

**Southern California Swimming
Open Water Committee
Meeting Minutes and Discussion Notes**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Paul Szuskiewicz (Eastern OW Rep)

Guests: Michael Kinross (WZ OW Coordinator, Desert), CJ Wanser (Official, Orange)

Absent: Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Colin Geer (Athlete OW Rep – Metro), Dan Heraly (Pacific OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete OW Rep – Desert)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:32 PM

MSP – To Approve the September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Robin noted that these minutes have already been posted to the SCS website.

COMPETITION:

1. Committee discussed the recent SCS Open Water Meets (Mission Mile, 2021 WZ OW Championships, and LV OW Champions Cup).
2. Michael Kinross reviewed the bids and selections for the 2022 and 2023 Western Zone Open Water Championships. The 2022 WZ OW Championships will be held at Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, NV. And the 2023 WZ OW Championships will be held in Coeur d'Alene, ID.
3. The Committee discussed placeholder open water meets and potential additional venues for the 2022 SCS Open Water Calendar.

EDUCATION: (N/A)

SUPPORT:

1. Confirmed SCS Club Support amounts for the 10K Race (National Team Qualifier Event) at the recent LV OW Champions Cup Meet.
2. It is noted that SCS Open Water Meet Hosts may need to request financial grant support from SCS in order to break even. Costs of lifeguards and safety equipment (boats, kayaks), plus additional requirements for permitting due to the pandemic have increased dramatically. Estimated amounts for grant support requests at this time can range from \$1000-\$3000 for a Single-day Open Water Meet to \$5000 or more for a Multi-day Open Water Meet.

OTHER:

Robin gave a brief summary of the USA Swimming Virtual Annual Meeting, the SCS BOD Meetings, and the recent SCS Annual HOD Meeting.

*****NEXT MEETING: TBD*****

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM