

GKAISA General Membership Meeting

7:00 p.m.

September 20, 2016

Arnstein Jewish Community Center

1. Welcome

The GKAISA Fall General Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center. President Mollie DeLozier called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She opened the meeting by introducing the members of the Board and Advisory Board who were present, including Vice President Terry Gardner, Treasurer Tom Horne, Assistant Secretary Angelia Nystrom, and Advisory Board Members Bill Bethmann, Jim Bondurant, Harry Whiteside and Tom Schumann.

2. Spring Meeting Minutes

DeLozier then presented the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes, which had been emailed to the membership and which are posted on the GKAISA website. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, the Minutes from the Spring 2016 Membership Meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Tom Horne was then called upon to present the Treasurer's Report. He announced that GKAISA was in much better shape at year-end than it has been in past years. Currently, the account has a balance of over \$14,000, with an anticipated balance of approximately \$12,100 once the remaining expenses have been paid. He also noted that there was a net income of approximately \$7,900 from the City Meet, which is an increase over years past.

Mollie DeLozier asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

A. City Meet Review

Mollie DeLozier then called for a discussion regarding the City Meet. She opened by addressing the parking issues, stating that we are unsure as to whether the garage will be open for the City

Meet next year. She stated that we may be forced to use the buses again, as the system worked relatively well, especially after the first day. She also stated that we could get an additional bus for next year, if needed. The consensus with the Clerk of Course, police officers and Chris Scollay was that the meet flowed better with UT Drive being closed. Sarah Fortney announced that she had received positive feedback from her team parents regarding the set up.

Mollie then addressed the tent situation. She announced that, initially, there was some confusion over whether the teams were responsible for arranging for their tents, as teams are responsible for payment at Smoky Mountain, with Parks and Recs arranging for tent placement. With the City Meet, teams are responsible for their own tents.

The group then discussed tent placement and decisions related to which teams were able to be placed inside. Several members proposed rotating the teams each year. Sherren Chadwell announced that there were heat issues in the Benington/Farrington tent, and Lars Hondorf announced that his team's tent flooded.

Harry Whiteside spoke regarding the process for tent placement and stated that he is open to suggestions as to how to make placement better for the most teams. The discussion on tents was tabled until the Spring meeting, when several proposals regarding tent placement will be presented.

Marianne Graves stated that there were issues regarding workers from Leagues 5 and 6 being available for worker shifts on Sunday, as several teams did not have swimmers in the finals. Mollie stated that this had been recognized as a problem and that it will be addressed going forward.

Sherren Chadwell also stated that the final shift is a lot longer, especially on Sunday. Several others commented that the presentation of the scholarships makes it longer on Sunday. Terry Gardner suggested that we start to schedule shifts based on event numbers. Mollie DeLozier announced that we would take measures to address this for the City Meet next year.

B. Coaches' Council

DeLozier announced that the Coaches' Council, which is comprised of one coach from each League, has been a success. She stated that they had met before the season started, mid-season, and in August following the City Meet. She stated that the rule change that is being proposed had been suggested by the Coaches' Council.

She also stated that the coaches have been discussing the fin that is on the back of the blocks at Allan Jones. The fin is designed to allow swimmers to get a better start; however, no summer league teams have them. She stated that the coaches were concerned that the fin would give the year-round swimmers an advantage. She stated that the Board had decided that the use of the fin would be a coaches' decision and that they would be discussing it prior to next year.

DeLozier stated that the coaches will select new representatives at the Scheduling Meeting in the Spring.

5. New Business

A. Rule Proposal

Mollie DeLozier stated that the Coaches' Council had proposed a rule change related to one-way lanes. Specifically, the Coaches' Council has requested a change to General Rule 11.12, One-Way Lanes During Warm-ups. The proposed change is from the current iteration to the following:

“For all GKAIISA swim meets, diving from the starting platform or from the side of the pool during warm-ups may be done in only one-way lanes.”

The group then discussed that the reasons for the proposed change and the issues that could arise if the change was made. Tom Schumann stated that the proposed change is not in the USA Rules, but is contained in the Southeastern rules.

As a corollary, Sarah Fortney asked that the group address the option to allow all teams to warm-up in the competition pool on Sunday. She stated that at least one swimmer had sustained a slight head injury because the bulkhead looks different than the wall.

Marianne Graves made a motion that the rule change be voted on at the Spring meeting. After a second by Lori White, it was unanimously agreed that the rule change would be put up for vote at the Spring meeting.

B. Other

Lori White announced that the Gulf Park Blue Sharks will be back at their pool next year. She stated that the team finances and the pool finances are separate and that there had been a significant issue with the pool. Thanks to the generosity of the team parents and others, the pool will be repaired and will be open for the 2017 season.

Rachel Young then asked if teams had issues with bullying and whether there were any anti-bullying policies in effect. Angelia Nystrom announced that the University Swim Club has a policy in effect that deals with bullying and hazing and that she would be glad to share it.

6. Important Dates

Mollie DeLozier then announced the following upcoming dates:

- A. Spring General Membership Meeting: March 7, 2017**
- B. Meet Scheduling Meeting: March 28, 2017**
- C. Mandatory Coaches' Meeting: TBD**
- D. City Meet: TBD**

Mollie announced that both July 21-23 and July 28-30 are currently on hold for the City Meet. She also announced that July 21-23 is one of the proposed dates for Southeasterns, which will be set in about two weeks.

The group discussed the preference for dates, addressing that the earlier date allows for a break between the end of the season and the start of most school systems and the later date allows for a longer season which is beneficial for scheduling purposes.

Understanding that the City Meet will be scheduled based on the date of Southeasterns, Mollie DeLozier called for a vote for on preference. Sixteen members voted for the July 21-23 date (if available), and 10 voted for the July 28-30 date.

The date will be placed on the website once it is determined.

7. Officers for the 2017 Season

Proposed Slate of Officers

Mollie DeLozier then presented the proposed slate of officers, which includes:

Past President:	Mollie DeLozier
President:	Terry Gardner
Vice President:	Angelia Nystrom
Treasurer:	Tom Horne
Assistant Treasurer:	Bryan Atchley
Secretary:	Kelley Perkins
Assistant Secretary:	Sherren Chadwell (new)

She then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Lori White made a motion to accept the proposed slate, which was seconded by Chet Carbaugh. Upon unanimous vote of the membership, the proposed slate of officers was approved.

8. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

Angelia Nystrom

Assistant Secretary