

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee	Vice Chair:	Rob Copeland
Committee Chair:	Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time:	02/08/2015 8:00 PM EST
Minutes recorded by:	Lynn Hazlewood		

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Rob Copeland, Charles Bender, Bob Bruce, Glenda Carroll, Sandra Frimmerman-Bergquist, Suzi Green, Sue Nutty, Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Dave Oplinger, Ally Sega, Jim Wheeler, Donn Livone (ex-o), Chris McGiffin (ex-o), Bill Roach (ex-o)		

Action Items

1. **MSA** minutes for 12/14/2014 and 01/11/2015.
2. **MSA** to recommend to the BOD that we remove the signatures from all OWGTO Safety checklists.

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

1. The Chair took attendance and declared a quorum.
2. **MSA** minutes for 12/14/2014 and 01/11/2015. Motion: Rob Copeland; Second Bob Bruce.
3. **OW Joint Management Group**
 - a. OWGTO updates Part 1: Sanction Guidelines
 - b. OWGTO updates Part 2: Safety Guidelines
 - c. Independent Safety Monitor implementation—remaining issues
 - i. Identify which NC and pre-selected OW Sanctioned events do not have ISM coverage ("target" events for 2015).
 - ii. Decide A) whether we go with an over-budget request or B) go with a local, recommended and qualified contact. If A), then Chris needs to submit an estimate to the BOD at the next meeting. If B), then we should lay out procedures so that we are confident that the candidate is fully aware of the ISM responsibilities.
 - iii. In either case, as Rob C. suggests, Step 3 should include the vetting and conversation with the ISM candidates, and then include a step to review recommended ISMs for the 2015 "target" events with the impacted LMSC Sanctioning officers to confirm approval.
 - d. Officials Training with USA Swimming—Bill Roach
4. **OWGTO**—Rob Copeland: See above
5. **Safety/Safety Education Subcommittee**—Jim Wheeler: Jim discussed the issues with the cold water swimmers in San Francisco Bay area. As a result of this discussion, the committee **MSA** to recommend to the BOD that we remove the signatures from all Safety checklists in the OWGTO—Motion Jim Wheeler; Second Bob Bruce. Jim also reported—and provided a spreadsheet—that he has an experienced group of people moving forward on the various projects.
6. **Rules & Legislation Subcommittee**—Bob Bruce: Bob outlined the process that we will be going through on rules and legislation this year.

Next meeting: March 8, 2015, 8:00 PM EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM EST