

Committee Name: Open Water	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair: Rob Copeland	
Minutes recorded by: Joanne Wainwright	Date/time of meeting: May 18, 2014 8:00 PM EDT	

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 9	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazelwood (Chair), Rob Copeland (Vice Chair), Bob Bruce, Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Joanne Wainwright, Bill Roach (ex-officio), Chris McGiffin (ex-officio).		

Action Items:

1. Approval of April 6, 2014 minutes to committee members via email.
2. Send email reminder to LMSC chairs regarding OW Service Award nominations.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM EDT

1. April 6, 2014 meeting minutes not approved - approval will be via email due to lack of quorum.
2. **Report from Chair**—Lynn Hazlewood - no report
3. **Report from BOD**—Chris McGiffin had no report. Rob Copeland discussed the possibility of USMS partnering with other organizations for OW development. More information to come in the future.
4. **Report from Insurance Rebate Panel**—Rob Copeland reported that two rebates have been awarded, and there is money available.
5. **Report from OWCC**—Bill Roach reported that 39 events have been sanctioned to date. One request was withdrawn to look for better insurance fees and one withdrew because they did not have enough water for their event. Bill also noted that several of the more recent sanction requests must be rewritten as they are not in compliance with sanctioning guidelines. He is still experiencing some technical problems with the system.
6. **Report from Rules & Legislation**—Bob Bruce plans to organize a meeting with the Joint Rules Subcommittee (Bob Bruce, Lynn Hazelwood, Rob Copeland, Bruce Hopson, and Donn Livoni) within the next ten days to discuss three issues: 1. OW courses, 2. Who has the authority to stop swims, and 3. Open Championships. After the subcommittee meets, information will be shared with the LD Committee and the OW Committees.
7. **Report from Safety Education**—Jim Wheeler - no report
8. **Report from OWGTO**—Rob Copeland reported that he will work on the Officials Guidelines (Part 3) by doing a comparison of USA Swimming and FINA OW officials with USMS officials.
9. **Report from Awards**—Lynn Hazlewood reported that the committee has received one nomination at this time, and nominations are due July 1, 2014. She suggested a reminder email be sent to LMSC Chairs. She also commented that we may need to simplify the application process as it appears an arduous task and may be stifling the number of nominations. The OW Committee agreed to consider changes, including allowing the OW and LD Committees to nominate one person each to have at least two qualified candidates nominated to receive the Service Award. A brief discussion of the potential complications indicate that it would be impractical to implement for this year's award.
10. **Report from Swimmer Training**—Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Sue Nutty - Rendy sent an email to event coordinators about having clinics prior to OW swims and received some positive feedback. Lynn Hazelwood summarized a report sent by Sue Nutty stating that there has been no definitive time set to run an OW workout on Saturday during Convention. Due to the uncertainty regarding pool time, it was decided that the workshop planning should include a presentation with and without pool time. Rendy

Lynn Opdycke and Rob Copeland volunteered to help organize the Friday convention workshop.

Report from Committee Development—John Carlson No Report

11. **Other/New business** -Rob Copeland reported that 111 people completed the 2014 2.4 Mile OW National Championships in Chattanooga on May 17, 2014.
12. Next meeting: June 8, 2014 8:00 PM EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. EDT

Committee Members/Attendance/Votes (13 voting, quorum = 7)

(delete before publication)

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