

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 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), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Rodney Pilman (Eastern OW Rep), Paul Szuskiewicz (Eastern Officials Rep and OW Liaison)

Absent: Colin Geer (Athlete Rep – Metro)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:32 PM

Checked in with committee members to see how everyone was doing during the stay-at-home orders.

MSP – To approve March 11th meeting minutes. (Motion by Mark Johnson, Second by John Abrami, Motion passed)

**EDUCATION:**

1. Age Group Open Water Camp/Clinic

- On hold for now. Seal Beach is currently looking into postponing Seal Beach RWS to August.

2. Plan for when we can get back into the water

- Will depend on timing, availability, and public health/local requirements for pools, beaches, and lakes.

3. Education for Officials, Coaches, Parents

- Committee discussed developing a series of webinars/presentations about Open Water Swimming in SCS. These would include: An Introduction to Open Water Swimming, Opportunities for OW Clinics and Competitions in SCS / USA Swimming, and How to Conduct an Open Water Swim Practice. Webinars would be open to athletes, parents, and coaches.

**Action Item(s):**

- **Robin Smith to follow-up with SCS BOD regarding possibility of OW Education webinars/presentations.**

**COMPETITION:**

1. Reviewed SCS Open Water Calendar Updates

- Working with hosts to determine contingency plans due to public health and local requirements.

**SUPPORT:**

1. Mentioned several budget items including OW clinics, purchase of course buoys for pool OW clinics, honorariums.

**Action Item(s):**

- **Robin Smith will submit 2021 Budget for OW Committee.**

**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM\*\*\***

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM