

Committee Name:	Open Water	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair:	Frank Marcinkowski
Minutes recorded by:	Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time of meeting:	April 1, 2012 8:00 PM EDT

Action Items:

1. MSA minutes as amended for 2/12/2012 (Motion Bob Bruce, Second Lisa Bennett).
2. The committee agreed to defer work on the National Open Water Service Award until after the 2012 USMS Annual Meeting.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lisa Bennett, Bob Bruce, Glenda Carroll, Malcolm Cooper, Dave Diehl (ex-officio), Lynn Hazlewood, Laurie Hug, Sue Nutty, John Traynor, Jim Wheeler		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM EDT

1. **MSA** the Minutes as amended for the February 2, 2012 meeting. Motion was made by Bob Bruce and seconded by Lisa Bennett.
2. **Safety**—Jim Wheeler has offered his Power Point presentation for planned safety webinars. Jim will update the presentation and send to Bob and Frank. Jim and Bob agreed that we could have more than one presentation for our webinars.
3. **Event Development**—Chair Glenda Carroll said their task force will have a conference call prior to the next meeting.
4. **Legislation/Rules**—Chair Bob Bruce has collected a number of comments, issues and actual proposals from LDC and OWC. He put them into a document that looks like an amended rule book and sent them to the LDC subcommittee for discussion after which the full committees will see a draft of the proposals.
5. **E2EEM**—Chair Lynn Hazlewood distributed a copy of the proposed National Awards system. Over the next few meetings, the committee will review the complete system and agree on the basic concepts. The discussion in this meeting started with the National OW Swimmer Ranking System. The committee agreed on many issues, but reserved resolution of a few sticking points until the next meeting.
6. **Swimmer Clinics**—Co-Chair Lisa Bennett took the documents that Marcia Cleveland created in 2009 and the Pacific Masters clinic documents and created a simpler version. She asked for comments on the results, especially from people who have run clinics. Glenda commented that the first task is to get a location and a date. Everything flows from there.
7. **Inter-committee Collaboration**—Lynn and John Traynor discussed collaborating on OW tasks with the Coaches and Officials committees. Lynn suggested that we might want to invite all committees that might be interested in working together. Further discussion will take place to determine the best course of action.
8. **National OW Service Award**—Bob and John volunteered to work on the proposal for the award. The committee agreed to defer work on this task until after the 2012 USMS Annual Meeting. The proposed award application to the USMS Awards & Recognition Committee is due by the July 1, 2013 deadline for the proposed award winner to be announced at the 2013 USMS Convention.
9. **Next Meeting**—May 13, 8:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 EDT