

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2014

Committee Name: Oeana	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair: Michael Moore	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by: Leianne Crittenden	Date/time of meeting:	September 18, 2014 10am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. Zone supports nomination of Leianne Crittenden as Oceana candidate for at large director.

Number of committee members present: 30	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Michael Moore, Nancy Ridout, Barry Fasbender, John King, Peter Guadagni, Linda Schenberger, Kerry O'Brien, Alan Bernard, Cokie Lepinski, Laura Schuster, Susan Dragich, Tina Whiteside, Chris Campbell, Jeremy Cohen, Jim Wheeler, Bill McCracken, Craig Zais, Mary Kahn, Stu Kahn, Lisa Ward, Malcolm Cooper, Benicia Rivera, Teddy Palmer, Laura Val, Rich Burns, Phyllis Quinn, Toni Sinott, Susie Powell, Charlene O'Brien, Leianne Crittenden, Jody Smith		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am (EDT), by Zone Chair Michel Moore

1. **Oceana Director Nomination:** Motion that the Zone supports nomination of Leianne Crittenden as Oceana candidate for at large director. MSP

2. **Discussion of Proposed Rule Changes.**

Open Water temperatures: Michael asked for comments on proposed Rules changes. Discussion on Open water temperature requirements. Santa Cruz event may not qualify, since the water temps in the morning may be below 60 degrees. That means that Santa Cruz (a forty year event with 400-500 attendees) would not get a sanction. They would continue, but not as a sanctioned event. Peter, Jim and Phyllis spoke up about the requirements. Jim noted that due to increased insurance costs, USMS open water swims are down from 112 to 56 this year. The Open Water Task Force was established to decide what to do to avoid crippling open water events. Also in addition to water temperature, you need to consider the distance—Santa Cruz is only one mile, so that is also a consideration. Currently there are no temperature requirements. Barry asks if we could make an amendment to the proposed rule change? Need to discuss with Dr. Jim Miller. Nancy spoke up that USMS is concerned about the drop in sanctioned events due to insurance costs. Peter will pull this proposed rule change for discussion.

25s and 100s: Stu asked about the inclusion of 25s and 100 relays in Championships (proposed from Indiana). Cokie thinks it is positive as a tool, not a mandate. She thinks it is a good way to get people to try a meet. Cokie said that the existing Rules already permit exhibition events (like 25s). John King is on the Rules Committee and thinks that it works to include more people. Kerry is all for it as an exhibition level event, but thinks the tabulation and records would be a logistical difficulty. Chris, as a meet director, likes having more people participate, but is also concerned about logistics—they can't start people from their bulkhead, so he can't use electronic timing, and relays mean starting from bulkhead end and that will be a safety concern. Barry says it is only for Championship meets and is an optional event. Peter is not in favor, but thinks if an event is an established event with records then Pacific should have it at their championship events.

800s and 1500s: Phyllis commented on the proposal permitting swimming both the middle and long distance events, she is in favor of this because it is unfair to make distance swimmers pick between the events.

Earlier Dates for Summer Championships: Nancy raised the Rules proposal changing dates for summer championships to make them earlier. She is concerned because long course training pools do not always open until Memorial Day, so training

and meet times are compressed. Earlier championships may conflict with open water season, and also that LMSC meets may be compromised. Jody noted that in general the nationals are usually scheduled in August.

3. USMS President and Vice President:

President Nadine Day came in to speak, thanking Oceana for its leadership, proven over the years, the investment in professional staff has shown that is it successful. She applauded the leadership of the Zone. She introduced Doug Cannon, as head of Masters Swimming Canada. They are part of Canada Swimming, and hold their masters meeting as part of that (they have a two hour meeting).

4. Oceana Representation on USMS Committees:

Rules, Legislation, and Open Water Long Distance requires Zone representation on each committee, Michael asks to make sure some one attends these meetings and attends convention. Phyllis and Ali are on Open Water, Rules has John King, but there is no Oceana representative in attendance for Legislation this year.

5. PACIFIC LMSC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

none

6. HAWAII LMSC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Malcolm indicated they will invite mainland swimmers to a meet along with a week of practices in Maui—last week in February. He will send information first come first serve—they are limited to 20 people at workouts. Cost is \$100 for a week of workouts, t-shirt and meet registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am
