



Gulf Swimming, Inc.
Gulf Swimming Board of Directors Meeting
November 15th 2017

Reminder: Next House of Delegates Meeting
Wednesday, January 31st 2018 **8:00 PM**

Reminder: Next Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 17th 2018 **7:30 PM**

Reminder: Next Technical Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th 2018 **7:30 PM**

Travis Sandifer, General Chair, called the Gulf Swimming Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:30pm. Meeting was held in the DADS Club meeting room at meeting room 1006 Voss Rd. Houston, TX. 77055.

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

Travis Sandifer	Beau Caldwell	Jake Mitchell	Todd Johnson
Charlie Fry	Paige Sikkema	Tim Bauer	Mandy Norris
Jennie Shamburger	Mike Nordmann	Jason Devine	
Bob Kizer	Annie Norris	Mike Yearwood	
Eddie Adams	Savannah Griffin	Jim Bocci	

Motion to approve Gulf BOD minutes from 10/11/17 was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

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.* Travis introduced Poston Pritchett from Andrew Myers LLC to speak about responsibilities and legal obligations of being a BOD member. Mr. Pritchett reminded the BOD that they should be educated by reading the by-laws and handbook of the GULF LSC to know specific duties and obligations. Rules and regulations addressed in these documents will justify decisions made. Main obligations are fiduciary and actions must be carried out in the best interest of Gulf Swimming. Act in good faith, act in good care and act in the best interest of Gulf Swimming. Disclose any conflicts of interest and BOD can act as checks and balances for one another on this point. BOD should be mindful of best long term and short term interests of Gulf Swimming in preparing budget for upcoming year and beyond. This

is a specific power as opposed to broader powers listed in by-laws. He also brought a check list of BOD responsibilities to share. Travis thanked him for his time and information. Any questions for him can be directed to either Darcey or Travis.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hurrican Harvey donated items. Items have been distributed based on need and response to emails to teams and club registrars. We still have a surplus of swim bags and t-shirts. Items have also been sent to California and to the Florida Keys to help with their disaster relief efforts. There is an opportunity via Dave Thomas to send excess items back to USA Swimming for distribution. Setting a date to finalize distribution of items was discussed. Using extra items to aid Outreach swimmers was suggested. If this happens storage costs will still be an issue. It was noted that there is storage space in the equipment room. Travis suggested revisiting this topic at the January BOD meeting. Helping swimmers in Puerto Rico was also discussed. Application for USA Swimming grant funds for those affected by natural disaster is online at Gulf Swimming and USA Swimming websites. Deadline to apply for aid is Nov. 27th. Motion made to decide final resolution of donated items – either going to Gulf Outreach Swimmers or back to USA Swimming for distribution – at January BOD meeting. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

B. Outreach Policy Updates. Motion to accept amended outreach reimbursement policy recommendations. Motion seconded. Discussion about date this would take effect. Tom Hasz suggested upon approval but would not take away from anyone already granted Outreach status for this swim year. Question about putting it into effect at start of next year. The question of disabled veterans' families is coming up now. Opinion of room that adding options for disabled veterans now different from taking away from current criteria. Tim Bauer made motion that entire outreach reimbursement amendments take effect next year. Amendment seconded. Question about income limits. Item E should be number 2 instead. Question about seasonal and full year registration also asked. Motion to amendment to accept verbiage about disabled veteran's assistance as outreach swimmers now and then put remaining amendments into effect at future time. Amendment seconded. Amendment to amendment passes. Motion on amendment to take effect next year carries. Original motion with both amendments passes.

C. TPC Appointment. Tim Bauer stepped down from the TPC committee. Travis thanked him for his time and service. Travis made a motion to approve appointment of Clay Pruitt to this position. Motion seconded. Travis disclosed that both Tim and Clay are from KATY and there is also an athlete rep serving on this committee from KATY. There is no limitation on number from specific club representing on the TPC. Tim reiterated that Clay was the best person for the committee based on his knowledge and expertise. Motion to accept appointment of Clay Pruitt to TPC committee carries.

D. MARC Splash Fee refund. Charlie read from Henry's notes. MARC has turned in all receipts and Tom has verified numbers. Splash fee check in the mail but not received. MARC lost over \$600 with all splash fees paid. Motion to refund splash fees to MARCH for \$1228.50 and they will then make \$599 for Senior meet costs. Motion seconded. Amendment to motion that money will be refunded after Gulf receives splash fee check. Amendment seconded and passed. Motion with amendment passes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Travis asked for agenda items in the Officer Reports that needed to be pulled for discussion. It was noted that officers shouldn't pull their own reports. Motion to approve all reports not pulled. Motion seconded. Consent agenda approved and noted below.

OFFICER REPORT
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Travis Sandifer No report.

Executive Director Report

Darcey Baron Report approved via consent agenda.

VICE – CHAIR

Charlie Fry Report approved via consent agenda.

SECRETARY

Jennie Shamburger No report.

FINANCE VICE-CHAIR

Henry Clark Report approved via consent agenda.

SENIOR VICE-CHAIR

Bob Kizer No report.

AGE GROUP VICE-CHAIR

Laura Davis Report approved via consent agenda.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Eddie Adams Report approved via consent agenda.

OFFICIALS CHAIR

Andrea Walin No report.

TECHNICAL PLANNING

Beau Caldwell Report approved via consent agenda.

SAFE SPORT COORDINATOR

Paige Sikkema Report approved via consent agenda.

PAST GENERAL CHAIR

Henry Clark No report.

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

Annie Norris Annie presented the fundraising report since the hurricane. Estimated that \$7,000 has been raised before costs. Motion to create a grant distribution task force listed in her report. Seconded. Amendment made to motion that the Gulf matches net funds to double what can be distributed. Seconded. Shirts will continue to be sold through January. Money used to get shirts was \$6000 and they have netted about \$1000 so far. If all shirts sell, plus matching funds may mean \$14,000 to distribute. Question about the Fitter/Faster clinic money – did any of it go to Gulf. Clarification that it was an ECS function and no proposal for sharing funds was sent to Gulf Swimming. Question that would a FEMA number be required to receive money from donations and would there be an exact amount given per person? Amendment to motion passes. Original motion with amendment passes. Motion made to purchase tshirts come from budget for athlete retreat that didn't happen. Motion seconded. Should cost of UH also be deducted from budget line item? Clarification that Gulf matching net funds not gross amount. Motion carried.

Athlete committee busy planning for National Athlete Committee meeting in April. They created a governance committee to track attendance and handle committee by-laws. Their next meeting is November 22nd.

COACHES REPRESENTATIVE

Mike Nordmann Report approved via consent agenda.

COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS REPORTS

SANCTIONS COORDINATOR

Paige Sikkema Report approved via consent agenda.

NTV COORDINATOR

Rick Kehlenback Not present. No report.

RECORDS COORDINATOR

Mike Nordmann No report.

DISABILITY SWIMMING COORDINATOR

No report.

COMPUTER INFO / WEBMASTER

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

Eddie Adams No report.

SAFETY COORDINATOR

Todd Johnson No report.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT LIASON

Jim Bocci No report.

PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

No report.

DIVERSITY COORDINATOR

Mark Martinez Report approved via consent agenda.

OPEN WATER COORDINATOR

Seth Huston Report approved via consent agenda.

CAMP COORDINATOR

Mandy Norris Report approved via consent agenda.

Reminder about upcoming public forum for meet task force at CFSC. Reminder about dates in January for TPC, HOD and BOD meetings.

Motion to adjourn meeting made and seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Notes recorded on November 15th and respectfully submitted on December 28th by Jennie Shamburger – Gulf Secretary.