

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Chris Kang (Pacific OW Rep), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern OW Rep), Lenin Velasco (Coastal OW Rep), Rylie Solis (Athlete OW Rep)

Guest: CJ Wanser (Official, Orange)

Absent: Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 8:02 PM

MSP to Approve the July 19, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes.

COMPETITION:

Reviewed upcoming Open Water Meets including WZ Open Water Championships (Coronado, CA) and Mission Mile (Lake Mission Viejo, CA).

Noted some 2023 dates for planning purposes – USA Swimming OW Nationals/Jr. Nationals (April 21-23 in Sarasota, FL) and WZ OW Championships (end of August in Coeur d’Alene, ID).

Bids for 2024 Western Zone Open Water Champs are now open. Information and links sent to committee members to forward as applicable.

EDUCATION:

Committee discussed potential agenda outline and content for Pool Open Water Clinics for Clubs/Coaches/Geo Committees. Discussion included how to involve parents, officials, and volunteers in these clinics.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 27th at 8:00 PM Pacific Time

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 PM