



**UNION AMERICANA DE NATACION
TECHNICAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE
AGENDA
16 JUNE 2018**

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Update on Pan American Games
- 3 Review and Ratification of Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2017
- 4 Remarks from UANA President
- 5 Vision for OWS and Objectives
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- 7 Development of UANA Masters and OWS
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UNION AMERICANA DE NATACION
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE
GOVERNOR'S SQUARE BOARD ROOM, WEST BAY, GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS
16 JUNE 2018

PRESENT:

Officers:

Dennis Ryther, Vice-Chairman (USA)

Michael Lockwood, Secretary (CAY)

ABSENT:

Jorge Delgado, Chairman (ECU)

Ricardo Olmos, Member (CHI)

Nelson Osorio, Member (COL)

Andrew Kirby, Member (BAR)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dale Neuburger, President (USA)

Mel Goldstein, Chairman of Technical Masters
Committee (USA)

PRESENT:

Members:

David de Vlieger (CAN)

Nicole Normandin (CAN)

Emily Brunemann-Klueh, Athlete Member (USA)

Rick Walker (USA)

APOLOGIES:

Algernon Cargill, Bureau Liaison (BAH)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Gemmell (USA)

Bryce Elser (USA)



Nadine Day, Member of Technical Masters Committee (USA)	John Atkinson (CAN)
Greggory Eggert, Director (USA)	Mark Perry (CAN)
Bailey Weathers, Technical Director of the Cayman Islands Amateur Swimming Association (CAY)	Maria (PERU)
	Adrian Tur (ARG)

CALL TO ORDER

Dennis called the meeting to order at 8.05am. Dennis and Michael were appointed as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the meeting.

It was noted that a quorum of the members (the “**Committee Members**”) of the technical open water swimming committee (the “**Committee**”) of Union Americana de Natacion (“**UANA**”) was present in person.

Dennis invited all persons present and in attendance at the meeting to introduce themselves. He noted that representatives from the federations competing in the 2018 UANA Open Water Swimming Championships (the “**Championships**”) were invited to attend the first portion of the meeting to get an update from the organising committee as well as to receive his update regarding the Pan American Games 2019 and also to get their feedback on certain matters to be discussed by the Committee.

Dennis noted that Andrew and Rick would be appointed to the Committee in 2019 from the USA.

UANA OWS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dennis invited Bailey to provide a summary of the Championships. Bailey provided a summary of the Monday races for those persons in attendance at the meeting. He noted that:

- (a) Emily and Chip Peterson had held some athletes clinics and that Dennis hosted a clinic for officials;



- (b) there were 45 entries for the 10Km event; about 13 to 15 were entered in the UANA race with the remainder in the Flowers event;
- (c) there were 85 entries for the 5Km event;
- (d) registration for the events will start at 5.30am, the race briefing will start at 6.30am and the races will start at 7.00am;
- (e) the races will be conducted on separate courses starting at the same time and the men's 10Km and 5Km races will start at 7.00am with the women's races starting at 7.03am. In particular, it was noted that there would not be separate starts for the UANA and Flowers events in order for allow all swimmers to compete in the same races.

Dennis noted that there will be prize money for the 10Km events as was the same for las year. It was noted that the prize will be distributed per gender, per zone and per country to UANA competition athletes only.

David noted that the medical officer should be in place and designated prior to the start of a race.

Rick noted the finish judge and head timer should be by the finish platform for the races.

The Committee thanked the Cayman Islands and Bailey for organising the Championships twice in a row.

UPDATE ON PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Dennis provided a verbal update on preparations for open water swimming at the Pan American Games 2019 to be held in Peru. He noted that:

- (a) the events will be held on August 4, 2019 with the men's event in the morning and the women's event in the afternoon;
- (b) the lake is called Lake Bujama;
- (c) practice sessions will take place on a different lake and for warm-ups and warm-downs starting four days before the competition;
- (d) he is going to Peru for the South American Championships in November 2018.



Dennis tabled a copy of the proposed schedule (a copy is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A).

Maria noted that the lake being used is ordinarily used as a private lake for skilling. She also noted that the host country, Peru, will be hosting some competitions in the next year in the venue including the South American Championships in November 2018.

Greg noted that Committee Members will receive schedule and travel information for Pan American Games 2019 in July 2019 and requested that we provide our responses and indicate if we will be going as soon as practicable for planning purposes.

Dennis also noted that the Committee will be voting for officials at the Pan American Games in early 2019.

It was noted that the competition will require a 7 day commitment from any Committee Members and/or officials who travel to Peru.

DEVELOPMENT OF OWS CIRCUIT

Dennis noted that one of the reasons for the lack of a circuit was the fact that the Committee has no active input from South America and feedback on what the athletes' needs are. He further noted that:

- (a) the Committee needs passionate Committee Members;
- (b) the Committee will always need to have event for open water swimming each year for all ages;
and
- (c) the membership composition of all technical committees were expanded by adding more members from Zone 1 and Zone 2 to ensure better participation from those zones.

David queried if the Committee would consider hosting a competition for senior athletes in 2019. He further noted that this would not be likely as the senior event will be the Pan American Games.

Maria noted that the South American Championships will be held later in 2018; the arrival date is October 29; the 5Km events are being held on October 31; and the 10Km events are being held on November 3; it is an open competition and is the qualifying event for the Pan American Games for Zone 1.



Bryce noted that more effort should be invested into organising junior competitions in the Americas and should be held in alternate years to the world junior events. It was noted that the age groups should mirror world juniors ages and competitions; 14-15 years, 16-17 years and 18-19 years. Emily supported this idea.

John and Mark noted that the Canadians use European open water swimming competitions. They also noted that it is important for dates to be finalised years in advance for planning purposes and that there must be some guarantee that the events will be going ahead with a gentleman's agreement on participation from larger federations.

Rick noted that there is an annual open water swimming event held at Pleasant Prairie in Wisconsin just North of Chicago which would be a good event for UANA juniors. It was agreed that Rick would speak to the organisers of this event on behalf of the Committee.

Dennis thanked the coaches and federation representatives for their input and for attending the meeting. They persons then left the meeting.

REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2017

Following discussion and upon a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee held on June 10, 2017 be approved in all respects.

REMARKS FROM UANA PRESIDENT

Dale passed on thanks from the Executive Committee to the Cayman Islands for hosting the Championships for a second year in a row. He noted that it was great that the Championships are being held on a regular basis again.

He noted that the Championships could not be held as a standalone event and should always be held in conjunction with another existing race.

He thanked Greg and Dennis for their responsiveness to PASO and the Organising Committee for providing all requested information on a relatively quick basis. He noted that UANA in general is very responsive and gets information to them quickly.

Dennis thanked Dale and the Executive Committee for pushing PASO to increase the number of athletes in the Pan American Events from 18 to 20.



DEVELOPMENT OF OWS CIRCUIT AND MASTERS

It was noted that Dennis and Mel had some discussions about developing a circuit with masters swimmers participation and that one of the best starting points would be to host races alongside existing races in the Caribbean. He further noted that in order for it to be effective, promotion of an event needs to be done at least one year in advance.

Dennis noted that a plan should be put together for the next quad and should include all distances and not only concentrate on the 10Km events.

Emily noted that clinics should be held for both officials and swimmers in conjunction with any UANA supported event.

Rick noted that the development of open water swimming within the USA followed a similar path to other federations. Interest first started when open water swimming events would be held alongside larger events such as US Nationals (Long Course, Pool). He noted that the Committee should seek out existing competitions which are big events and hold races of different distances so that persons of all abilities have an opportunity to take part.

Emily noted that the Arizona Grand Prix might be a good event to increase open water swimming participation from a UANA perspective.

David suggested that the Committee should consider establishing and promoting a schedule of competitions versus a circuit.

Dennis noted that the Committee should keep up a strong relationship with masters to increase participation in events.

INACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was noted that the representatives of South America (Zone 1) were inactive committee members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was no further business to discuss.



ADJOURNMENT

Following discussion and upon a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10.30am.

/s/Dennis Ryther

Dennis Ryther

Chairman

/s/Michael Lockwood

Michael Lockwood

Secretary

Action Items:

Action	Responsible Person(s)	Complete by When
Speaking with organising committee of Wisconsin Event	Rick	August 2018
Preparing Quad Plan	Emily, Michael and Nadine	August 2018
Obtain CONSONAT November 2018 Summons from Maria and distribute to all Federations	Michael	ASAP