

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:			Phyllis Quinn
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:			09/07/21 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. None.

Number of committee members present: 16	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 41
Committee members present: Ali Hall, Catherine Rust, Jill Wright, Dave Brancamp, Chuck Beatty, Robin Smith, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Sarah King, Tim Murphy, Stephen Rouch, Lorena Sims, Jenny Hodges, Bob Singer, Alana Aubin.		
Ex-Officio members present: Donn Livoni, Jay Eckert, Dawson Hughes.		
Guests present: Alina de Armas, Ally Sega, Ann Marshfield, Benjamin Wyckoff, Bill Brenner, Bill McCracken, Bob Anderson, Britta O'leary, Carrie Stolar, Charles Smith, Chris Campbell, Chris Colburn, Christina Fox, Conner Bailey, Elizabeth Nymeyer, Frank Thompson, Guy Davis, Heather Stevenson, Ian King, Jacky Yen, Jane Moore, Jeanne Ensign, Jeffrey Strahota, Jerry Lourigan, Jessica Reilly, John Fox, Kris Wingenroth, Kyle Deery, Marie Vellucci, Marilyn Fink, Meg Smath, Nadine Day, Nicki Phillips, Paige Buehler, Peter Guadagni, Sally Dillon, Sandi Rousseau, Teddy Palmer		

Topic: Long Distance Forum - September 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm ET:

1. Welcome and opening remarks – Ali Hall.
2. Rules Discussion – Jim Davidson and Alana Aubin.
 - LD-1:
 - Question – What is the background/thinking behind merging open water and the long distance committee? Answer – In 2010, the OWC was created at the demands of the LDC which at that time had too much on its plate and the work was overwhelming. LDC was to deal with rules and run the long distance championships. OWC was to develop and create open water opportunities. In recent years, the OWC has felt that, justifiably, much of its work was being done by the NO and so a year ago, a trial run to streamline the functions of both committees together was undertaken. This trial run was successful and so reintegration is recommended.
 - LD-2:
 - Question - If we're defining things, why is this not in the glossary? Answer – Because last year someone noted that this item is only mentioned in this context so it made more sense to define it in part 3.
 - Question – Other parts of the rulebook do mention various forms of “host”. Answer – perhaps a more generalized version of “host” which could apply to all events including pool, long distance, open water, and epostal could be added to the glossary as a definition.

- LD-3:
 - Question - Suggest an addition to 306 to add “long distance”. Answer – Will be taken into consideration.
 - Other Discussion Items:
 - Question – Member suggests an addition to epostal events to allow non-conforming events. Answer – Nothing in the rulebook prevents these, they just don’t come under LDC jurisdiction.
 - Question - A member has made an analysis of the differences between USMS, USA, and FINA open water rules which may be necessary for review and consideration of revision of our rules to attempt to get some continuity between the governing bodies. Answer – This is a pet project of several committee members and would love to discuss further to get some further input on prioritizing changes.
3. Closing comments – Ali Hall.
- Thank you all for your helpful input, comments, and discussion. Please note this meeting has been recorded and will be available for re-review.
 - Thank you to Alana and Jim for their hard work and commitment to the long distance rules changes.