USA Swimming Open Committee Minutes
September 28, 2023 Zoom Meeting


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.