

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee		
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair:	Jim Kennedy
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time:	3/19/2017 - 8:00 PM EDST

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 9	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Voting members: Bob Bruce (chair), James Kennedy, Sherry Brooks, Kathy Farrell Guizar, Lynn Hazelwood, Jenny Hodges. Ex-Officio: Mark Johnston, Donn Livoni, Chris McGiffin, Bill Roach.		

Motions Passed: None

Opening:

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 EDST.
2. Attendance and taken. Due to low attendance of voting members, there was not a quorum present.

Status of Action Items:

1. Develop OWC goals & measurements for consideration at next OWC meeting. Bob to provide draft. Incomplete
2. Reorganize OWGTO section on USMS Website as this project progresses. Bob & Bill. Ongoing, as needed to post new and/or revised material.
3. Review Part 3 Rules (and comment to Bob by Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017. Done
4. Sign up for the subcommittees of choice by Sunday, January 29, 2017. Incomplete

Reports:

1. Report from the Chair—Bob Bruce reported that he has been a bit behind to other life projects and medical issues, but ready to get back to full steam.
2. Report from USMS Vice President—Chris McGiffin thanked Bill Roach for providing the information on previous year's sanctions, and reported briefly on USMS Leadership Conference.
3. Report from USMS Open Water Compliance Officer—Bill Roach reported that 15 events have been sanctioned for this year, with business picking up lately. 24 safety directors have passed the certifying exam.

Building our Committee and Status of Projects:

1. OWC goals & measurements for 2017: After much discussion, the OWC decided to update the proposed draft of committee goals and to create a new subcommittee specifically for development and promotion of open water swimming (the main charge of this committee under 507.1.9). Bob Bruce promised to update the draft goal statement for the next meeting.

Overall OWC goal & measurement (DRAFT #1): The OWC goal is to support outstanding open water swimming experiences for USMS members with the Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategy of USMS. The measurement of this goal will be the quantity of events, swims, and splashes, and the quality of those experiences.

2. Subcommittees:
 - OWGTO: No report

- Rules & Legislation: The OWC discussed the issue of defining certification requirements for safety directors and referees, and decided to move forward—Bob Bruce will provide a draft of a new rule 308.1.3. Lacking a quorum, no rules proposals were considered.
- Safety Education: No Report
- Event Management: No report
- Officials: No report.
- Awards: No report.
- OW Swim Training: No report.
- Task Force – No report.

New/Other Business: none

Close:

1. Next meeting: Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 8:00pm EDST
2. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. EDST.