

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee		
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair:	To Be Determined
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time:	7/10/2016 - 8:00 PM EST

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Number of committee members present:	12	Absent:	9	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Bob Bruce (Chair), Sherry Brooks, Rob Copeland, Lynn Hazelwood, Jenny Hodges, Bob Kolonkowski, Sue Nutty, Will Reeves, Ally Sega, Joanne Wainwright. Ex-Officio/Associate Members: Donn Livoni, Bill Roach.				

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Motions Passed:

1. MSA June 12, 2016 meeting minutes.
2. MSA to recommend to the Legislation Committee 507.1.9 as amended.
3. MSA to recommend to the LDC 304, 304.1 and 304.1.1 for approval.

New Action Items:

1. Bob Bruce to amend Article 507.1.9 and submit to Meg Smath.

Opening:

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.
2. Attendance was taken and a quorum was determined.
3. Approval of Minutes from OWC Meeting on June 12, 2016. Motion: Rob Copeland 2nd: Joanne Wainwright.

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Reports:

1. Report from the Chair—Bob Bruce. See Continuing Business.
2. Report from USMS Vice President—Chris McGiffin. - No report.
3. Report from USMS Open Water Compliance Officer—Bill Roach reported 58 OW events sanctioned to date with no pending sanctions. Ten people have completed the ISM exam and eight events have been covered.

Continuing Business:

1. Status of Previous OWC Action Items:
 - a. OW Committee members to read USLA Recommended Minimum Guidelines for Open Water Event Safety prior to July 10, 2016. **Action Completed.** Bob Bruce will address these guidelines at the **OWC meeting at** Convention as a discussion item.
 - b. Bob Bruce to inform OWTGO subcommittee members of their next meeting. **Incomplete.**
 - c. Bob Bruce to send ISM and Safety Director training/test modules to LMSC, Sanction and OW Chairs and to also send the modules to the OW Committee members. **Incomplete.**
2. OWGTO—Lynn Hazelwood reported that the document needs to separate the regulations not in the rule book from education items. Lynn withdrew 301.2.1b and suggested we continue to call the document OWGTO rather than a policy manual. Rob Copeland moved to propose an amendment to 507.1.9 (see below) and strike board approval from the article. (2nd: Jenny Hodges). See Action Item.

507.1.9 Open Water Committee

—The Open Water Committee shall promote the development of and participation in open water swimming. The committee shall develop educational resources for open water participants and event directors. The committee, with input from the Long Distance Committee, shall prepare guidelines pertaining to the management of USMS open water swimming. ~~for approval by the Board of Directors.~~ The committee shall increase awareness about open water swimming and identify opportunities to

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promote USMS. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function. The Long Distance Committee chair shall be an ex officio member of the committee.

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3. Safety Education Subcommittee—Jim Wheeler - No report.
4. Awards Subcommittee—Sue Nutty reported that there are five nominations for the OW Service Award and will be forming a selection committee shortly.
5. OW Swim Training Subcommittee—Rendy Opdycke - No report.
6. Rules & Legislation Subcommittee—Bob Bruce led the rules discussion in which 1. OWGTO: 301.2.1 option 2 was withdrawn by Lynn Hazelwood. 2. Conduct of Noncompetitive OW Swims: It was moved to recommend 304, 304.1 and 304.1.1 to the LD Committee for approval.
7. Other. Bill Roach discussed safety director training. The OW committee has defined the role of the officials, and Bob Bruce explained that our next step is to train these officials to the standard we set as policy.

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Close:

1. Next meeting: Sunday, August 7 - 8:00pm EDT
2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Full Committee (Voting Members = 15; Quorum = 8)

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