

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee		
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair:	Jim Kennedy
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time:	6/18/2017 - 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present : Voting members: Bob Bruce (Chair), Sherry Brooks, Denise Brown, Charlotte Brynn, Mia Erickson Stevens, Kathy Farrell Guizar, Lynn Hazelwood, Jenny Hodges, Bob Kolonkowski, Sue Nutty, Will Reeves, Ally Segal, Joanne Wainwright. Ex-Officio: Casey Keiber, Chris McGiffin		

#### Motions Passed:

1. MSA April 23, 2017 meeting minutes.
2. MSA May 21, 2017 meeting minutes.
3. MSA to recommend the amended 302.2.b #1 to the LDC for approval.
4. MSA to recommend 302.2.3 as written to the LDC for approval.
5. MSA to recommend 303.9.5 as written to the LDC for approval.
6. MSA to recommend 308.1.1 as written to the LDC for approval.
7. MSA to recommend 308.1.2 as written to the LDC for approval.

#### Opening:

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 EDT.
2. Attendance was taken and a quorum was determined.
3. Approval of minutes from April 23, 2017 (Motion: J. Wainwright; 2nd: Jenny Hodges) and May 21, 2017. (Motion: J. Wainwright, 2nd: Denise Brown)

#### Status of Action Items:

1. Reorganize OWGTO section on USMS Website as this project progresses. Bob, Bill, & OWGTO Subcommittee. Ongoing, as needed to post new and/or revised material.
2. Review Part 3 Rules changes, pull, and be prepared to discuss. Ongoing, everyone.
3. Bob Bruce to discuss OW Convention workshop ideas with Donn Livoni. Incomplete.
4. Bob Bruce to contact members of OW Swim Training Subcommittee. Incomplete.
5. Jim Kennedy to draw up proposal to use Go The Distance database for OW Committee statistics. - Incomplete
6. Sue Nutty to send OW service aware rubric to subcommittee members. Incomplete.

#### Reports:

1. Report from the Chair—Bob Bruce. See Rules and Legislation.
2. Report from USMS Vice President—Chris McGiffin. Chris reported that the next BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19 and that he will have much more to report at our next meeting.
3. Report from USMS Open Water Compliance Officer—Bill Roach. Bob Bruce reported 45 sanctioned events, 2 pending events, and 59 certified safety directors as of this date.

#### Building our Committee and Status of Projects:

1. OW Development Subcommittee (purpose to generate real, actionable ways to develop and promote open water swimming, the central purpose in the committee definition). No report. Bob will get in touch with members of subcommittee.

2. Open Water Guide to Operations (OWGTO)—Bob Bruce, Chair; Lynn Hazlewood, Kathy Farrell Guizar, Denise Brown. Bob has done some work on making the guide more user friendly and will discuss items in the near future.
3. Rules & Legislation Subcommittee—Bob Bruce, Chair, Lynn Hazelwood, Donn Livoni, others TBD.
  - 302.2.3b No.1 Starting Line: Sue Nutty moved to accept the proposal as written. 2nd: Jenny Hodges. In a discussion regarding diving and safety, it was mentioned that there have been no reported accidents in USMS events. Will Reeves make a motion to amend the height of the platform to: (1)For platforms .75 meters or less above the water surface, the water depth shall be no less than 6-feet 2 meters for the first 5 meters of the course. 2nd: J. Wainwright This change conforms with USA Swimming standards and will help in dual sanctioned events. Sue Nutty made a motion to further amend the proposal to add the sentence: Swimmers must enter the water feet first. 2nd: B. Kolonkowski. In a roll call vote, the motion did not carry. Will Reeves moved to recommend the amended 302.2.3b #1 to the LDC for approval. 2nd: Sue Nutty
  - 302.2.3 Starting Line: Sue Nutty moved to recommend the proposal as written to the LDC for approval. 2nd: Lynn Hazelwood.
  - 302.3 Straightaway (cable) Courses. During a discussion, committee members differed significantly in their interpretations of straightaway vs. cable swims; therefore, Bob Bruce withdrew the proposal.
  - 303.9.5 Disqualification Ally Sega made a motion to recommend 303.9.5 as written to the LDC. 2nd: Jenny Hodges
  - 307.7.9 Protests Will Reeves moved to recommend the proposal as written to the LDC. 2nd: Jenny Hodges After a lengthy discussion regarding difficulties arising at events to meet the time frame for protests, Bob Bruce pulled the item and stated that it must be in parallel to 303.12.1.
  - 308.1.1 Records Joanne moved to recommend the proposal as written to the LDC for approval. 2nd: Ally Sega.
  - 308.1.2 Joanne made a motion to recommend 308.1.2 as written to LDC for approval. 2nd: Ally Sega
4. Safety Education Subcommittee—Chair? Bob Kolonkowski, Will Reeves, Bill Roach. No report. More information to be presented at the next meeting.
5. Event Management—Chair? Bob Bruce, Jenny Hodges, Donn Livoni. Bob Bruce mentioned an interesting discussion he had with individuals in Tennessee regarding a possible event director's clinic. Also, in 2015, Lynn Hazelwood, Jim Wheeler, and Bob Bruce did a presentation at the convention covering event management.
6. Officials Subcommittee—Bob Bruce, Chair; Jim Kennedy, Denise Brown. Bob reported that he has been working on the training for referees, and his goal to have materials functional and ready to go by time the convention ends.
7. Awards Subcommittee—Sue Nutty, Chair; Joanne Wainwright, Mia Erickson Stevens, Ally Sega. Sue Nutty reported that there are three candidates from 2016 to be considered for 2017, and she hopes committee members will encourage nominations through their LMSCs. Bob will check to see if any nominations have been received through the USMS mailbox. The deadline for nominations is July 1; however, the committee will consider accepting late nominations if more time is needed.
8. OW Swim Training Subcommittee—Chair? Ally Sega, Jim Kennedy, Mia Erickson Stevens, Will Reeves, Mark Johnston, Bob Kolonkowski, Charlotte Bryn. No report.
9. IT Task Force—Chair? NEW GROUP (with a better name surely to be chosen!). Will Reeves, others TBD - It was reported that the Places to Swim database can be easily used to promote OW swims.

New/Other Business: none

Working at the local and LMSC level: Although you are serving on a national committee, your greatest task and bully pulpit strength lies at the local and LMSC level; what are you doing NOW at the local or LMSC level

to spread the word about USMS open water swimming in general and to encourage USMS open water swimming specifically for 2017?

Close:

1. Next meeting: Sunday, July 23, 2017 - 8:00pm EDT
2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. EDT. Motion: Sue Nutty 2nd: Jenny Hodges