

Committee Name:	Open Water Committee		
Committee Chair:	Bob Bruce	Vice Chair:	Jim Kennedy
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time:	7/23/2017 - 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Voting members: Bob Bruce (Chair), James Kennedy (Vice Chair), Sherry Brooks, Charlotte Brynn, Mia Erickson Stevens, Kathy Farrell Guizar, Lynn Hazelwood, Jenny Hodges, Bob Kolonkowski, Ally Sega, Marie Vellucci, Joanne Wainwright, Jim Wheeler Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni		

Motions Passed:

1. MSA amended and passed June 18, 2017 meeting minutes.
2. MSA to recommend the amended 303.12.1 to the LDC for approval.
3. MSA to recommend the amended 305.8 to the LDC for approval.
4. MSA to recommend the amended 307.7.9a to the LDC for approval.

New Action Items

OW Committee members to review the referee training module and send Bob Bruce technical comments by August 6, 2017.

Opening:

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. EDT.
2. Attendance was taken and a quorum was determined.
3. Approval of amended minutes from June 18, 2017. Motion: Joanne Wainwright 2nd: Charlotte Brynn, Amendment: add Jim Kennedy's name to attendance.

Status of Action Items:

1. Reorganize OWGTO section on USMS Website as this project progresses. Bob, Bill, & OWGTO Subcommittee. Ongoing, as needed to post new and/or revised material.
2. Review Part 3 Rules changes, pull, and be prepared to discuss. Ongoing, everyone.
3. Bob Bruce to discuss OW Convention workshop ideas with Donn Livoni. Incomplete.
4. Bob Bruce to contact members of OW Swim Training Subcommittee. Incomplete.
5. Jim Kennedy to draw up proposal to use Go The Distance database for OW Committee statistics. - Incomplete
6. Sue Nutty to send OW service aware rubric to subcommittee members. Incomplete.

Reports:

1. Report from the Chair—Bob Bruce. Report deferred to Rules and Legislation.
2. Report from USMS Vice President—Chris McGiffin. In an emailed report from Chris McGiffin, Bob Bruce reported that Mark Johnston expressed interest in collaborating with the coaching committee to include an open water component to USMS coaching certification training. At the USAS Convention, Dr. Jim Miller will present the topic of "Sports Medicine Medical Considerations for Open Water Swimming". The presentation will include information on cold water swimming and updates from FINA and the Ortega Study. It was also reported that there will be no changes in sanctioning fees for USMS events.
3. Report from USMS Open Water Compliance Officer—Bill Roach. No report.

Building our Committee and Status of Projects:

1. Rules & Legislation Subcommittee 303.12 Protests - After our last meeting, Bob communicated with LDC who had similar concerns as members of our committee regarding the time frames of the proposal; therefore, Bob rewrote and sent out a revised proposal. Joanne Wainwright moved to accept 303.12.1 as written. 2nd: Charlotte Brynn. Joanne moved to amend 303.12.1 deleting the phrase “at the venue” in the second sentence. 2nd: Charlotte Brynn. Charlotte moved to recommend the amended 303.12.1 to the LDC for approval. 2nd: Jenny Hodges. Joanne then moved to amend 305.8 and 307.7.9A deleting “at the venue” in the second sentence of these proposals. 2nd Charlotte Brynn. Charlotte Brynn moved to recommend the amended 305.8 and 307.7.9a to the LDC for approval. 2nd: Jenny Hodges. The amended proposals read as follows:

303.12.1 Any protest arising from an open water event (other than National Championships—refer to article 307.7.9) shall be made to the referee within 30 minutes after the release of results at the venue. If results are not released ~~at the venue~~ in a timely manner, a protest may be made to the event director in writing within 3 days after all swimmers are notified of the release of results. If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing to the LMSC. If the LMSC does not satisfactorily resolve the protest, the protestor may appeal in writing promptly to the USMS Long Distance Committee chair.

305.8 Any protest arising from a long distance pool event (other than National Championships—refer to article 307.7.9) shall be made to the referee within 30 minutes after the release of results at the venue. If results are not released ~~at the venue~~ in a timely manner, a protest may be made to the event director in writing within 3 days after all swimmers are notified of the release of results. If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing promptly to the LMSC. If the LMSC does not satisfactorily resolve the protest, the protestor may appeal in writing promptly to the USMS Long Distance Committee chair.

307.7.9A Any protest arising from an open water championship event shall be made to the referee within 30 minutes after the release of results at the venue. If results are not released ~~at the venue~~ in a timely manner, a protest may be made to the event director in writing within 3 days after all swimmers are notified of the release of results. If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing promptly to the Long Distance Committee chair.

2. Officials Subcommittee - Bob Bruce briefly discussed the referee training module and asked committee members to send him technical comments by August 6. He asked that members use tracking, and he will respond to individuals. He will use his best judgement in making amendments to the module and will post the revised draft on the OW Forum. We will discuss the proposal plan to vote for approval at our next meeting. We will also discuss the training module during the OW meeting at the Convention. After convention, Bob Bruce and Bill Roach will complete the test.
3. Awards Subcommittee - Sue Nutty reported to Bob that there is a slate of nominees, and she will be getting together with committee members soon.

Close:

1. Next meeting: Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 8:00pm EDT
2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. EDT. Motion: Joanne 2nd: Ally