

2020 USMS Open Water Committee – Agenda

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee	Vice Chair:	Mark Johnston
Committee Chair:	Kim Elsbach	Date/time:	6/14/20 - 7:30 PM EDT
Minutes recorded by:	Kim Elsbach		

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):		

Meeting Information:

1. Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020
2. Time: 8:00 pm EDT
3. Respond to Zoom Invite from Kim Elsbach

Full-Committee Scheduled Meetings for 2020 (all meetings from 8-9 PM Eastern Time):

January 12, 2020
February 9, 2020
April 19, 2020
May 17, 2020
June 14, 2020
July 12, 2020
August 16, 2020

Agenda (in Red)

Minutes in Blue

1. **Approval of OWC Meeting Minutes from April and May, 2020.** Note new meeting scheduled for July 12, 2020. Vote to approve minutes from April and May meetings. Bob Bruce, moves, Jenny, seconds. No discussion. Motion passes. I will include both numerical and percentage passes for motion in May meeting minutes.

2. **Reports from David Miner, Jay Eckert, Donn Livoni, and Alana Aubin**

- **David Miner.** 21 races cancelled, working with NO on virtual swims. Once Event Management Guide is done, will finish the Open Water Guide to Operations.

- **Jay Eckert.** Open Water Central should be up soon. Will be a big upgrade compared to what we have now. It can be tweaked, but will look at the other landing pages, like Volunteer Central, etc. Will have results database, event calendar, training articles, and workouts. Will also have an Event Management Section. Will have documents that are more central, rather than based on local races. Board is revisiting recommendations around Sanctioning. There was some discussion of events re-opening in US and Worldwide.

- **Donn Livoni.** Will have more updates on sanctioning events after this week's BOD meeting.

- **Alana Aubin.** Just finishing up LDC rules proposals.

3. **Report on the Event Management Guide to Operations project group (Karen LeFebre, Rory Grigull, Denise Brown, Becky Cleavenger, Mark Johnston).** – Karen will submit final guide this week. Karen is absent, so will move discussion of this guide to July meeting.

4. **Discussion regarding Virtual OW “Championships” proposed by NO**

Jay Eckert Overview: The Virtual Championships are an attempt to provide a service to members during this time when most in-person events have been cancelled. Targeted Mid-August as that would be a time when most

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clubs may be running practices and have access to pools. The Events will raise money through donations for the COVID Relief Fund, that clubs can petition for grants. The other beneficiary is our sponsors who get some visibility through these events that they lost when in person National Championships (pool and OW) were cancelled. For OW, attempt to do the 5 distances of cancelled National Championships (1 mi, 2 mi, 5K, 10K, 11 mile). Not sure which pool events we will do. Working with swim.com to get this up and running. The reason we are using the term “Virtual Championships” is to give the events some cache. They are not National Championships, and not subject to rules regarding running of National Championships. Our ability to run such events through the NO is proven through our running of other fitness events, like the Smarty Pants fitness events. Our goal is to fill a need that is not currently being filled. We can’t run the event like a regular e-postal due to time constraints.

Questions (questions and answers paraphrased):

Q1: Will there be a FAQ page? A1: We are working on that.

Q2: Do you have to use a Garmin or similar watch? A1: No, can be timed by someone

Q3: How does the fundraising work for the COVID relief fund? A3: We will ask for \$20.20 donation (or more) to enter, and you get USMS schwag. The value of the donation minus cost of schwag goes to COVID relief fund, which will provide grants to individual clubs. You could enter for free if you just upload times through Swim.com, but we are hoping people provide the minimum donation. We will wait until after this week’s BOD meeting to determine how clubs can apply for relief grants.

Q4: Is this an example of NO encroaching on local clubs and LMSC’s and their ability to run events? A4: We don’t think so, we are trying to look at big picture and do things that benefit the organization as a whole. We don’t expect to satisfy everyone, but our goal is to meet member needs. That is why we started the Smarty Pants fitness event, to fill a need that wasn’t being met.

5. Discussion of National Convention Presentations. – Put off until July Meeting.

6. Bob Bruce motions to adjourn, Marie Velluci seconds, no discussion. Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 PM Pacific Time.

**Full OWC (Voting Members = 18; Quorum is Voting Members= 9; Ex Officio Members = 5)
Present = x, Absent = o**

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