

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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

Guests: Cami Stein (SCS Secretary, Official), CJ Wanser (Official, Orange)

Absent: Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Rodney Pilman (Eastern OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:31 PM

MSP – To approve September 9th meeting minutes. (Motion by Paul Szuszkiewicz, Second by Alex Nieto, Motion passed)

COMPETITION:

1. Reviewed the current SCS Open Water Calendar and the plan for 2021.
2. Committee reviewed status of upcoming West Coast OW Championships scheduled for October 17th and 18th at Lake Las Vegas in Henderson, NV. Feedback from recent Las Vegas OW Invitational (Sep 12th) was also discussed.
3. Robin reminded everyone that bids for 2021 and 2022 Western Zone Open Water Championships are due on October 31st and to send any questions to Coach Michael Kinross, Western Zone OW Coordinator.

EDUCATION:

1. Robin gave a brief summary of the USA Swimming Virtual Convention including the election results from the Western Zone meetings and an update on the Rules and Regulations Committee discussions affecting OW.
2. Committee was given an overview of the proposed legislation being introduced at the upcoming SCS HOD Meeting regarding the SCS OW Committee.
3. Discussed next steps for SCS “Introduction to Open Water Swimming” webinars.

SUPPORT:

1. Reviewed the USA Swimming DRAFT document “Race Considerations for Open Water Referees during COVID Times”.

*****NEXT MEETING: November and December 2020 OW Committee meetings are TBD*****

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 PM