

USMS Convention—Atlanta, Ga. 2008

Committee Name:	Open Water & Long Distance	Session #:	2	Report #:	22
Committee Chair:	Marcia Cleveland	Vice Chair:	Ann Svenson		
Minutes recorded by:	Janet Renner & Marcia Benjamin	Date/time of meeting:	09-27-08 8:00-10:00am		

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. MSA to offer COMA \$5000 as seed money to develop an open water cable swim in Bend, Oregon.

Action Items:

1. 2010 Championship Events
 - > 6 Mile OW: **Noblesville, IN**
 - 3-6 Mile OW: **Colorado Springs, CO**
 - 1 Mile OW: **Charlotte, NC**
 - 2 Mile Cable OW: **Lake Placid, NY**
 - 1-3 Mile OW: **TVM Del Valle Open Water Swim**
 - OHP: **Tamalpais Aquatics**
 - 5-10K Postal: **Twin River YMCA Masters (TRYM), New Bern, NC**
 - 3000/6000 Postal: **Masters of South Texas**
2. Several rules were recommended for approval by the HOD. See attached.
3. LD35 305.7.5 Wetsuits: At the discretion of the event director, wetsuit competitors may have the same start and finish line as all non-wetsuit competitors but may be started in their own separate wave. – MSA

Number of committee members present: 15

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 35

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Ann Svenson (Vice Chair), Marcia Benjamin, Bob Bruce, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Donn Livoni, Randy Nutt, Jennie Quill, Janet Renner, Dick Sidner, Tom Spence, Laura Winslow, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner.

Absent: Christie Ciraulo, Suzanne Heim-Bowen, Susan Ehringer (Ex-Officio), Leo Letendre (VP, Nat'l Op)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am and attendance was taken.

1. Accepted Bids for the 2010 National Championships (award bid is in **BOLD**)
 - a. >6 Mile OW: **Noblesville, IN**
 - b. 3-6 Mile OW: **Colorado Springs, CO**; COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI; Noblesville, IN
 - c. 1 Mile OW: **Charlotte, NC**; COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI
 - d. 2 Mile Cable OW: COMSA – **Lake Placid, NY**; Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, Colorado
 - e. 1 Mile Cable OW: Lake Placid, NY (withdrawn)
 - f. 1-3 Mile OW: **TVM Del Valle Open Water Swim**; COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI; Charlotte, NC
2. Accepted Bids for the 2010 (awarded bid is in **BOLD**)
 - a. OHP: **Tamalpais Aquatic Masters**; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit; Masters of South Texas; January 1-31, 2010
 - b. 5-10K Postal: **Twin Rivers YMCA Masters (TRYM)**, New Bern, NC; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit; May 15-Sept 15, 2010
 - c. 3000/6000 Postal: **Masters of South Texas**; Twin Rivers YMCA Masters (TRYM), New Bern, NC; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit; Sept 15-Nov 15, 2010

3. Further discussion regarding Rule Proposals, specifically LD16, LD35 & LD7
4. Define Postal and OW relay. Clarification of cumulative versus sequential (as in pool meet).
5. New Business:
 - a. Water quality of the OW swim conditions: Randy Nutt wants to be involved when our committee is freed up and can address it.
 - b. Developing and making sure that Event Directors are well aware of the safety policy for running OW events.
 - c. Discussion ensued to grant COMA \$5000 as seed money to develop an open water cable swim in Bend, Oregon. A formal request for a final decision will be confirmed with the Finance Committee.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year:

1. Search for a new chair for the committee as Marcia has only 365 busy, non-stop, sleep-deprived days left!

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.
