

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Iman Khadembashi (Pacific OW Rep), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep)

Absent: Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Colin Geer (Athlete Rep – Metro), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete Rep – Desert), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern OW Rep and Officials Liaison to OW Committee)

Meeting Called to Order: 1:35 PM

Robin welcomed the attendees to the meeting. It was noted that the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Committee via email and have been posted to the SCS website.

**COMPETITION:**

1. The Swim to Tokyo Special Event currently has 160 entries from around our LSC. Participants have currently completed 2848 miles (52% of distance to Tokyo). All Athletes entered as of April 30<sup>th</sup> will receive a special prize.
2. SCS OW Calendar was discussed. Some local authorities are waiting until June 15<sup>th</sup> before making any decisions about scheduling and permits. It was noted that we are not able to sanction an open water meet without a confirmed date and special event permit for the venue.
3. Robin gave a brief presentation regarding requirements for special event permits and open water meet sanctions.

**EDUCATION:**

1. OW Age Group Camp/OW Clinics are pending re-opening and ability to schedule OW Events.

**SUPPORT:**

1. Committee discussed potential options for assisting SCS OW Meet Hosts. This included the possibility of using budget monies to cover a portion of specific line item expenses.

**OTHER:**

1. Plan to update the Open Water Practices Checklist and Resources for 2021 in preparation for the open water swimming season. Committee members to send out to Coaches and Clubs in all SCS Geo Committees as needed.

**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING: July 2021 TBD (Note: No Committee Meeting in June)\*\*\***

Meeting adjourned: 2:06 PM