

**GKAISA General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
**September 25, 2017**  
**Arnstein Jewish Community Center (AJCC)**

**1. Welcome**

The GKAISA Fall General Membership Meeting was held on Monday, September 25, 2017, at Arnstein Jewish Community Center. President Terry Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Spring Meeting Minutes**

Gardner then presented the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes which had been emailed to the membership and which are posted on the GKAISA website. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, the Minutes for the Spring 2017 Membership Meeting were unanimously approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was not in attendance and therefore the Treasurer's Report was tabled.

**4. Old Business**

**A. GKAISA City Meet Review**

- Terry Gardner discussed the number of swimmers, number of teams, number of records broken, and other statistics from the meet.
- Gardner discussed that adding a third bus did seem to help with the wait times transporting families from the Metron parking lot to the pool. However, the goal was to have no one wait more than 10 to 15 minutes and accomplish this by having one bus at each location and one bus in transport at all times. If buses are utilized next year, then communicating the expectations with the bus drivers will be a priority.
- Several people questioned why the garage was not utilized across the street from the pool. Gardner stated that GKAISA was still in conversation with other members of faculty at UT to attempt to utilize the garage in the future. J. Bertucci states that she was told by UT that their policy is

that if the garage can't be offered during all events then they would not offer it to anyone. A. Shore recommended talking with UT Development Department regarding UT sponsorship and advertising their efforts on cars in the garage - in an effort to gain more support for garage usage.

- Gardner announced that the AJAIC has requested logistical changes in the format of City Meet. The threaded holes that secure the blocks to the pool deck are becoming worn and stripped. They want to leave the blocks located at the diving well end of the pool in place to prolong the life of the blocks/threading. This change would result in the meet being ran with 8 lanes in the diving well end and 10 lanes in the scoreboard end of the pool on all 3 days of competition. Due to the higher number of female competitors, the girls and boys would have to swap ends for the prelim days of competition (girls would move to the scoreboard end and boys would swim in the diving well end). This would also swap the Clerk of Course tents outside.
- In an effort to make Clerk of Course more efficient, the GKAIISA board has discussed separating the CoC tents. The current boys tent would remain in the same location. The current girls' tent would move further toward Volunteer Blvd into the space occupied by Gulf Park and Emerald Youth Foundation. Those team tents would swap space with the girls' CoC tent. The goal of separating the CoC tents would be to increase the ability of the kids/volunteers to hear and understand each other. Additionally, if separated, the swimmers would enter through different doors into the aquatic center to increase the ease of flow into the pool deck.
- Gardner discussed further decreasing CoC congestion by designating a dedicated volunteer/worker entrance separate from the CoC entrances.
- Gardner introduced that a Special Needs Swimmer Form is being developed by Tom Schumann for use next year. Historically, GKAIISA has made accommodations for all swimmers with special needs, but to enhance communication between teams and GKAIISA board, the form will be available in the future.
- The Senior Parade was changed for the 2017 finals day and was met with mixed reviews. Many liked the pause between swimmers entering the pool deck but spectators complained that they were unable to see the swimmers as they entered from the locker-room hallway. For better recognition purposes, the Senior Parade

will go back to the way it was in the past with the competitors parading the full length of the pool deck to the blocks.

- C. Carbaugh offered the idea to have 3 sets of ropes to walk the little kids in on Saturday to better flow more kids through to the pool deck. He noted that there were many instances where the officials were waiting on swimmers to be brought in to compete.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Rule Proposals**

- Gardner states that questions arose at the meet about whether or not lead-off splits from relays or longer distance events would be recognized as GKAIISA records. Historically, this has not been the practice but there is not a rule to support that. GKAIISA defaults rules to USA swimming rules and USA Swimming does recognized lead-off splits as record-setting. GKAIISA will recommend the rule change at the 2018 Spring General Membership Meeting that a lead-off split will NOT be recognized as a record. T. Schumann made the motion and C. Carbaugh seconded that the rule change be proposed at the Spring Meeting.
- Gardner presented discussion on the Lochte Rule. T. Schumann reports that 5 days ago USA Swimming adopted the FINA rule which states that the swimmer may come off the wall on his/her back but may not make any propulsive motion (no kick or arm pull) until toward breast. Since USA Swimming has adopted the rule and GKAIISA defaults to USA Swimming rules, then no changes to GKAIISA rules need to be made re: Lochte Rule.

### **B. Swim Team US**

- Gardner announced that the current meet management platform utilized by GKAIISA has been purchased by SwimTopia. STUS will be unavailable as of December 31, 2017. Rich Waldis will merge all team information, meet history, rosters into SwimTopia for the teams that choose to sign up with the new meet management platform. Gardner points out that this web program is more expensive and therefore GKAIISA can not purchase if for everyone. GKAIISA will be setting up the league website through SwimTopia. Gardener reports that the “early bird” GKAIISA special has been extended through October 31, 2017 for all teams wishing to get 40% off of the first year fees with SwimTopia. Mollie states that teams will be expected to pay

for the first year upon sign up. She recommends that teams should estimate low on the number of swimmers. SwimTopia will bill for the difference following sign-ups in the spring.

- Other website and team/meet management options are Team Manager, Meet Manager, Team Unify. Bill Bethman reports that he is working on an Excel Spreadsheet that will automatically calculate scores - essentially an electronic scoring sheet just like the paper scoring document. He requests assistance from anyone that is able to help write the formulas needed in developing the document.

### **C. GKAIISA Board**

Terry Gardner read the slate of officers including:

- Terry Gardner, President
  - Angelia Nystrom, Vice President
  - Shanda Keller, Treasurer
  - Shawna Davis, Assistant Treasurer
  - Kelley Perkins, Secretary
  - Sherren Chadwell, Assistant Secretary
- He then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, C. Carbaugh made a motion to accept the proposed slate, which was seconded by J. Bertucci. Upon unanimous vote of the membership, the proposed slate of officers was approved.

### **D. Important Dates**

- **Spring General Membership Meeting: March 6, 2018, 7:00 pm @ AJCC**
- **GKAIISA Championship Meet: July 27-29, 2018**

- **Fall General Membership Meeting: September 25, 2018 @ AJCC**

## **6. Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Sherren Chadwell

Assistant Secretary