now the Gulf Diversity Coordinator. Please encourage parents and swimmers to fill out the ethnic background section on the swimmer registration form. This information helps USAS plan programs for swimmers.

OPEN WATER COORDINATOR

Seth Huston

Open Water Swimming National Championship Meet will be held in Fort Myers June 14.

CAMP COORDINATOR

Position open

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS
ACTIONS**

A motion was made seconded and passed to accept:
--amendment of the Prelim/Final Rule see attached
-- amendment of Meet Starting Time Rule see attached
--Stipend for Southern Zone coaches; \$600 for the head coach and \$300 for assistants, when all paperwork and evaluations have been complete.
--\$300 for Henry to purchase a steel tape and laser measuring device for teams to measure pools
-- A motion was made seconded and passed to add 3 days of Winter Juniors in Austin to the travel reimbursement for athletes
-- A motion was made seconded and passed to award a plaque to Catherine Wagner of DADS for her Junior National time. She made the qualifying time at the TAMU Sr. Circuit meet and was awarded a waiver by USAS.

-- Tim Hill has resigned his position as an at large member of the Gulf Swimming Board of Directors. A motion was made seconded and passed to elect Seth Huston to this position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Tom Hasz has been elected to the position of Treasurer for USA Swimming.

--CTS 6 Clinic will be October 4 at County Precinct 1 Office

--Officials Clinic October 15 at UH

--Appointment of special committee to review awards (Levels & Open water): Chris Day Chair, Eddie Adams, Herb Schwab, Tracey Mundy and Chelsea Leary.

--Appointment of special committee to review meet reimbursements: Tim Bauer Chair, Tom Hasz, Terry Jones, Annette Leach, Gilbert Legaspi, and Ashley Adams.

The special committees will report back at the January Board meeting or at latest the January House meeting.

A motion was made seconded and passed to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Brenneke

Linda Brenneke
Board of Directors, Secretary
Gulf Swimming, Inc.

Team/Meet	ESA 8 & Under Open 4/5/08	CFSC/TWST Open 4/18-4/20/08	SPA A & Up 5/2-5/4/08	PACK/SCAT BB & Under 5/9-5/11/08	UH A & Up 5/23-5/25/08	FCST/TWST BB & Under 5/30-6/1/08	DADS A & Up 6/13-6/15/08	TWST BB & Under 6/20-6/22/08	TWST Gulf Champs 7/3-7/6/08	TWST Time Trials 7/5/08	FCST Summer Champs 7/11-7/13/08	MAC Summer Champs II 7/12-7/13/08							
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AQUA																			
BRAZ											NS	NS							
BTA		NS	E/P/NS		P	NS	P		F/P/NS		P	F							
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Gulf House of Delegates Meeting
October 1, 2008
Age Group Chair Report

2008 Southern Zone Meet

- Head Coach Jason Wedlick did an outstanding job. Information was communicated well in advanced, he stayed under budget, the kids swam very well, and he did a phenomenal job across the board. The same applies to the entire Gulf Zone Coaching staff.
- The team placed 6th overall. Gulf placed 3rd in the 14 & Under team score, just 6.5 points from second place.
- Swimmer Highlights included the following:
 - Jillian Vitarius swam a new US Open time in the 200 backstroke.
 - New Meet Records (6):
 - Andres Guilliod- 11-12 50 butterfly
 - Jordan Hancock- 13-14 200 butterfly
 - Jordan Jones- 13-14 400 IM
 - Jillian Vitarius- 13-14 100 and 200 backstroke
 - 11-12 boys 200 medley relay (Nezami, Strong, Guilliod, Corey)
 - Event Winners (14):
 - Jonathan DeBaugh- 13-14 200 butterfly
 - Andres Guilliod- 11-12 50 and 100 butterfly
 - Jordan Hancock- 13-14 200 butterfly
 - Jordan Jones- 13-14 200 and 400 IM
 - Romy Landeck- 13-14 100 and 200 breast
 - Jillian Vitarius- 13-14 100 and 200 backstroke
 - 13-14 girls 200 medley relay (Vitarius, Landeck, Yoon, Eckhart)
 - 13-14 girls 200 freestyle relay (Eckhart, Yeager, Vitarius, Connolly)
 - 11-12 girls 200 medley relay (Bolado, Swinney, Varisco, Manuel)
 - 11-12 boys 200 medley relay (Nezami, Strong, Guilliod, Corey)

2008 All Star Meet

- Rey Aguilar will be the 2008 Gulf All Star Head Coach. Applications for assistant coaches and managers are due to Rey by October 15. Copies have been distributed to head coaches via e-mail and have been added to the Gulf website.
- Changes to the selection process for this year (approved at September Gulf BOD Meeting):
 - Only the top 4 finishers in 200 and below and top 3 finishers in 400 and up will be selected for the team. These placements are based on meet results, not on applications received.
 - Scratches will not be allowed. Gulf coaches will decide which events to scratch if a swimmer over-qualifies.
 - There are no alternates. Placing 5th will not get you on the team. This will be strictly enforced (the alternate system was greatly abused last year).
 - The coaching staff will decide on scratches if a swimmer qualifies for too many events in a session.
- The application fee will be \$50, and swimmers are responsible for transportation to and from the meet. Mailed applications must be postmarked by October 18, 2008; swimmers may turn in applications at the Q Meet by 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 25, 2008.

Ladder of Success/ Ladder of Success Shirts

- The long course ladder of success was posted on the Gulf website immediately following Junior Nationals thanks to Herb Schwab. No corrections were received.
- Ladder of Success shirts were distributed at the Gulf Banquet. Eddie Adams was in charge of the entire distribution process.

USA Swimming Convention Report

- The USA Swimming Age Group Committee recommended the rule that swimmers 12 & under competing in an age group level meet may not wear a suit that extends beyond the knees, neck, or shoulders. This rule was passed at the House of Delegates meeting.
- USA Swimming will be placing an even stronger emphasis on the IMX program. They are working on the IM eXtreme Games, which will be a meet held in late November or early December at 6 regional sites. Swimmers will have to qualify based on their previous year's IMX score. They are also working on an IMX FUNDamentals program with the same philosophy, but for shorter events for newer swimmers.
- The next focus of USA Swimming's Age Group Committee will be Open Water Swimming. USA Swimming has started a new event called POW (Pool Open Water) Swimming as a bridge into open water swimming. POW is basically a NASCAR format race within a pool, where lane ropes are removed and swimmers swim in a rectangle. More information about POW is on the USA Swimming website (Go to Swimmers, Open Water, POW).
- The Age Group Committee hosted a two-part workshop for LSC Age Group chairs which focused on the IMX program, open water swimming, camps, LSC visions in its relation to age group swimming, and age group chairs' roles and responsibilities within the LSC.

Gulf Swimming Meet Directors Clinic

August 27, 2008

Present at the clinic:


Matt Wagner, AGS	Michael Wilson, FCST	Ola Alvarez, NOCH
Dan Joines, AQUA	John Mallinger, FCST	Kevin Little, PACK
Bob Tweedy, AQUA	Louis Davis, FCST	Carol Davis, PACK
John Swank, BTA	Hillary Martinez, FCST	Ted Machicek, PACK
Joshua Simpson, BTA	Kyle Shuck, FCST	Darian Horn, PACK
Jim Martin, CFSC	Don Yeager, FCST	Al Varisco, PEAK
Scott Scofield, CFSC	Herb Schwab, GULF	Kristi Bertelsman, PEAK
Clayton Cagle, CFSC	Annette Leach, GULF	Seth Huston, RICE
Erik Andrews, CFSC	John Beaudion, HCAP	Tacey Baker, SCAT
Linda Brenneke, COOG	Connie Thomas, HCAP	Jean McLean, SCAT
C. Frank Robinson, DADS	Gilbert Legaspi, HSC	James Beaman, SCAT
David Pink, ESA	Belinda Metts, HSC	Brad Hammond, SPA
Merry Wright, ESA	Robert Arceneaux, KATY	Don Bleasdel, SPA
David Pink, ESA	Justin Doherty, KATY	Hillary Goldstein, SPA
Don Baker, ESA	Eddie Adams, MAC	Alex Dawson, TAMU
Todd Adamec, ESA	Jeremy Wade, MAC	Eric Amundsen, TWST
Chris Landeck, FCST	Terry Jones, MAC	Mike Manning, TWST
Jesse Rodriguez, FCST	Jennie Alvarez, NOCH	Jay Knaebel, TWST

Comments about the meeting:

- Clinic was well attended with 55 people (37 attended last year).
- A representative from each team that will host a 2008-09 meet was present.
- 34 people that are 2008 certified meet directors, renewed for 2009 by attending the clinic.
- The 24 people listed below can become certified meet directors by passing the Meet Directors test, they are:

Bob Tweedy, AQUA	Kyle Shuck, FCST	Al Varisco, PEAK
Joshua Simpson, BTA	Don Yeager, FCST	Kristi Bertelsman, PEAK
Scott Scofield, CFSC	Annette Leach, GULF	James Beaman, SCAT
Clayton Cagle, CFSC	Justin Doherty, KATY	Alex Dawson, TAMU
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Todd Adamec, ESA	Darian Horn, PACK	

Respectfully,



Henry Clark,
Technical Planning Committee Chairman

United States Aquatic Sports Convention Report
Atlanta, Georgia
September 25, 2008- September 28, 2008

On Thursday, September 25th I went to the Athletes first timers meeting. I found it very interesting to meet so many athletes from around the nation! I would highly recommend it to any new athlete representatives to go and meet new athletes. We discussed the different committees in USA swimming and the responsibilities of each of them and I found that very interesting.

On Friday, September 26th I went to the Southern Zone meeting where we discussed the 2009 15-18 zone championship, taking 15 and over's out of the old zone meet, the swimwear for 12 and under age group athletes, and voted on officers. The 2009 zone meet for 15-18 was a huge controversy. Many coaches thought it would be a waste because they felt that there swimmers could just go to the zone meet, but I felt that this meet would be very beneficial for the swimmers who have done very well at sectionals but have not reached the Jr. National level yet. As an athlete I loved the idea of this meet because I just recently got my Jr. National cut and for many seasons I wished there was another meet above sectionals for me that was not the zone meet because although traveling with the Gulf Team was a blast not many 15-18's went to the meet therefore there wasn't much competition. The Task Force for the 2009 15-18 Zone Championship voted to keep the 15-18 age group for the zone meet. The proposed revision of the swimwear concerning twelve and under age group was adopted. The rule now states that swimsuits worn for all 12 & under age group defined competition shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor past the knee.

On Saturday, September 27th I attended the 2008 House of Delegates Meeting, where we discussed the 2009 LCM Junior Standards, the 2009 U.S Open Standards, and the World Championship Trial Standards. We also discussed the 2009 budget, and the Rules and Regulations. A few of the Rules and Regulations pulled were: R-4, to restrict, but not omit, the use of "High Tech" competition suits in an effort to keep the sport cost effective at the age group swimming level as well as promote the value of teaching technical development over technical advancements at an early age; this action was adopted. Another action pulled was R- 30, to extend the sexual misconduct provisions to include all members and not just athletes; this action was amended.

I would like to thank Gulf Swimming for allowing me this opportunity to learn about USA Swimming, and also to take part of the athletes who have a voice in the swimming community and I look forward to going to Chicago in 2009!

Respectfully,
Ashley Adams
Gulf Swimming
Jr. Athlete Representative

Proposed Rule Change

1-31. PRELIM/FINAL RULE

The administrative rules for the conduct of Gulf Swimming meets shall follow the Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, USA Swimming rule 207.12.6D and 207.12.6E, as modified below.

Any finalist who fails to ~~report to the starting blocks for~~ compete in finals or consolation finals, or any other bonus final heat, for which he has qualified and failed to scratch with the Clerk of Course prior to the scratch deadline, shall be banned from further competition in the meet in accordance with the *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* and will be assessed a fine of \$50.00. A Club, which has not paid the fine, will not be allowed to register for membership in the Gulf LSC until the fine is paid.

In a Prelim/Final meet, the finalists and alternates for finals shall be announced and shall have thirty (30) minutes after the announcement to scratch from finals. Any qualified swimmer in the event (a swimmer is qualified for finals or consolation finals or any other bonus finals if he has successfully completed the event in Prelims) may be moved into finals due to scratches, therefore all swimmers who will not be present at finals must scratch to avoid a possible suspension from the meet and a fine of \$50.00. Thirty (30) minutes after the announcement, no further scratches shall be accepted, the existing scratches will be tabulated and the finalists and two (2) alternates for the event shall be set. Only the finalists set at this point may be subject to the above fines and banishment from competition, even though any qualified swimmer may be moved into finals. The alternates, after the existing scratches are tabulated, will not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in finals.

The USA Swimming National Championships Meets "reserve the right to scratch" rule is not applicable to any Gulf Swimming meet. The "intent to scratch" rule is not applicable to any Gulf Swimming meet.

1-25. MEET STARTING TIME

No meet shall start before 9:00 a.m. unless approved, in advance, by the Board of Directors of Gulf Swimming. Friday evening sessions shall start at 6:30 p.m. ~~except for meets held between Memorial Day and August 1, which shall start at 5 p.m.~~ unless some other start time is approved by the Board of Directors of Gulf Swimming.