

Committee Name:	OW Joint Management Group		
Committee Chair:	Lynn Hazlewood	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by:	Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time:	10/30/2014 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Rob Copeland, Bob Bruce, Donn Livoni, Chris McGiffin, Nadine Day		

Action Items/Requests for Action

1. Bob and Bill to bring more information on Temperature Collar implementation for the next meeting.
2. Lynn will see that Rob has more assistance on his OWGTO subcommittee, including some appointments by Donn from the Long Distance committee.

2014-2015 OW Goals

The projects discussed in the meeting were designed to meet the following Open Water Committee goals. There were no changes proposed to the goals.

1. Promote the development of and participation in USMS open water swimming.
2. Provide open water education for USMS managers, LMSC administrators, event hosts and swimmers.
3. Enhance the safety of USMS sanctioned events.
4. Develop and maintain publications that support achievement of the committee goals.

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM EDT.

Note: Projects are presented in proposed priority order, beginning with those that need to be ready for the start of the 2015 open water season.

1. . A quorum was declared by the Chair.
2. **Temperature collar implementation**—Bob Bruce & Bill Roach: Bob has already written a short piece on the temperature collar rule. He is working with Bill. They will have more to bring back to the subcommittee at the next meeting. The intention is that the implementation makes sense, reduces USMS exposure and mitigates exposure for the swims with potential temperatures near the collars.
3. **Independent Safety Monitor Implementation**—Bob Bruce, Bill Roach, Jim Wheeler: Bill will be the point person for management of Safety Monitors once the system is set up and make sure that monitors have been appointed and briefed. According to discussions held during convention, the first events will probably be in May and June.
4. **Officials Education with USA Swimming**—Bill Roach & Sandy Drake (USA Swimming): Bill has had some preliminary discussions with Sandy. USA Swimming is currently organizing the project. The first clinic will be April 24-26 at Ft. Myers.
5. **OWGTO**—Rob Copeland: The OWGTO needs updates and reorganization for this year. The document has been re-purposed since it's inception and the information is becoming more difficult for users to follow. Lynn will see that Rob has more assistance on his subcommittee, including some appointments by Donn from the Long Distance committee.
6. **Landing page for Open Water on usms.org**—Chris McGiffin: The whole process of what usms.org can do for hosting an event is under discussion at the BOD level. A group is looking into setting up web presence for all events.
7. **Online education (webinars, videos, articles)**—Jim Wheeler: N/A
8. **Live education (convention workshops, clinics)**—N/A
9. **ERDB & related award systems**—Chris McGiffin: IT liaison meeting scheduled for 3rd week in November.

10. **Event development:** We need to define success, set goals and plan development. Chris reminded the committee that this topic should include all open water activities, including sanctioned events, open water practices, training swims and clinics.
11. **Committee Management**—N/A
12. **Next meeting:** November 13, 2014 8:00 PM EST

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM EDT