

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Iman Khadembashi (Pacific OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete Rep – Desert), Annaliese Litton (Athlete Rep – Pacific), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern Officials Rep and Liaison to OW Committee)

Absent: Colin Geer (Athlete Rep – Metro), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Rodney Pilman (Eastern OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:04 PM

MSP – To approve April 8th meeting minutes. (Motion by Paul Szuszkiewicz, Second by John Abrami, Motion passed)

COMPETITION:

1. Reviewed SCS Open Water Calendar Updates

- Discussed current situation and contingency plans due to changing state, local, and public health requirements.
- Seal Beach RWS officially postponed to Sat Aug 15, 2020
- New OW Event in conjunction with MVN Swim Meet of Champions – Mon Aug 17, 2020, Lake Mission Viejo
- 2020 Western Zone OW Championships – Sat Sep 12, 2020, Coronado/Silver Strand
- SCS OW JOs now postponed (instead of cancelled) – new date Sun Sep 20, 2020, Lake Mission Viejo

SUPPORT:

1. Reviewed 2021 OW Budget and line items. Budgets will be discussed and approved during the June SCS BOD Mtg.
2. Discussed potential availability of buoys for Open Water and Pool Clinics.

EDUCATION:

1. SCS Age Group Open Water Camp/Clinic – TBD for now.
2. Brainstormed topics, content, and speakers for webinar presentations about Open Water Swimming.
 - Potential topics include: brief history of the sport of long distance swimming, safety and liability considerations, differences between pool and open water venues, open water skills and drills, psychology of long distance swimming, how to identify potential open water athletes, open water officiating, how to run a long distance open water practice, OW clinics, and types of competitions/event distances.
 - Possible speakers to include SCS coaches and athletes, perhaps an Olympian.
 - Target audience is Coaches, Parents, Athletes, Officials
 - Plan is to start with 3 webinar presentations, each 45-60 minutes in length. Timing will be contingent on other SCS activities.

Action Item(s):

- **Robin Smith to follow-up with SCS Office regarding webinar presentations and recording options.**

*****NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday June 10th, 2020 at 6:00 PM*****

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 PM