

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Open Water Committee		
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Lynn Hazlewood	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Rob Copeland
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Joanne Wainwright	<b>Date/time:</b>	01/11/2015 8:00 PM EST

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Voting Members—Lynn Hazlewood, Rob Copeland, Charles Bender, Bob Bruce, Glenda Carroll, Sandra Frimmerman-Bergquist, Suzi Green, David Miner, Sue Nutty, Renny Lynn Opdycke, Joanne Wainwright. Ex-Officio— Elaine Howley, Chris McGiffin, Bill Roach.</b>					

#### Action Items

1. The Water Temperature Collars Plan is to be integrated into the the OWGTO and pushed to Bill Roach for implementation during the Sanction Application process.
2. Bill Roach, Donn Livoni and Rob Copeland will attend the USA Swimming Open Water Festival and Clinic in Ft. Myers, FL and report findings to OW Committee.
3. Rob Copeland plans to send OWGTO to the people who volunteered for his subcommittee.
4. Bob Bruce will bring a list of potential rules to the OW Management Group in one month,
5. Sue Nutty plans to get the final OW Award Nomination form to the USMS Awards Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

1. Attendance was taken and a quorum was declared by the Chair.

#### 2. OW Joint Management Group

- a. Water Temperature Collars Plan—Bob Bruce reported that the plan has been pushed to Bill Roach, the OW Compliance Coordinator who needs to implement the plan during the Sanction Application process and a portion of the work was sent to Rob Copeland for OWGTO updates.
  - b. Independent Safety Monitor Plan—Bob Bruce & Jim Wheeler brought a draft of plan to the OW Joint Management Group. Bob Bruce explained that there would be two parts. Part I will explain what we are looking for in an ISM, and the second part will give specifics of the position. There was a discussion regarding the question of whether the ISM should be able to compete in the event they are monitoring. Bob Bruce noted that the majority of their tasks take place prior to the start of the race and it may be difficult to recruit ISMs if they are not able to swim.
  - c. Officials Training with USA Swimming—Bill Roach reported that he, along with Rob Copeland, and Donn Livoni will be going to Ft. Myers for the USA Swimming Open Water Festival and Clinic (April 23-26). The purpose of the trip is to observe how Officials training works at the USA Swimming level and to and help in creating the necessary training for our officials.
3. **OWGTO Subcommittee**—Rob Copeland reported that he will be sending out the OWGTO documents this week to members of the his sub-committee, and they will discuss where we go from there. The transmittal will include the ISM plan and Thermal Plan Checklist.
  4. **Safety/Safety Education Subcommittee**—Jim Wheeler - Lynn Hazelwood reported that Jim Wheeler sent an email on January 11, 2015 to Lynn Hazelwood and Bob Bruce regarding the Safety Directors Manual developed by Bill Roach. Jim, Bob and Lynn will work with this draft and put together the supporting documentation for Safety Directors training.
  5. **Rules & Legislation Subcommittee**—Bob Bruce reported that he has put together a list of potential rules, many of which are housekeeping items. He will bring them to the OW Joint Management Group in a month.
  6. **Awards Subcommittee**—Sue Nutty reported that the sub-committee is looking for ways to streamline the application process, increase nominees, and increase publicity. Bob Bruce recommended that the OW committee not nominate someone as it could be a conflict of interest. A better idea would be that nominations come from local OW Committees. Lynn Hazelwood mentioned that we should make sure the USMS “pioneers” of OW events who may not be currently active in OW events be considered for nomination. Sue reported that the final Nomination form needs to get to Awards Committee and OW/LMSC Chairs.
  7. **OW Activity Development Subcommittee**—Jax Cole - No Report
  8. **Publication Liaisons** - Lynn Hazelwood sent Laura Hamel, the USMS Editor, the names of Glenda Carroll and Sandra Frimmerman-Bergquist as our OW liaisons. Glenda will follow up with Laura to obtain instructions on the interface with editors.

9. **Next meeting:** February 8, 2015 8:00 EST (5:00 PM PST).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. EST