

# USMS Convention—Atlanta, Ga. 2008

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Open Water & Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	22
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Marcia Cleveland	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ann Svenson		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Janet Renner & Marcia Benjamin	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	09-25-08 4:00-5:30pm		

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<b>Number of committee members present: 16</b>	<b>Absent: 3</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 60</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Ann Svenson (Vice Chair), Marcia Benjamin, Bob Bruce, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Donn Livoni, Randy Nutt, Jennie Quill, Janet Renner, Dick Sidner, Tom Spence, Laura Winslow, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner, Susan Ehringer (Ex-Officio).		
Absent: Christie Ciraulo, Suzanne Heim-Bowen, Leo Letendre (VP, Nat'l Op)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and attendance was taken.

1. The minutes of 2007 Convention were approved.
2. It was proposed by the Executive Committee that starting with the 2011 Postal events, the Executive Director would take over the Postal events, crafting them into "Marketing" events for USMS. The EC proposed a rule modification to 305.2.1 to be approved by the HOD to this effect. The OWLDC is thrilled to be a part of such decisive decision and will make this transition swiftly.
3. Written reports of each subcommittee are included in the 2008 Annual Report and were not discussed at the meeting.
4. Dick Sidner described his role as Event Director at the inaugural 25K OW Championship this past summer in Noblesville, Indiana. He discussed using the whole playing field of the community developing this event from a dream to a reality in 3 years.
5. Evaluators were assigned for the 2009 Championship OW/LD Events
  - a. OHP Ohana Pacific Northwest: (Tom Spence)
  - b. 3000-6000 Clemson SC: (Susan Kirk)
  - c. 5-10K Minuteman New England: (Jill Wright)
  - d. 6 Mile Harbor Springs, MI 8/1: (Jennie Quill)
  - e. 1 Mile Clovis, CA 5/11: (Bob Bruce)
  - f. 2 Mile Cable Lake Placid, NY 8/15: (TBA)
  - g. 1-3 Mile Canandaigua, NY 7/18: (Ann Svenson)
  - h. 3-6 Mile Chicago Masters 9/12: (Bruce Hopson)
6. Review of 2010 Championship Bids were conducted. Ballots were distributed to committee members. The results will be announced at our 2nd meeting, on Saturday. The bidders included:
  - a. >6 Mile OW: Noblesville, IN
  - b. 3-6 Mile OW: COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI; Colorado Springs, CO; Noblesville, IN

- c. 1 Mile OW: COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI; Charlotte, NC
- d. 2 Mile Cable OW: COMSA – Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, Colorado; Lake Placid, NY
- e. 2 Mile Cable OW: Lake Placid, NY
- f. 1-3 Mile OW: TVM Del Valle Open Water Swim; COMA, OR; Harbor Springs, MI; Charlotte, NC
- g. OHP: Tamalpais Aquatic Masters; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit; Masters of South Texas
- h. 7.5-10K Postal: Twin Rivers YMCA Masters (TRYM), New Bern, NC; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit
- i. 3000/6000 Postal: Masters of South Texas; Twin Rivers YMCA Masters (TRYM), New Bern, NC; Federal Way Masters; YMCA Indy SwimFit

Because we completed our business agenda for our first session, we began to tackle our agenda for Saturday.

- 7. New High Tech suits. Where can they be worn? Approved by FINA, USA-S & USMS. We will post on the website what is legal only, and it will be coming from FINA. This past summer, in order to avoid problems for event directors, our committee sent each event director the current list of FINA-approved suits just before their event since these darn new suits look so much like wetsuits. Several of the event directors enjoyed checking suits of suspect before the start of their swims.
- 8. Continued ideas for growing the Postal Series Events. Swim Across America is interested in growing their postal events, and USMS cannot directly support a for-profit organization, and yet SAA can approach a host in supporting their event.
- 9. Continue working with Officiating at OW Events – Examples of OW “legal” swimming. What constitutes an infraction? As USA-S member participation in OW expands and the sport continues to grow, officials learn quite a bit and will continue to learn as the support continues to grow. As members of the OW committee, we need to be willing to enforce our rules.
- 10. Travel Expenses for USMS Evaluators will increase from \$100 to \$150 beginning in 2009. This money is to be used for hotel and gas but not for an evaluator’s entry fee.
- 11. Online entries and race day entry precautions necessary for liability coverage: If an entrant is found not to be registered, the entrant is immediately disqualified, even if this is discovered after the event. The Registration committee recently developed our registration programs so that LMSCs will receive a link to verify registrations in real time. This is not a perfect solution, but it should help. Our committee strongly encouraged all LMSCs to allow OEVT registrations to allow for growth in the Open Water Events.

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## **Tasks for the Upcoming Year:**

- 1. Transfer Postal Events to Executive Director.
- 2. Review all manuals for updates.
- 3. Work with Officials to preside at OW events.
- 4. Post new technology suits that have been approved by FINA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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