

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida. 2011

Committee Name: Open Water	Session #: 1	Report #: 6
Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair: Glenda Carroll	
Minutes recorded by: Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time of meeting: 9/15/11 12:30-1:45 pm	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

Motions Passed:

1. N/A

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 51
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Glenda Carroll, Frank Marcinkowski, Jon Harnett, Lisa Bennett, John Traynor, Jim Wheeler, Malcolm Cooper, Katherine Longwell, Heather Hagadorn (ex-officio), Dave Diehl (EC Liaison)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM.

1. Lynn Hazlewood gave the report of the Chair, which was a discussion of the changes in open water activities that have been made in the past two years. These changes have been enabled by a successful partnership with the Long Distance committee. The changes are intended to create a foundation for open water development including:
 - a. Rules changes to offer more flexible operation of local events.
 - b. Legislation changes and proposals to assist in the creation of a unified sanction system and enhance opportunities for event development.
 - c. New and updated guidelines and manuals to be used as educational resources for event officials.
 - d. A plan for an open water event results database. The Chair met with the USMS Webmaster on Wednesday to discuss the open water needs that will have to be added to the existing database (currently includes only pool events).
 - e. A national awards system intended to benefit both competitive and non-competitive swimmers.
 - f. Safety objectives for sanctioned events.
 - g. Safety education based on the above safety objectives.
 - h. Contributions to the automated sanction system being developed by the E2EEM task force.
2. The floor was then turned over to the audience to discuss any of the above topics they chose. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to open water safety. This discussion will prove to be a valuable introduction to the Friday workshop, which is intended to be a practical application of the Safety Objectives document.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.
