

## **MEETING LOG**

**SUBJECT:** Water Safety USA Meeting

**LOCATION:** Teleconference call

**DATE:** December 19, 2023

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**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Susan Bathalon

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Susan Bathalon, EXHR

**Other ATTENDEES:**

Lisa Zarda US Swim Schools

Tom Dardis, US Coast Guard

Lindsey Mondick, YMCA

David Bell, Chairman, BSA

Contact WSUSA for the full list of participants.

### **MEETING SUMMARY:**

Members of the Water Safety USA (WSUSA) coalition were welcomed by the Chairman, David Bell, and a roll call was conducted.

There were several information request inquiries into Water Safety USA since the last meeting. One inquiry was from the Parks & Rec Business center, who requested and was directed to several free water safety publications, including CPSC Pool Safety documents.

The New York Water Safety Coalition together with the US Swim School Association announced that a New York State legislation in water safety initiative, Senate Bill S.3608-A /Assembly Bill A.4987-A, was signed into law. The legislation mandates that New York hospitals offer new parents a brief, state-approved informational video focusing on drowning risks for infants and young children.

The Mid-February 2024 water safety conference sponsored by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) and the Association of Aquatic Professionals (AOAP) is being hosted in Reno Nevada. Attendance options are in-person and remote classroom attendance.

Unrated personal floatation devices (PFD) are being sold alongside devices that are US CG rated. In addition, some PFDs are labeled with approval by safety organizations with no credentials, presumably for marketing purposes. Some participants proposed submit a complaint to the Federal Trade Commission for false advertising. There are also children's snorkeling vests, which are thought to be a newer product, that are being advertised as devices to promote safety. The group does not consider these or other water devices safe, especially for younger children. In addition, some participants would like to see back floatation performance standards regulated under Coast Guard PFD device requirements.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Water Safety USA will meet on February 20, 2024.