

USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012

Committee Name: Open Water	Session #: 2	Report #: 16
Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair: Frank Marcinkowski	
Minutes recorded by: Lynn Hazlewood/John Traynor	Date/time of meeting: 9/15/2012 8:45-9:45 am	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. The committee agreed that we would key on two of the projects with funding and work on other projects as time and personnel permit. The top priorities will go to the Safety Education project and the Clinics project.

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 69
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Chris Lundie, Jim Wheeler, Malcolm Cooper, Sue Nutty, Laurie Hug, Lisa Bennett, Glenda Carroll, John Traynor, Donn livoni (ex-officio), Dave Diehl (ex-officio)
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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:50

1. **Announcements:**
 - a. The Chair thanked those who came to the Thursday meeting. We had 78 people in attendance.
 - b. The Open Water Committee will be providing safety expertise to the education process for Open Water National Championships. Details of this collaboration between the Open Water Committee and the Long Distance Committee are to be worked out after convention.
2. **Zone Championships:** John Traynor presented the Zone Championship proposal that went to zones prior to convention. There was a short discussion among meeting participants about the Zone Championships initiative. A copy of the concept document is attached to the minutes online.
3. **National Ranking System:** The Chair presented the concept document for a National Swimmer Ranking System for competitive swimmers. The audience contributed comments and suggestions that will be incorporated into the planning. A copy of the concept document is attached to the minutes online.
4. **National Challenge System:** The Chair presented the concept document for a National Challenge System for fitness swimmers. The audience contributed comments and suggestions that will be incorporated into the planning. Jim Miller suggested we work with the Fitness Committee on this project. That has always been the intention, once the proposal was sufficiently developed—and it is now ready. A copy of the concept document is attached to the minutes online..
5. **Tasks for 2013:** The committee discussed priorities and schedules for the 2013 projects. The committee agreed that we would key on two of the projects with funding and work on limited projects as time and personnel permit. The top priorities will go to the Safety Education project and the Clinics project. Tasks for next year will include:

- a. ***Open Water Safety Education Project:*** While working on the safety project, we will fold in elements of other projects as needed to support safety education. This includes communications, event development, event officials definition and training and inter-committee collaboration. In the next few weeks we will be setting accountable dates for completion of the initial parts of the project. First priority is the introductory webinar, which will be tested with a limited participation list including Open Water and Long Distance Committee members and other knowledgeable open water personnel.
- b. ***Clinics associated with Championship Events:*** The committee discussed different options for providing clinics without disruption of the championship hosts process. Ideas will be worked up to provide a template for Championship officials to use for guidance and assist them in using their grant to best advantage.
- c. ***Minor projects:*** Zone Championships promotion project; update of the Open Water manual and the Open Water Clinics manual; National Open Water Service Award; and others from the list as time permits.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am