

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Attendees: Robin Smith (Chair), Ron Aitken (Desert OW Rep), Mark Johnson (Metro OW Rep), Paul Szuszkiewicz (Eastern OW Rep and Officials Liaison to OW Committee)

Guests: CJ Wanser (Official, Orange)

Absent: John Abrami (Coastal OW Rep), Colin Geer (Athlete Rep – Metro), Iman Khadembashi (Pacific OW Rep), Paige Kuwata (Athlete Rep – Desert), Alex Nieto (Orange OW Rep)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 PM

MSP – To Approve the May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Mark Johnson; Second by Paul Szuszkiewicz; Motion passed. Robin noted that these minutes have already been posted to the SCS website.

COMPETITION:

1. SCS OW Calendar was reviewed. Local authorities and venues continue to drive whether or not open water meets and events can be scheduled and permitted. It was noted that there will be no SCS Open Water JOs in 2021 due to issues with venue availability and permits.

2. Mission Mile Open Water Meet confirmed for Sunday September 12, 2021 at Lake Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, CA. This will be a dual sanction open water meet (USA Swimming and USMS). There are scheduling and capacity limits at the venue. Three race distances will be offered – One Mile, 800m, and 400m. All age groups will be able to participate (10&U, 11/12, 13/14, and 15&Over). Time standards for entry – TBD.

EDUCATION:

1. Reviewed updated SCS Open Water Practice Guidelines and Checklist. These will be posted to the SCS website.

SUPPORT:

1. Potential training opportunities for Open Water Officials were briefly discussed.

OTHER:

No items for discussion.

*****NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:30PM Pacific Time*****

Meeting adjourned: 8:01 PM