

Committee Name: Open Water	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair: Rob Copeland	
Minutes recorded by: Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time of meeting: March 2, 2014 8:00 PM EST	

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Chair; Rob Copeland, Vice Chair; Jim Barber, Bob Bruce, Sandra Frimerman-Bergquist; Helen Lin; Sue Nutty; Jim Wheeler; Donn Livoni (Ex-O), Bill Roach (Ex-O)		

Action Items:

1. **MSA** the minutes from February 9, 2014 meeting.
2. The committee pulled various rules proposals, discussed them and voted their opinions. The results of these votes will be passed on to the LDC for consideration.
3. The committee agreed to create a notification of new information from the OWC to be communicated to event directors and USMS administrators.

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM EST

1. Attendance was taken and a quorum declared.
2. **MSA** the minutes from February 9, 2014 meeting. Motion Bob Bruce, Second Rob Copeland.
3. Report from Chair—Lynn Hazlewood
 - a. Google tools (Calendars and Documents) and Drop Box have been set up for the committee. Rob and I are busy getting familiar with their use.
 - b. Education—safety webinars are set up for March 16 and April 13 and will be announced in Streamlines for members this week.
4. Report from BOD—Chris McGiffin: No Report
5. Report from OWCC—Bill Roach has found that event directors don't know about the changed regulations and have had to change their safety plans after submission. So far, 16 events have been approved including five National Championships.
6. Report from Rules & Legislation—Bob Bruce presented the current version of the rules proposals (after an initial edit by the Long Distance Committee). The committee pulled various rules proposals, discussed them and voted their opinions. The results of these votes will be passed on to the LDC for consideration.
7. Report from Insurance Rebate Panel—Rob Copeland is preparing the memo to go out on the rebate program. So far, one request for a rebate has been partially completed.
8. Report from Committee Development—John Carlson No Report
9. Report from Safety—Jim Wheeler, Bill Roach No Report
10. Report from OWGTO—Rob Copeland reported he will begin to work on OWGTO Part 3: Officials Guidelines and agreed with the need to communicate the new compliances to the event directors.
11. Report from Awards—Lynn Hazlewood: No report
12. Report from Swimmer Training—Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Sue Nutty: No report
13. Other/New business—The committee agreed to create a notification of new information from the OWC to be communicated to event directors and USMS administrators. A draft will be prepared for editing by the following personnel: Lynn (Updated guidelines), Bill (Mandatory regulations & Checklists), Rob (Insurance surcharge & Rebates).
14. Next meeting: April 6, 2014, 8:00 PM EDT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM EST.