

<b>Committee Name:</b> Open Water	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Lynn Hazlewood	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Rob Copeland	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Joanne Wainwright	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> August 3, 2014 8:00 PM EDT	

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 9	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 1
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Lynn Hazelwood (chair), Rob Copeland (vice chair), Glenda Carroll, Sue Nutty, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin, Donn Livoni, Joanne Wainwright, Nadine Day		

## Open Water Committee Meeting Minutes

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

1. No approval of minutes from June 8 & July 13 meetings due to lack of quorum. Minutes to be approved at meeting during Convention.
2. Report from Chair—Lynn Hazlewood
  - a. Education clinics for OW Officials - Rob Butcher budgeted \$5000 for training, and we will be looking to partner with USA Swimming. Lynn Hazelwood, Donn Livoni and Rob Copeland will be meeting with Sandy Drake (USA Swimming and USMS) at Convention.
  - b. Convention meeting agenda - Lynn discussed the following as part of the agenda:
    - Business meeting (minutes approval; brief reports from rebate panel, OWCC, safety education). Chris McGiffin will be put on the agenda to give an update on the OW Task Force. Email Lynn if you have other topics to discuss at the meeting.
    - Discussion of rules proposals—Independent Safety Monitors, Open Championships - Lynn has included these two areas as topics for discussion so that points can be made during the meeting. This will allow delegates to understand the issues prior to the Long Distance Committee meetings.
    - The Future of USMS Open Water Swimming—Rob Copeland will lead a discussion on the future of USMS OW swimming.
3. Report from BOD—Chris & Rob - No report. Nadine Day discussed the organization of the OW Task Force.
4. Report from Insurance Rebate Panel—Rob Copeland reported that there has not been a lot of activity. There is a significant amount of money available for rebates.
5. Report from OWCC—Bill Roach reported that he has not had a sanction request for over two weeks. He gave statistics comparing 2013 to 2014 sanction requests: 68 in 2013 and 60 in 2014. Of the 60 sanction requests this year, 59 sanctions were awarded, two were withdrawn due to lack of water and one event found less expensive insurance elsewhere. There were 14 new events this year, and 15 events from last year did not return for a sanction in 2014. Bill is going to follow up to see if he can find out why these events did not seek a sanction this year.
6. Use of safety devices in OW events - There was discussion regarding the inclusion of these devices in Category I and II swims.
7. Report from Rules & Legislation—Bob Bruce - No report
8. Report from Safety Education—Jim Wheeler - No report - Lynn Hazelwood reported that the information for the August 17: Swimmer Preparedness webinar did not get into Streamlines; therefore, this topic may be moved to the convention workshop. [Note: the webinar was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.]
9. Report from OWGTO—Rob Copeland - No report.
10. Report from Awards—Lynn Hazlewood - The award has been ordered and shipped.
11. Report from Swimmer Training—Rendy Lynn Opdycke, Sue Nutty - No report

12. Other/New business—N/A

13. Next meeting: Convention, September 18, 3:30-4:45 pm (following the LDC meeting)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. EDT