

Committee Name:	OW Joint Management Subcommittee	Vice Chair:	N/A
Committee Chair:	Lynn Hazlewood	Date/time:	05/20/2014 8:00 PM EDT
Minutes recorded by:	Lynn Hazlewood		

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lynn Hazlewood, Bob Bruce, Rob Copeland, Donn Livoni, Jim Miller, Bill Roach, Jim Wheeler, Nadine Day		

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at

1. The Chair took attendance and announced a quorum..
2. Partnering with USA Swimming—Bill Roach
 - a. Bill Roach reported that the people who come to the USA clinics are already pool certified officials. They don't have an apprentice program, which would be needed for certification, because not all LSCs have events. During the clinic at Ft. Myers, pool officials were learning to become open water officials. Following the clinic, they spent three days shadowing officials as they worked the USA Swimming events.
 - b. Bill and Sandy Drake determined that this kind of clinic would not be feasible to be run during Big Shoulders, because it is more effective in a festival-type event. We could do this with our own festival-type events.
 - c. Bill also doesn't believe that this type of education would apply to educating our open water officials. It was pointed out that, since we have only defined a small number of officials, we would also have difficulty applying a more specific definition of officials to our events.
 - d. Jim Miller stated he would like to see us mimic what we have done in pool events. That is we not train our own officials but dovetail with USA Swimming, possibly to create more clinics. closest proximity to what USA did is with our OW festival;
 - e. NEXT STEP - pick an event that has the elements that we need (3-4 events over a single weekend)
 - f. Bill reports that USA Swimming is using his Safety Director's training manual as a starting point for their safety education.
3. Safety Education—Jim Wheeler
 - a. Jim outlined the tasks the OWC should focus on leading to convention.
 - i. OW Webinar on Navigating Safety Planning and Sanction Process. This will include LMSC officials and event host training.
 - ii. Officials training including people who provide the safety for the swims, people who provide the fairness for the swims and people who provide the structure/operation for the event.
 - iii. ISM training
 - b. Bob Bruce said we need to set priorities and it has to get out to the people. Put Safety Director education aside for the moment and concentrate on safety in general plus the event running side.
4. Convention Workshop—Navigating Safety Planning and Sanction Application
 - a. Jim offered to organize, but other committee members to develop the information to be presented. Jim can develop the PowerPoint presentation quickly once he has the basics. Bob, Jim and Bill Roach volunteered to meet and put the ideas together. We will deliver a webinar and post on the web this summer Target is sometime in June. We can use the same slides at convention to present an expanded version of the webinar.
 - b. Rob proposed a workshop on how to coach in open water. The committee agreed to channel this idea through the Coaches Committee.
5. Rules/Sanctions Proposals—Bob Bruce, Rob Copeland, Jim Miller

- a. Bob Bruce discussed the sanction proposals he has worked up. It was noted that recognition has some risk and legal consequences to us. We are now using the term "unaffiliated." Bob agreed to pull the proposal for Recognized OW Events.
 - b. Bob noted that his proposal for 601.4 which eliminates the separation of legislation and rules will come before both committee meetings.
 - c. There was a brief discussion of proposals from the BOD concerning sanction fees.
 - d. Rob requested that the proposal to place the Safety Plan in Sanction Requirements be a joint committee proposal.
 - e. The committee agreed that we do not want to put the sanction approval role of the OWCC into code.
6. 2016 OW Budget—Lynn asked if we have any projects we want to fund for 2016. Jim Miller suggested that we look to an educational based system. We should ask for funds to pull off officials clinics and other educational opportunities. We can coordinate with Sandy Drake at convention. He also suggested we make the USMS Officials committee aware of our initiative.
7. New/Other Business
- a. Bill reported that he has a correction for the published Safety Plan Application under the watercraft section. He will send the correction to Rob to update the published document.
 - b. ISM training—Jim W said we will use Bob's original document as the basis for the ISM training. The ISMs will get a copy of the document and the safety plans for the events they are monitoring.
8. **Next meeting:** TBD as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM EDT.