

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: June 8, 2014 8:00 PM EDT	

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 10	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazelwood (Chair), Rob Copeland (Vice Chair), Sue Nutty, Joanne Wainwright, Donn Livoni, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin.		

Action Items

1. **MSA** that the proposed article 303.8.3 be approved as an official Open Water Committee proposal and submitted to the LDC by July 10, 2014. (Motion Rob Copeland, Second Sue Nutty)
2. **MSA** that the proposed articles 307.2.1D, 301.3.1, and 201.1.3 be approved as an official Open Water Committee proposal and submitted to the LDC by July 10, 2014. (Motion Rob Copeland, Second Sue Nutty)

Open Water Committee Meeting Minutes

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

1. No Approval of minutes from April 6 & May 18 meetings due to lack of quorum. Minutes to be approved via Discussion Forums. Note: minutes were approved.
2. **Report from Chair**—Lynn Hazlewood polled committee members present to get idea of who is going to convention. All members present in the meeting plan to attend the convention. (Lynn Hazelwood , Rob Copeland , Sue Nutty, Joanne Wainwright, Donn Livoni, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin)
3. **Report from BOD**—Chris & Rob - Chris McGiffin had nothing formal to report The next face-to-face meeting will take place July 19-21. Rob reported that the last OWTF meeting focused on finalizing recommendations for the BOD. There was much discussion about the role of the OW Committee in the area of education and training and how OW can get a certification system in place that is similar to the coaches certification program. Discussion also included the fact that a more events have been lost this year due to sanctioning changes.
4. **Report from Insurance Rebate Panel**—Rob Copeland - No new applications recently. Still have plenty of money to give to events seeking a rebate.
5. **Report from OWCC**—Bill Roach reported that there have been 44 events sanctioned, one is pending, and two requests were withdrawn. Last year there were 58 total events sanctioned. Bill also commented that the Maryland sanction request for their 23rd Annual Swim For Life filed an outstanding application.
6. **Report from Rules & Legislation**—Lynn Hazelwood reviewed rules process stating that officially only four entities may propose rule changes: LMSCs, standing committees, the BOD, and the Executive Committee. Two major proposals that LDC has not voted on yet are 303.8.3, 303.12.1 and 307.2.1D. Rob Copeland commented that both items should be in the convention packet and need to get in front of the HOD. In order to get them to the next level, they must be passed by the LDC Committee. They will be considering these issues in their meeting on June 29. OWC Committee members present discussed the two proposals and agreed to ask the OWC committee to put them forward as formal proposals if the LDC Committee does not approve them. Two motions were proposed so the committee could vote on the discussion forums (see Action Items above). Note: the full committee approved the motions.
7. **Report from Safety Education**—Lynn Hazelwood spoke in Jim Wheeler's absence and inquired whether anyone wanted to volunteer to do the July and August webinars. No volunteers yet.
 - a. June 22: Swimmer Safety - 25 people have signed up
 - b. July TBD: Safety Staffing, emergency response
 - c. August TBD: Safe Training, clinics, staying warm and temperature
8. **Report from OWGTO**—Rob Copeland - has started working on the Officials Section (Part 2) of the guide.
9. **Report from Awards**—Lynn Hazlewood - Two nominations have been submitted. For next year, the Awards Subcommittee will need to determine how to get more nominees.
10. **Report from Swimmer Training**—Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Sue Nutty - Sue Nutty commented that at this point in time, we have no definitive information regarding usage of the pool on Saturday morning during the workout at HOD. Sue will continue to work with Scott Bay on getting an open water practice at convention.

11. **Other/New business** - 2016-2017 SCY Nationals bid in Greensboro wants to include an OW National Championships swim on Sunday. Donn Livoni commented that, in the past, these OW Championships added to pool Nationals have not been very successful. The LDC will take the issue up when asked.
12. Next meeting: July 13, 2014 8:00 PM EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. EDT