

Open Water Committee Meeting Sunday, November 20, 2011

Call to Order: 8:04 PM ET

Attendance: Lynn Hazlewood, Lisa Bennett, Glenda Carroll, Laurie Hug, Donn Livoni, Sue Nutty, John Traynor

Action Items:

1. The committee set up task forces for the coming year (see chart at end).

Discussions:

1. USMS Strategic Plan—the Chair reminded the committee that we are expected to conduct our tasks with the strategic plan in mind. A copy was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.
2. 2012 OW Task Forces—The committee set up task forces for the coming year. The job for next meeting is for task forces to develop a plan of action for implementation of TF goals. The OW chair will be contacting TF chairs to initiate that process.
 - a) Safety—Chair Frank Marcinkowski: This task force is a continuation of the Safety Task TF that met over the summer and produced the OW Safety Objectives document. The TF will periodically review and update the document as well as generate safety education opportunities for LMSC sanctions personnel, event officials and OW swimmers. The TF is currently working on putting webinars together to teach people how to use the document to run events.
 - b) Event Development—Chair Glenda Carroll: This task force includes sanctions, trouble shooting event problems, communications with LMSCs and events as needed. The TF will also be working on updating the Open Water manual. John volunteered to work on the open water manual revisions. He will liaise with Ann Svenson of the LD committee.
 - c) Legislation/Rules—Chair Bob Bruce: This task force will recommend (to the Long Distance committee) rules proposals in rules years and legislation in legislation years. The TF will also be developing definitions for new types of sanctions that were approved during this years convention. Bob is also the LD committee rules chair.
 - d) End-to-End Event Management (E2EEM)—Chair Lynn Hazlewood, Vice Chair John Traynor: The OW chair is a member of the USMS E2EEM TF as a representative of open water interests. This TF will consider issues that come out of the E2EEM process and will also work on recommendations for the OW Event Results Data Base (ERDB) and national awards system.
 - e) Swimmer Clinics—Co-Chairs Sue Nutty, Lisa Bennett: This is a new project this year and involves the development of a template for bringing clinics to open water swimmers at the zone, LMSC and club level. The template will be for groups at the local level to use in bringing training opportunities to OW swimmers. This TF will also work on updating the OW clinic manual. Once the template is complete, the TF will develop a plan to encourage LMSCs, clubs and OW event hosts to develop clinics. Donn Livoni will offer LD committee members the opportunity to join this task force.
3. Zone Open Water Championships: The OW committee will encourage Zones to develop OW championship festivals where all races are part of the championship. This will be a test to determine swimmers' interest in traveling to multi-day, multi-race events.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 12, 2012

Adjournment: 8:56 PM ET

Task Force Assignment Chart:

Name	Task Force Assignment
Bennett, Lisa	clinics
Bruce, Bob	Chair - rules/leg, safety, clinics
Burr, Chuck	clinics
Carroll, Glenda	Chair - event development, clinics
Cooper, Malcolm	
Diehl, Dave	<i>ex-officio</i>
Hazlewood, Lynn	Chair - E2EEM, rules/leg
Hill, Viki	event development
Hug, Laurie	E2EEM, clinics
Livoni, Donn	<i>ex-officio</i>
Lundie, Chris	
Marcinkowski, Frank	Chair - safety
Nutty, Sue	clinics, event development
Traynor, John	event development, safety, E2EEM, rules/leg
Wheeler, Jim	safety