

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Chris Kang (Pacific OW Rep), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern OW Rep)

Absent: John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete OW Rep), Rylie Solis (Athlete OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 8:02 PM

MSP to Approve the February 23, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Robin reviewed the Open Water Committee Duties as outlined in the SCS Bylaws.

COMPETITION:

1. The Committee discussed placeholder open water meets and potential additional venues for the 2022 SCS Open Water Calendar. This included the possibilities of adding a pool open water event, to a regular pool meet, as its own session, as done pre-pandemic. This will continue to be explored.

EDUCATION:

1. Discussed re-visiting the Open Water Education presentations that the Committee had drafted back in 2020 for Athletes/Parents, Coaches/Clubs, and Officials/Volunteers. The intent was to present the SCS perspective and related information regarding various topics related to open water swimming. These would supplement resources and materials from USA Swimming.

2. Discussed the need for an LSC strategy in Southern California regarding Open Water in general.

SUPPORT:

1. Paul mentioned future plans for online and classroom training for LSC Open Water Officials. This program is being developed at the national level.

*****NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 8:00PM Pacific Time*****

Meeting adjourned: 8:38 PM