

Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2026 - 7:00 pm

Called to order at 7:07pm

Present:

Melissa Adkins

Veronica Walker (departed @ 7:45)

Robin Weier

Alison Pauli

Dawn Hall

Tiffany Hodges (departed @ 8:15)

Jennifer Jones

Victor Bravo

Approval of last month's minutes

- Approved by Jen Jones
- Second by Dawn

Coach's Update

- He's Currently at TISCA Coaches' Conference - No updates
 - Possibly August 25th, 2026
 - June 6th, Grapevine Gators meet, wants to open the concessions, 9-1?, approved that we will do concession stands for a limited time
- Still working on "26-27" Schedule / Travel Meet

2026 - 2027 Google Drive

- Did ALL new members get the link to download - "26-27" Swim&Dive GoogleDrive
- Use this to file all notes, spreadsheets, etc
- It is important that everyone has access & helps upload notes, docs, etc.

Treasury Update

- Everything is in the drive. Current balance \$20,750.26. Check all the fiscal year information for updates on plus/minuses of individual
- Banquet under budget
- Increased membership fee for "25-26" Season, only one didn't sign up this year
- Reminder to talk to Jau about extra facilities improvements or needs
- Estimate base reserve for new year is \$15k, do we break even or deficit

Banquet Feedback

- Total Cost
 - Income - Ticket Sales & Donations - **Currently at 4,215**
 - Expenses - Still waiting on one invoice (missing acrylic stand) & **Check to be cashed - Estimated to be about \$8,699.14**
- Colleyville Center **nice venue, close, easy**
- Food Review **cold, not served warm**
- Decorations **loved the senior set up, backdrops need to be bigger to accommodate larger groups - one balloon decoration that was in Lobby was neglected - not many pictures were taken with it & balloons on stage were okay, but all this was expensive.... Also CC was not happy that they spayed the balloons w/ a gloss when they were told not to**
- Discuss options for next year? **How do we use our money better? Do we need to serve food? How do we make it something with no food? Rental fee increases if we do something on a weekend. We spent more money than what we brought in which makes it hard. Do we choose a different venue?**
- Need to book banquet location for 2027 by end of June

Scholarships - Seniors Class of 2026 (winners & amounts)

- 2026 Seniors / \$5,000
- Veronica to share next steps
 - **The following are receiving a \$400 scholarship from the GCISD Swim and Dive Booster Club. They received a score of 80 - 89 on their scholarship rubrics: Alexandra Allen, Anya Ali, Emily Orlor, Anna Lowe, Brice Jiang**
 - **The following are receiving a \$1,000 Scholarship from the GCISD Swim and Dive Booster Club. They received a 90 - 100 on their scholarship rubrics: Isabelle Jackson, Victor Bravo, Andy Xiao**

Business Sponsorships

- Need two people willing to work together to find a way to raise more \$\$ for next year summer task
- Spreadsheet & Notes are available & in googledrive (handouts available tonight)
- Really need to have all Business Sponsorships in by End of August - "a summer task"
- How much money we get in will help dictate what we can allocate in budget
- **No one from the board volunteered to take this task on**
Veronica suggested a blast be sent out to ask for help
Dawn & Alison will ask the same sponsors we have asked in years past and hope they continue with their generosity, which would generate ~\$1800

Team Pictures

- Working with new Photographer
- Team Swim Suits
- Banners & Poster
- **Victoria Torarski is working with a new photographer to do our team pictures this year.**

- If we can get current members to order suits over the summer we may try to do a summer photo shoot in order to get banners and posters up in the swim center earlier!

Athlete's Meals - \$12 per meal - along w/ snack box items

- Jason's Deli - Meal A and Meal B (rotate) - also considering larger boxes
- Chick-Fli-A - Box Meal this year w/ more choices
- THOUGHTS - ?

Jason's Deli may not be a fan favorite.

Consider just charging more to cover the meals.

Chick-fil-A boxes may be an option that offers broader food choices.

*****Please note that the price above is just an estimate cost

*****Presidents will look into this further & discuss before we roll out Athlete's fee

Athletes' Fees & Booster Membership Fee - "2026-2027" Swim&Dive Season

- We are just trying to collect your thoughts
- In 2023 and previous years - Everything was A'la Carte - they charged \$50 for Boosters and your athlete's banquet cost was covered
- In 2024 & 2025 - We had money we needed to spend. Offered a package deal that said "Join Boosters" & you get the following: Booster Membership, Athlete T-Shirt, Meals, Athlete Ticket to Banquet, Seniors qualify to apply for the Swim-n-Dive Scholarship.

Bundle Some, All, or A'La Carte - ?????

- We want to make sure that everyone has food - so by going a la carte does that mean that some won't eat??
- Add a donation option to sponsor an athlete.

- **Booster Fee (\$50)**

CAN'T FORCE SOMEONE TO BE IN BOOSTERS

- \$50 - When this was A'La Carte - 1 Free Banquet Ticket
- When Bundled you got the following (Prices for Fall 2025)
 - \$125 (Total Value \$210)
 - Athlete was a Booster Member = \$50
 - T-Shirt = \$25
 - Meals = \$75
 - Banquet Ticket = \$55
 - Vinyl Decal = \$5
 - Seniors - Apply for Scholarships
- **Team T-Shirt (\$25)**

- **Meals & Snacks (Project \$120+snacks - for Fall 2026)**
 - ~10 meets for the '26-'27 schedule
 - Last year we factored this cost to be \$75 / per athlete
- **Banquet Ticket - (average cost - \$50) - How do you factor this cost in**

Estimate of Additional Costs

- Travel Meet (\$150) - Confirm price with Jau, but this is going off cost from previous years
- State Fee (\$100 - \$200 per athlete)
- Swim Suits - (Mandatory) - Parents will have to pay for this on their own
- Senior Banners & Varsity Posters (optional item) - Parents will have to pay on their own

Fundraiser

- Last time we did a fundraiser was in Fall of 2023.... (Class of 2027 participated in this)
- Fan-Pledge.com - 214-688-4600
 - Raised about 12,500 (see doc in google drive)
- When should we do another BIG fundraiser? Thoughts?
- "Sell-a-Day Calendar" Teamfi (\$496 minus 3% ccard fee)
 - Optional or Mandatory ?
 - All money goes to the team?
 - 55 athletes would raise ~\$25K MAX
 - All money goes to Travel Meet - No one would have to pay
 - Percentage raised goes to Banquet - helps lower ticket cost
 - Extra Money - State Fees - No fees for athletes
 - Pizza Party
 - Pool Party at The Rec - if raise a lot
- Melissa suggested doing a direct ask (we could use zeffy) to collect donations.
- We will sit down to determine what expenses we will need to charge in order to run a break even budget.
- Perhaps if we do a fundraiser it can be optional, but say there is an amount that each athlete is expected to raise - thus giving the option to fundraise or write a check.

In general there was not support to do a large fundraising campaign. We will need to crunch numbers to see what expenses would have to be passed on to athletes in order to run a break even budget.

- **PENTATHLON (\$8,000 - \$10,000)**
 - No Concessions this year - might make \$1,000 less
 - All profits come from Ticket Sales & Athlete fees.

- All money raised goes to booster's general pot
Need to talk to Jau about the AISD rental fees - think it could be alot
Dawn to Fill out FMX Form w/ AISD & reserve the natatorium - talk to Caoch Jau

Things that Need to Get Done by END OF JUNE

● GCISD BANK ACCOUNT

- Presidents & Treasurers will need to go to bank & sign new account / Take Victor Bravo off / Add on Tiffany Hodges
Jenn and Tiffany will get together to go to the bank
- Will need Minute Notes / Document with Old & New Board Members
Alison/Dawn will provide you with the minutes to take to the bank.
- When do you want to do this?????

● GCISD SWIM & DIVE FINANCIAL AUDIT

- Need two people NOT on Board to do out financial audit with our treasurers from 25-26 Season / Tiffany can also attend as it would be beneficial

We will ask Jessica Lai

We can ask Gary Constantine again.

As back up we could ask Karen/Brent Johnson.

Transition of Positions - Let's Look at Calendar & Set Some Dates

- Presidents to have meeting with Vice Presidents & look at 26-27 Swim & Dive Season
- Treasurers to Meet with New Treasurers & go over all financial things
- Presidents to have meeting with Treasurers to set a budget for the 26-27 Swim & Dive Season (Vice Presidents welcome to join)
- Secretaries - questions?
- Dive Reps / Diving - questions?

The above will assemble for their meetings as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45...no future meeting date was set. (the security system alarm is starting to go off!)

POST MEETING TEXTS:

Alison Pauli "After last night's fundraising discussion, we all seemed to like the idea of doing a direct donation ask type fundraiser but failed to vote! Dawn is working on putting together a Zeffy form (the platform we use to collect money). We would like to propose sending out a wave of "asking" in May. It would simply be a link that people can share with family and friends. We could see how it goes, with the thought that we could do a 2nd wave around potluck tie in August when we kick off the official season. Can I get a "yay" or "nay" from everyone?"

We had 9 text responses "yays" but a lot of questions were raised around fundraising and concerns about texting on important topics. We are putting this on "hold" for the moment.