

## USA Swimming Open Committee Minutes

### September 28, 2023 Zoom Meeting

**Present:** Laurel Whittington, Ron Aitken, Catherine Kase, Jordan Wilimovsky, Richard Shipherd, Haley Anderson, Alex Meyer, Rich Murphy

**Absent:** Norm Wright

**Guests:** Lindsay Mintenko, Erik Posegay

**Call to Order:** Bryce Elser called the September 28, 2023 meeting of the Open Water Committee to order at 10:00 AM Mountain Time.

#### Agenda:

- I. Approve Minutes
- II. Trip Reports
  - a. Italy Training Camp/LEN Race B. Elser
  - b. Italy World Cup R. Aitken
  - c. World Championships R. Aitken
  - d. Paris World Cup- Update on water quality issues B. Elser
  - e. LEN Race- Barcelona B. Elser
- III. 2023 OW Nationals
  - a. Format
  - b. Time Standards (See Attachment)
- IV. OW National Team Selection
  - a. Single Team Selection for 2024?
  - b. Time Standards Discussion (See World's Top 10 Times)
- V. Discussion- Relay Selection
- VI. Schedule Next Meeting- November

#### Discussion:

- Minutes approved by Shipherd and seconded by Meyer.
- Discussion on the men's races and how to be more competitive. How best to pace with the top guys. Considerations about mile time from the pool.
- Discussion on the relay at World Championships timing within the full World's schedule and how to get additional athletes interested in making the OW relay team.
- Discussion for World Junior selection with regards to Nationals format.
- Reviewed time standards for OW Nationals – voted to keep them the same. Kase approved; Murphy seconded.
- Explored implementing time standards for OW National Team with focus on resources and international opportunities. Bryce to draft and present at next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Bryce Elser adjourned the September 28, 2023 meeting of the Open Water Committee at 11:07 AM Mountain Time.