

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Colin Geer (Athlete Rep – Metro), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete Rep – Desert), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern Officials Rep and Officials Liaison to OW Committee)

Absent: Iman Khadembashi (Pacific OW Rep), Rodney Pilman (Eastern OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:32 PM

MSP – To approve August 12th meeting minutes. (Motion by Paul Szuszkiewicz, Second by Mark Johnson, Motion passed)

COMPETITION:

1. Reviewed the current SCS Open Water Calendar.
2. Coach Ron Aitken (SAND) presented an update on the upcoming Las Vegas Open Water Invitational scheduled for Saturday September 12th at Lake Las Vegas in Henderson, NV.
3. Committee discussed potential venues for open water meets and clinics throughout the LSC in both California and Nevada. The list included ocean, bay, lake, and pool locations plus triathlons with open water swim events. Preliminary planning for 2021 will need to consider the pool meet calendar and any federal, state, and local public health requirements in place.

EDUCATION:

1. Robin gave a brief summary of the recent USA Swimming Virtual Open Water Summit held on August 28th. She will share the presentation slides when the recordings are available.
2. Reviewed next steps for SCS “Introduction to Open Water Swimming” webinars.

Action Item(s):

- **Robin Smith to include presentation plan in OW Report for SCS BOD Meeting.**

SUPPORT:

1. Discussed an opportunity for education and training for open water officials at the upcoming open water meets at Lake Las Vegas in September and October. Committee will obtain an updated list of certified open water officials in SCS to plan support for 2021.

OTHER:

1. Robin reviewed the rules proposals related to Part Seven Open Water Swimming that will be discussed during the upcoming USA Swimming Virtual Convention.

*****NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM Pacific*****

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 PM