

USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee Minutes

July 20, 2023 - Virtual Meeting

Present: Dan McCarthy, USA Swimming; Nate Chessey, USA Swimming; Mike Seip, Chair; Starre Haney; Lynne Shine; Doug Wharam; Melissa Millerick-May; Jack Yetter; Marco Greico, Athlete; Branden Burns

Absent: Rachel Olson, USA Swimming; TJ Walsh, Athlete; Stacy Smith; Davis Shelton, Athlete; Garret Sims, Athlete; Connie Harvey, American Red Cross; Lindsay Mondick, YMCA; John Wallum, IOA

Guests: Mary Jo Swalley

Call to Order: Mike Seip, Committee Chairman, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee at 12:05 PM EDT on Thursday, July 20, 2023, via Zoom videoconference.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. NGB updates – Nate/Dan/Rachel
3. Committee Direction
4. ROO-Rachel
5. Working Groups Reports
6. LSC Contacts
7. September Meeting Date Change
8. Other

Goals/Working Groups for 2023-24

1. Meet Marshal Program Development
2. Water Temperature
3. Communications
4. Racing Start Certifications
5. Certifications
6. Hypoxic Blackout
7. Concussion

Future Meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month via Zoom at 12:00 PM EST: August 17, 2023, September 21, 2023

Adjournment

July 2023 Agenda

- Motion to approve Agenda: Jack Yetter, Second: Starre Haney

June 2023 Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes: Jack Yetter, Second: Starre Haney

NGB Updates (Nate)

- No new updates to report

Annual Business Meeting – USA Swimming (Mike)

- LSC General Chairs and National Committee Chairs to be invited to attend
- Our September meeting is currently scheduled for 9/21/23, however, this will be the travel day for the ABM, so our meeting will be rescheduled for 9/14/23 at 1:00 PM EDT.
- All National Committees are requested to hold their September meetings within a two-week window of the Annual Business Meeting, and to post a link for all USA Swimming members who wish to attend to utilize.

Operational Risk Committee Updates / Changes in SOP (Mike)

- The Committee should continue operating as we have in the past. Our ultimate mission is to prevent / deter actions from becoming statistics.
- Confidentiality statement / form being drafted and should be received by Committee members for signature in the next couple weeks. Mike will circle back to Rachel regarding this topic as well as Report of Occurrence document dissemination.

Hypoxic Blackout Project (Doug)

- Subcommittee in contact with Staff member with goal of creating a fact sheet that can be distributed for educational purposes.
- Marco noted that education is important to athletes, so this is an educational opportunity that should be supported. He will test the interest of athletes at the next USA Swimming National Athlete Executive Committee (AEC) meeting.

Working Group Reports:

- Meet Marshals (Starre)
 - No new updates
 - Reminder: Meet Marshal certification lists can be obtained within LSCs for USA Swimming members. Non-members who take the course and certification test will not show up on database generated reports. LSCs will have to manage those lists manually.
 - Melissa noted that LSC OR Chairs have not received any official information on how to obtain MM training cert lists online.
- Concussion (Starre)
 - The working group continues to review states for updates. Will have a spreadsheet listing requirements for concussion certification in all 50 states at the next meeting.
- Communication (Branden)
 - The working group has been on pause awaiting final determination of full Committee path forward. Will have an update / report at the next meeting.

- Racing Starts (Mike)
 - Mike will reach out to Davis for an update before the next meeting.
- Water Temperature (Mike)
 - Will determine if this working group has reached resolution or should remain on the docket before the next meeting.
- Coaching Certifications (Marco)
 - Reports have resumed. Expired certs continue to remain below 10%.

New Business:

- Spring Meeting 2024 - Discussions regarding presentations will begin in October.
- Keeping Athletes First 2.0 Committee – New National Committee. Marco has been appointed a member. The first meeting is next week. He will report on what transpires at our next meeting.
- Zone Working Group - creation of a new Junior Official category
 - Marco is a Co-Chair. The Working Group is comprised of Coaches, Officials, and Athletes.
 - The new category would be comprised of 16–17-year-olds. They would only be authorized to officiate at 12 and under meets. The category is being proposed to address the difficulty in staffing developmental meet decks with enough officials.
 - Rachel did a presentation to the USA Swimming Insurance Broker on this potential new category of officials and the response was positive. There were questions raised concerning background checks and how training would take place – both of which were answered satisfactorily.
 - The proposal was approved by Safe Sport.
 - The working group is currently working on a formal proposal which Marco will share for comment with the Operational Risk Committee at our next meeting.

Adjournment: Mike Seip adjourned the July 20, 2023, meeting of the Operational Risk Committee at 1:00 PM EDT.

