

Operational Risk Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Conference Call Minutes

Agenda: Discussions with LSCs on topics for zone workshops, presentations, and length.

1. Committee Members

Attending: Committee members – Adam Zeichner, Starre Haney, Mike Seip, Lynne Shine, Mary Jo Swalley (Chair), Sandi Blumit (Risk Management Services), Donna Williamson, and George Ward (Staff Liaison); Connie Harvey (Red Cross), John Kline,
Absent: Russell Payne (Athlete Rep), Marco Greico (Athlete Rep) and George Sampson

2. LSC Contract Assignments

Mary Jo Swalley discussed the status of contacting LSC operational risk/safety chairs. Those whose phones or emails are bad send to staff liaison George Ward who will follow up with LSC and/or Membership Services Denise Thomas.

3. Zoom for Operational Risk Committee

Mike Seip introduced us to Zoom which worked well for the committee meeting.

4. LSC Operational Risk/Safety Chairs Suggestions for Zone Workshops

Committee members reported that their LSCs suggested the follow topics:

1. Submission and completion of ROOs as some think it is optional for minor injuries. Stress the importance of completion not only for athletes but for spectators, and volunteers. Insurance implications, etc.
2. The issue of requiring training and background checks for meet marshals was discussed. It has been an issue addressed by safe sport committee.
3. While indoor air quality is always a good topic of discussion for workshops, the CA fires have brought attention to outdoor air quality. Zones and facilities use air quality index of 150 as cutoff. Over 150 and the meet should not be held. One parent complaint during last round of fires in Pacific LSC.
4. Discussion was held on use of safety marshals by various LSCs and efforts to require mandatory training has incurred some resistance at LSC level.
5. Officials on deck. It has been observed that some use knee walkers or have had medical issues necessitating an ambulance being called but declined to leave meet. The issuing of balancing Safety but being Inclusive for those with temporary or permanent disability was discussed.
6. Several mentioned indoor air quality, concussion and ROOs are always good topics to update no matter how often it is discussed.
7. Insurance and Accident Updates – Sandi will handle Chicago and Dave will handle Denver insurance and concussion and accident statistics.
8. Deck control issues have been mentioned by LSCs. Lynne and Mike will handle and develop a presentation in line with their prior efforts. Arizona has required photo IDs. Several discussions on using deck pass.
9. Connie discussed STSC revised course – very few issues or complaints.

5. Zone Workshops

- a. May 9-11 in Denver
- b. May 17-19 in Chicago
- c. Nail down topics, speakers and times