

Minutes of Meeting
of
Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association (GKAISA)
General Membership Meeting

The spring membership meeting for GKAISA was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. (ET).

Board members in attendance were: Sherren Toomey, President, Nick Hall, Vice-President, Brad Salsbury, Secretary, Ben Duby, Corresponding Secretary, Shawna Davis, Treasurer, and Angelia Nystrom, Past President.

All Teams were in attendance except for the following: AJCC, ORCA, and MBGC.

Sherren Toomey welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Brad Salsbury performed the roll call noting teams in attendance and those that were absent (see list above).

Sherren presented a new team, Davis Family Y (DFY), that would like to join GKAISA. DFY was asked to leave the meeting so that a private ballot vote for adding them pursuant to the bylaws could be taken. Vote passed unanimously to approve DFY as a new team in GKAISA for the summer 2025 season.

Ben Duby presented the minutes from spring and fall 2024 membership meetings for approval. Motion to approve was received followed by a second. 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

Ben then covered the treasurer's report reviewing the 2025 proposed budget. Projected revenue for 2025 is \$128k and projected expenses are \$124k which would leave a net profit of about \$4k for 2025. A few notes on the budget that Ben highlighted – parking pass revenue is up as it is expected that UT will pass along an increase this year, normalized city entry fees and heat sheet sales which would hold revenues flat year over year; with regards to expenses – have budgeted a \$10/per swimmer facility fee that UT will be charging starting this year going forward (GKAISA will cover for 2025 then re-evaluate), about \$1k has been budgeted for officials training (see new business below), and budgeting for an increase in the use of AJAC (mostly the parking increase discussed above). As discussed at the fall membership meeting, cash reserves currently equal one years' worth of city meet expenses to ensure continuity of operations.

Sherren then covered old business with proposed changes to the GKAISA general rules. The proposed changes were the seasonal team realignment for league 1 through 6 per the attachment. League realignment is reflected based on the prior season's win-loss record with the team that had the best record moving up and the team with the lowest record moving down. There are still 6 leagues and 5 teams per league (6 teams in league 6). Motion to approve followed by a second. GKAISA General Rules were unanimously approved.

Sherren and Nick then covered new business that included:

- Team roles in SwimTopia – reminder to all teams to assign your roles within SwimTopia. This is important so that communication can be sent from GKAIISA during the season to the appropriate individuals on each team.
- Meet Scheduling Procedure - each league builds one sheet to submit via Google drive to Sherren
- Officials' Training Procedure
 - There will be a new officials certification program for 2025. GKAIISA will be moving to an online clinic and testing procedure for Stroke & Turn Officials. The new service is hosted on a website named strokeandturn.com. This online service is a resource for learning the rules of swimming. The online clinic will contain full explanations of the rules as well as video content to test the Official's understanding and application of the rules followed by completion of an online test. As mentioned in the treasurer's report, the cost of this will be about \$21/per official and GKASIA will pay for this cost, at least for the first year. GKAIISA will continue to hold clinics to train Starters and Deck Referees as no online services has been found yet. Those clinics will be held online, at least twice per season and a schedule will be announced.
- City Meet Update
 - City Meet for 2025 will be July 10-12 at AJAC. New for 2025, the meet will be named after Tom Schumann and called the 'Tom Shcumann Memorial GKAIISA Championship Meet'. The city meet shirt for this year will be in memory of Tom with the name of the meet on the front and team logos on the back.

Finally, Sherren reviewed the important dates as noted in the meeting agenda for 2025

With no additional business to discuss, Sherren adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (ET).