

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Open Water	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Lynn Hazlewood	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Frank Marcinkowski		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Lynn Hazlewood	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	July 22, 2012 8:00 PM EDT		

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA Minutes of 6/3/2012 meeting as amended. Motion: John Traynor Second: Sue Nutty
2. NOTE: MSA Minutes of 7/22/2012 meeting (approval on 8/29/2012). Motion: John Traynor Second: Jim Wheeler  
Vote: John Traynor, Jim Wheeler, Bob Bruce

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Lynn Hazlewood (Chair), Frank Marcinkowski (Vice Chair), Lisa Bennett, Glenda Carroll, Malcolm Cooper, Laurie Hug, Sue Nutty, John Traynor, Jim Wheeler					

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## Minutes

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

1. MSA Minutes of 6/3/2012 meeting as amended. Motion: John Traynor Second: Sue Nutty
3. Legislation/Rules: No report
4. Safety: Jim Wheeler discussed concepts for a proposed National Safety Program. After the meeting, Jim sent the committee a draft of the proposed webinar The basic points for the program include:
  - a. Update the USMS safety guidelines developed in 2011. This would be based upon any changes in the OW world, FINA rules, USLA Guidelines, USA Swimming, personal experiences, horror stories, etc... (request from President N. Day)
  - b. OW Rule Differences between USA Swimming and FINA (request from President N. Day)
  - c. Development of an Open Water Safety Webinar. Meet at convention to discuss an educational webinar and develop a PowerPoint that can be the backbone of the webinars. his would be hosted by USMS to assist open water swim hosts in their effort to put on safe events.
  - d. Develop a guide/web page to putting on safe events. This document or web page could include; the Open Water Guide to Operations, Sample Safety Plans from other events, resource people from around the country, USA-Swimming, USLA, FINA considerations.
  - e. Designate different people from the Open Water Safety Task Force or others to be a resource for each Open Water National Championship, from initial planning through the actual event. These would be regional people with expertise that could form relationships with event directors and event crews.
  - f. Aside from the above items, the major focus for the Open Water Safety Task Force in 2012/13 should be to evaluate all of the different policies, rules, and procedures from all of the organizations that have any of the aforementioned items including but not limited to; USA Triathlon, United States Lifesaving Association, USA Swimming, FINA, American Red Cross, etc.
5. Type I Sanction progress: We have not yet received an opinion from Sandi Blumit on the sanctioning of an event that has independent insurance and will put us on their policy as a named insured. The BOD had requested that we clear this point up before proceeding with a test event. We will work in 2012 to clear all points at issue and set the test event for early 2013.
6. Event development (zone champs): No report except to honor John Traynor for his work on this project. The Zone Championship document will be distributed to Zone personnel as soon as the language for point #7 is clarified and information on the OW clinic grants is added.
7. Other business: No other business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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