

## **Open Water Committee Meeting Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**Call to Order:** 8:05 PM Eastern

**Attendance:** Present—Lynn Hazlewood, Glenda Carroll, Lisa Bennett, Michael Collins, Malcolm Cooper, David Diehl, Heather Hagadorn, Jon Harnett, Frank Marcinkowski, John Traynor, Rick Walker. Absent—Marcia Cleveland, Mark Gill, Laurie Hug, Karen Kaussner, Katherine Longwell, Fred Pigott, Jim Wheeler.

**Action Items:**

1. **MSA** the minutes for the February 13, 2011 meeting.

**Agenda:**

1. The minutes for the February 13 meeting were approved as amended (Lisa Bennett motion, John Traynor second).
2. The following actions taken between meetings were reported by the Chair.
  - a) The Executive Committee approved distribution of the Safety Guidelines during the Open Water Safety Conference March 18-20. They will still be considered a work in process and not for general public distribution.
  - b) Glenda Carroll agreed to accept the position of USMS Open Water Sanction Coordinator.
  - c) Karen Reeder (LD Committee) agreed to accept the position of USMS Open Water Safety Coordinator.
  - d) Frank Marcinkowski agreed to accept the position of USMS Open Water Swimmer Trainer Coordinator.
  - e) Ann Svenson (LD Committee) agreed to accept the position of USMS Open Water Guide to Operations Coordinator.
  - f) The Sanction Guidelines were approved by the LD committee and posted on the USMS Guide to Operations.
  - g) A new email list was started—owsupport@usms.org. This list will include the OW chair, LD chair, and other persons with leadership roles for open water support. Currently Glenda and Karen have been added to the list. As other leadership positions are developed, those email addresses will be included.
  - h) On February 27, the Chair sent the following statement to Dave Diehl, Executive Committee Liaison, for transmission to the EC: "During the 2/13/2011 Open Water committee meeting, the committee noted that there are a number of elements in USMS currently operating clinics independently of each other. It may be useful to have some sort of coordination of the clinic efforts to avoid duplication and overlap and provide a means of promoting USMS clinics as part of an integrated educational program. The logical place for this coordination would be in the National Office. The committee asked that this concern be sent to USMS leadership for consideration." As of the meeting, the statement had not been delivered to the EC.
3. Sanctions—Glenda Carroll has been working with Lynn & Heather on an email to send to the OW chairs & sanctions chairs presenting the sanction processing system. Heather & Lynn will send out a short note of introduction and Glenda will be in contact with them shortly after. Glenda is intending to make the message non-dictatorial to invite cooperation. The email explains 4-5 items that have changed in the sanction process.

LMSCs will be asked to phase the sanction process in where they can. The event results database data collection will be optional this year. Glenda will also point Appendix A, which lists resources for open water event management.

4. Safety—No Report pending the outcome of the Open Water Safety Conference.
5. Swimmer Training—Frank Marcinkowski reported on the clinic development progress. The first USMS-sponsored clinic will be in Noblesville, Indiana on June 12—one week before the 25k pen water championships. Steve Munatones will not be available to lead the clinic that weekend. Dick Sidner, event director for the 25K has lined up a strong group of clinicians to present the clinic. Rob Butcher wants us to go forward and lock in dates for 3 more clinics—late August in Chicago in conjunction with Big Shoulders; mid-September in San Francisco; and February 2012 the day before a race in Miami, Florida. The one remaining issues is the financial arrangements for revenue sharing between the clinics and USMS.
6. Open Water Guide to Operations—Ann Svenson from the Long Distance committee will be in charge of managing the OWGTO. She will be available to begin work after the processing of the One Hour Postal results.
7. Ranking System - John Traynor reported on the progress in developing the national ranking system. There was a lengthy discussion between John and Lisa Bennett about making the system as equitable as possible. For the next meeting, committee members are to review the proposal and send comments to John. The stickiest issues will be discussed at the April meeting.
8. Legislation & Rules—The chair reported that a preliminary legislation proposal for revising the OEVT process was sent to Bob Bruce, Chair of the LDC Rules Subcommittee. The OEVT will be a major point of discussion at the next meeting.
9. Next Meeting—April 17, 8:00 PM Eastern

**Adjournment**—8:54 PM Eastern