

Committee Name: Open Water	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair: Rob Copeland	
Minutes recorded by: Joanne Wainwright	Date/time of meeting: May 19, 2013	

Action Items:

1. **MSA** minutes from April 14, 2013 meeting.
2. **MSA** to use the Open Water Event/Safety Plan template as the basis for making requirements for the sanctioning of open water events.
3. The committee voted on proposed amendments to Legislation and Rules.

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 9	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood (Chair), Bob Bruce, Glenda Carroll, Rob Copeland, Dave Diehl, Donn Livoni, Sue Nutty, Bill Roach, Heather Stevenson, John Traynor, Joanne Wainwright		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. EDT

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approve minutes from April 14, 2013 meeting—Motion: Bob Bruce 2nd: Rob Copeland
3. **Safety Subcommittee report**—Lynn Hazlewood stated that Jim Wheeler has some guidelines on open water practices to be posted on the forum. Jim would like feedback from the committee.
4. **Officials Subcommittee report**—**Bill Roach** reported that he would like to finalize the Safety Director's manual. Separately, Bill took initiative to create an initial draft of a generic USMS OW safety plan template based on the USA-Swimming Sanction Application form. In this initial draft, the scope of the template was expanded to include event management as well as safety management. John Traynor pointed out that we had not set a scope of work for this document and that we should consider whether this template will imply requirements, guidelines and/or regulations for safety in USMS sanctioned OW events in addition to a fill-in the blanks template. There was much discussion regarding this issue. Joanne made a motion to use the Open Water Event/Safety Plan template as the basis for making requirements for the sanctioning of open water events. 2nd: Bob Bruce. Motion approved.
5. **Rules and Legislation Subcommittee report**—The committee discussed the proposed legislation and rules. We voted as follows: to approve 13 proposed amendments; not to approve two proposed amendments;. to tablet wo proposals. We agreed to avoid OWC commentary on legislation that does not specifically impact open water, and therefore did not consider two additional proposals.
5. **OWGTO Subcommittee report**—No report, due to expired telecon time.
6. **Development Subcommittee report**—No report, due to expired telecon time.
7. **Awards Subcommittee report**—No report, due to expired telecon time.
8. **Insurance Fee Rebate Fund report**—Rob Copeland reported that to date, \$3,400 has been awarded to six event hosts.

Next meeting: June 9 @ 8 PM EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. Eastern Time