



GULF SWIMMING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 6, 2017

- I. Roll Call
- II. Hurricane Harvey Issues
 - A. Extension of Deadlines for submission of Athlete Travel Reimbursement - Charlie
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 - C. Hurricane Harvey community support update
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 - Hurricane Harvey relief/outreach to our members
 - Approval of additional funds
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 - Approval of fee reduction - FEMA Applicants
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 - D. USAS Convention Legislative Update - Tim
 1. Proposed changes to the BOD for USA Swimming
- III. Announcements
 - A. Upcoming Events
 1. SWIMPosium
 - September 30th at the University of Houston
 2. GOLD Medal Clinic with Elizabeth Beisel
 - Saturday, September 30th at the University of Houston Natatorium
 3. Strategic Planning Session for the Board of Director's
 - Saturday, September 30th at 3:00 p.m.
 - University of Houston Hilton
 - Shamrock Room
- IV. Adjournment



Gulf Swimming, Inc.
Gulf Swimming Special Board of Directors Meeting
September 6th 2017

Reminder: Next House of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, October 25th 2017 **8:00 PM**

Reminder: Next Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 11th 2017 **7:30 PM**

Reminder: Next Technical Planning Committee Meeting
Saturday, September 23rd 2017 **1:00 PM**

Travis Sandifer , General Chair, called the special Gulf Swimming Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:31pm. Meeting was held via phone conference and internet ing only.

The following voting members and committee coordinators were present and represented a quorum:

Travis Sandifer	Charlie Fry	Andrea Walin	Paige Sikkema	Dusti See
Jennie Shamburger	Bob Kizer	Xonzy Gaddis	Jason Devine	Mandy Norris
Tim Bauer	Eddie Adams	Annie Norris	Mike Yearwood	
Henry Clark	Beau Caldwell	Savannah Griffin	Pete Wright	

Announcements – Travis thanked all for taking the time to be on the call in light of all our city has gone through due to the storms and flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

Mission Moment: Travis read Gulf LSC Mission Statement. *Gulf Swimming provides opportunities to learn, grow, and strive for excellence that develops leaders through competitive swimming.* He then read the Vision Statement for Gulf Swimming. *Competitive swimming for all.*

NEW BUSINESS

Deadlines need to be extended or examined. Charlie motioned to approve moving deadline date for athlete reimbursements to October 1st. Deadline had previously been pushed 7 days but that is inadequate in light of all that has happened. Motion seconded. Discussion and clarification that this pertains only to meets with submission deadline on or near Harvey event (Sr Zones, Futures Summer Jrs, USA Open, NCSA Juniors) – all August meets. All who have already submitted reimbursements will receive their payments before this new deadline. Motion approved and Mike Nordmann to send email notification to coaches.

Second item addressed meet sanctions. Templates for October Sr Meet and October Open are late. Prior to Harvey event, sanction applications and fees had not been received by all hosts. Motion to notify people that deadline for applications and announcements without fine is moved to September 12th to be posted by September 15th. Motion seconded. Question if any pools affected for these meet hosts. Only BTA has reported they can no longer host meet. Email should go out to specific host teams that these items were due prior to Hurricane Harvey but are now mission critical. Motion amended to add that sanction deadline is September 12th or teams will be fined. If there is a storm related issue, fines can be reversed. Amendment seconded. Traditionally, sanctions coordinator has ability to waive fines for situations and can act accordingly. Amendment passed. Original motion with amendment passed.

Staff motioned that team registration fines be waived until November 1st rather than October 15th to allow all time to recover from storm situations. Motion seconded and passed without discussion.

With all who have reached out to the Gulf asking for ways to help and offers of donations, the Swimposium scheduled for September 30th seems like a natural distribution point. Camille Adams working with vendors to get as much equipment as possible to any affected athletes who need it. Issue is storage of equipment or cost of shipping for donated items. After coordinating with Camille, Fitter and Faster organization and researching costs, a motion was made to add an additional \$6,000-\$8,000 to Swimposium budget to cover storage costs and major social initiative for LSC. Motion seconded. Question about justification of cost for storage and transportation of donated items. Actual costs may be less. Motion to approve \$8,000 to Swimposium budget passed.

Motion to approve fee reduction for FEMA applicants to attend clinic. Those with FEMA number would be able to register for \$10. Motion seconded and approved.

USA Swimming initiative was discussed. They are looking at offering individual families affected by Harvey with a FEMA number to be allowed to register as Outreach swimmers with USA Swimming. Darcey shared our LSC policies with Pat Hogan and suggested USA Swimming consider waiving their \$5 fee from registration and suspend their transfer rule. She wanted BOD to discuss and share opinions with Tim Bauer prior to vote at Convention. To clarify for Gulf: as long as a team/swimmer is Displaced, other teams can offer them pool space as long as coach on deck is fully registered and swimmer is registered. 120 day waiver was brought into effect during Hurricane Katrina, allowing athletes who moved to be attached right away. Does this pertain to our LSC situation? Checks and balances need to be present.

Darcey to send out a survey to coaches and registrars to get more information as to status of teams/swimmers. Travis agreed this would be good to get a better picture of where we are as an LSC.

Officials Volunteer Status – Andrea has reached out to officials and knows of two who have had severe damage. She asked for patience as some may be dealing with personal loss. She is working on a complete list so all teams can be notified. She asked that anyone with issues contact her.

USA CONVENTION UPDATE: Tim Bauer reviewed upcoming legislation at Convention. Vote could change how USA Swimming is structured and BOD is elected. The USA Swimming BOD has spent two years working on this. It will make the BOD smaller and not take away Zone representation. He is in favor of this legislation.

Question about BOD being able to change the rules. To some this appears to take some power from the House to the BOD. Articles of Incorporation already give the BOD this power and this legislation just puts it in line with the original Articles. Tim clarified that the BOD has only done wordsmithing type changes and he anticipates a good HOD meeting with discussion as to how the organization should be run and led.

Budget approval legislation question: Why does BOD want to take this out of the House hands? Tim said he needed to reference agenda before voicing an opinion. Travis asked that all attending Convention read the legislation and we can come together and discuss as an LSC prior to voting.

Travis brought up the athletes attending Convention. After 9/11, no athletes attended. Tim said there should be discussion as to policy since there has already been so much school missed. Darcey stated that we have 5 athletes scheduled to attend Convention. Travis stated that we need to be supportive of our athletes whatever their decision. He motioned to support athletes attending Convention with parent approval. Seconded. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jennie to send out nominations for Coach of Year and Age Group Coach of Year for review and approval. Darcey asked that every BOD member plan on being at Swimposium for the day.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25pm. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Jennie Shamburger – Gulf Secretary and submitted in final form on October 5th, 2017.