

## USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name:	Open Water	Session #: 1
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair: James Kennedy
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time of meeting: September 27, 2018; 11:30 a.m.

### Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

### Motions Passed:

1. MSC Meeting Adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 4
Committee members present: Bob Bruce (Chair), James Kennedy, Denise Brown, Jenny Hodges, Bob Kolonkowski, Peter Lee, Karen LeFebre, Sue Nutty, Ally Segal, Marie Vellucci, Joanne Wainwright. Ex-Officio/Associate Members: Ali Hall, Casey Keiber, Donn Livoni, David Miner		
Committee Members Absent: Lynn Hazlewood, Mia Erickson Stevens, Will Reeves, Alison Ware.		

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

#### Reports:

**Chair Report:** Bob Bruce welcomed everyone and introduced the OWC members. He explained that the purpose of the OWC is to promote the development of open water swimming per rule 507.1.9

**Rules & Legislation Report:** Bob informed the audience that if anyone has any comments regarding the LDC proposals to voice them at the LDC committee meetings and /or the Rules Forum, not introduce them for the first time at the HOD.

**Open Water Guide to Operations Report:** Bob reported that the contents of the OWGTO are being revised into a more streamlined document. Current Documents—yet unrevised--can be found on the USMS website under the Volunteer link.

**Awards Committee Report:** Sue Nutty reported that an OW Service Award recipient has been selected for 2018 and encouraged audience members to make nominations for next year.

State of USMS Open Water across the Nation: A group report.

While the OWC conducts its business during the year, the most important promotion of open water swimming is accomplished at the LMSC level. Bob asked each member of the audience to discuss what they have been doing at the local level. He asked each person to give their name, LMSC, numbers of sanctioned open water events, and the biggest issue facing them in the development and promotion of open water events.

Name	LMSC	#Events	Issues
Doug Adamavich	Arizona	1 cancelled	Low participation; need more swimmers from other LMSCs
Robin Smith	Southern Pacific	4	Sanctioning process + cost
Matt Miller	OR	7 sanctioned	need longer OW season
Jim Davidson	Pacific NW	5 (2 w/USA)	no lane lines, competition with USAT

Name	LMSC	#Events	Issues
Sarah King	Adirondack	5	educating pool swimmers to embrace OW swimming
Susan Kirk	New Jersey	1	sanctioning process + cost
Alana Aubin	New England	4	educating pool swimmers to embrace OW swimming
?	Southern Pacific	1	Finding volunteers; sanction cost
Jill Wright	Snake River	2	Outdated OWGTO materials
Alana Aubin & Charlotte Bryn	New England	4	Many non-sanctioned swims; busy schedule
Bob Singer	Adirondack	2	finding volunteers to organize events
Catherine Rust	Florida Gold Coast	0	Cost - must pay beach patrols \$\$\$
Shirley Loftus-Charley	Virginia	3 (1 flooded out)	Cost
Kenton Jones	San Diego	0	8 OW events; no sanctions
Carolyn Moore	South Carolina	0	8 events; most are charity events. Costs of dual sanctions
Judy Norton	Lake Erie	1	weather; negative publicity for Lake Erie
Jack Zedlitz	Oklahoma	0	USMS registration fee
Mary Joe Driscoll	Wisconsin	2	Weather
David Brancamp	Pacific	several	Weather; fire & smoke; insurance cost; basic fear of open water
Sandra Frimerman-Bergquist	Minnesota	0	6 non-sanctioned events
David Berggurt	Minnesota	0	costs
Phyllis Quinn	Pacific	7 events - 14 swims	scheduling; finding race directors with infrastructure to run events
Mike Carlson	Indiana	0	lack of desire for pool swimmers; may be due to lack of many OW options
Andy Seibt	Illinois	2	insurance, sanction costs, scheduling
Alexander Magazine	Kentucky	0	costs associated w/events; non-sanctioned swims; new event director
Jay Eckert	Sarasota	5 (2 w/USA)	perceived idea that USMS does not deliver a quality product
Bill Lindford	Kentucky	0	swimmers want to include other groups (children, triathletes, etc.)
Eric	Pacific		Scheduling

<b>Name</b>	<b>LMSC</b>	<b>#Events</b>	<b>Issues</b>
Marcia Anziano	Colorado		Perception of cost;rule change; lost big workout group
Lisa Watson	Georgia	2 non-sanctioned	insurance
Charlie Tupitza	Potomac Valley	2	water quality + costs
Charlotte	Florida	1	Clean water; cost
John	Florida	4	Management issues; cost
Laurie Hug	Delaware Valley	0	Schedule; insurance

Lessons from discussion - major factors

1. Cost
2. Sanctioning process & oversight
3. Insurance
4. Many others

OWC for the Upcoming Year: To be determined

The meeting was adjourned at. 12:31 p.m. Motion: Sue Nutty 2nd: Joanne Wainwright