

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee		
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair:	To Be Determined
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time:	3/13/2016 - 8:00 PM EST

Number of committee members present:	13	Absent:	5	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Bob Bruce (Chair), Sherry Brooks, Denise Brown, Rob Copeland, Lynn Hazelwood, Jenny Hodges, Bob Kolonkowski, Ally Sega, Joanne Wainwright. Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni, Chris McGiffin, Bill Roach.				

Motions Passed:

1. MSA January 24, 2016 minutes.
2. MSA February 21, 2016 minutes.
3. MSA OWC to waive the requirement that the Safety Plan be submitted on the template format at the discretion of the OW Compliance Coordinator on a case-by-case basis for 2016.
4. MSA to change the wording from “hot” to “warm” (less than 100 degree F) in the thermal plan and other associated documents in the OWGTO.
5. MSA OWC to recommend all Part 3: OW and LD Swimming Rules not pulled by the OWC to the LDC for approval.
6. MSA OWC to recommend 301.5.1 option 1 to LDC for approval.
7. MSA OWC to recommend an amended 302.2.6 to the LDC for approval.
8. MSA OWC to recommend 303.7.2.b to the LDC for approval.

New Action Items:

1. Bob Bruce to send communication to Sanction Chairs and Event hosts through National Office regarding the submission of sanction requests using the on-online sanction application template.
2. Bob Bruce to inform Dr. Jim Miller of the motion made changing “hot” to “warm” (less than 100 degrees F) in the OWGTO thermal plan and invite Doctor Miller to the next meeting to discuss the thermal plan.
3. Bob Bruce to set up a meeting date/time for the 301.2.1 subcommittee and communicate information to committee members.
4. Donn Livoni will rewrite rationale for 301.5 and send Bob Bruce that rationale and bullet points by March 28, 2016.

Attendance and determination of quorum. Quorum determined.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2016 meeting -- Motion: Rob Copeland 2nd: Denise Brown

Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2016 meeting --Motion Rob Copeland 2nd: Denise Brown

Reports:

1. Report from the Chair—Bob Bruce - No report

2. Report from USMS Vice President—Chris McGiffin reported that he will propose the amendment to article 302.2.2 to the BOD for review and approval to be sent to the LDC. The next BOD meeting is March 21, 2016; he hopes to entertain a motion at that time.

**Comment [1]:**

Bob, I'm not sure if this is the correct article.  
I CORRECTED IT. BB

Continuing Business:

1. Status of Previous Action Items:
  - a. Bob Bruce will post an inventory of 2016 work and future goals after meeting with Lynn Hazlewood. Action Item.
  - b. Rob Copeland will update the OWTGO to include ISM information and job description. Action Completed.
  - c. Rob Copeland and Lynn Hazlewood will review the OWTGO to determine changes for 2016. Rob Copeland will submit changes to Bob Bruce. Action Completed.
  - d. Bob Bruce will send out a link to the ISM quiz questions posted on the OW Forum December 15, 2015. Action Item.
  - e. Lynn Hazlewood will send Jim Wheeler all webinar and convention workshop information. Action Completed.
  - f. Bob Bruce will complete the ISM educational module. Action Item.
  - g. Jim Wheeler will go through safety webinars and create a Safety Director educational module webinar or power point and 20 questions for discussion. Action Item.
2. Request from LDC: The LDC recommended unanimously for “the OWC to waive the requirement that the Safety Plan be submitted on the template format at the discretion of the OW Compliance Coordinator on a case-by-case basis for 2016.” A motion was made by Donn Livoni for the OWC to waive the requirement that safety plans be submitted on the template format at the discretion of the OW Compliance Coordinator on a case-by-case basis for 2016. 2nd: Ally Segal Motion passed. Bob Bruce will follow up by sending out communication through the National Office to Sanction Chairs and Event Hosts to make sure OW sanction requests are made using the on-line template format.
3. OWGTO—Rob Copeland - Dr. Jim Miller requested to eliminate line 8 from the thermal plan that recommended the use of hot showers in treating hypothermia as they may be detrimental to the health of a swimmer. Rob Copeland reported that studies have shown warm showers to be beneficial in some cases. Rob Copeland moved to change the wording from “hot” to “warm” (less than 100 degree F) in the thermal plan and other associated documents. 2nd: Charlotte Brynn Motion passed. Bob Bruce will inform Dr. Jim Miller of the change made and invite Doctor Miller to attend our next meeting to discuss the thermal plan.
4. Safety Education Subcommittee—Jim Wheeler - No report
5. Awards Subcommittee—Sue Nutty - No Report
6. OW Swim Training Subcommittee—Rendy Opdycke - No report
7. Rules & Legislation Subcommittee—
  - a. Pulled Items: Charlotte Brynn moved for the OWC to recommend approval to the LDC for all Part 3: OW and LD Swimming Rules not pulled by the OW Committee. 2nd: Rob Copeland. Motion Passed.
  - b. OWGTO: 301.2.1. A sub-committee was created to discuss this proposal and other items directly related to the OWGTO. Committee members include Lynn Hazelwood, Rob Copeland, Bob Bruce, and Ally Segal. Bob Bruce will set up a meeting for this committee and inform the members of its date and time.
  - c. Age Determining Date: 301.5. There was a discussion regarding changing the age determining date to December 31. Donn Livoni discussed his rationale for submitting this change. Donn Livoni moved to recommend 301.5.1 option 1 for approval to the LDC. 2nd: Rob Copeland. Motion passed. Donn

Livoni will rewrite his rationale and send Bob Bruce that rationale and bullet points before the 28th of March.

d. Feeding Stations: 302.2.6. Bill Roach reported a housekeeping (numbering) error in 302.2.6. Rob Copeland moved for the OW Committee to recommend an amended 302.2.6 to the LDC for approval.

2nd: Ally Sega. Motion Passed.

e. Solo Swims: 302.4: There was a discussion about whether the rulings for solo swims should be removed as unnecessary since the HOD voted to no longer sanction solo swims in 2016. It was tabled for the OWGTO subcommittee.

f. Category I Swimwear: 303.7.2. Donn Livoni moved to recommend 303.7.2.b to the LDC for approval. 2nd. Rob Copeland. Motion Passed.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 17 - 8:00pm EDT, etc. (Note change of date from original schedule)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. EDT

Full Committee ( Voting Members = 15; Quorum = 8)

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