

**LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1996**

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Chairman, Sally Ann Dillon.

**Committee members were introduced;** those present were: Lynn Hazlewood, Maureen Koss, David Lamott, Craig Tribuzi, Steve Schofield, Alan Levinson, Barney Hungerford, Peter Crumbine, and Ernie Leskovitz. Alan is a recent replacement for David Benjamin who has resigned from the committee. It was announced that David and his wife, Marcia are new parents to a baby girl.

**Sally updated the committee as to the progress of the 1996 National Championship events.** The One Hour Postal (939 competitors-well run) and the 2 Mile Cable (167-well run) are 100% complete. The 10 Mile Open Water (17) continues to be a "problem event": no Championship awards were given, they have kept the USMS banner, the official entry form was not received until 3 weeks after the event . . . A new director for the 1997 appears to be in better control, but that was Sally's opinion earlier this year too. The 1 Mile Open Water (489) events has been completed with some paperwork still outstanding. The Lake Lavin 2 Mile Open Water was canceled due to low water levels (there were 25 entrants, two of which are on our committee and have non-refundable tickets!). The other postal swims are still in progress and the last open water swim, Catalina, takes place next weekend.

**The committee discussed the lack of "club" support for the Texas swim.** Although their original bid for the event was on behalf of Richardson Masters, the team no longer exists and Craig, the director was unable to obtain another organization to assume responsibility. After some discussion it was

- **MSP Bids and contracts must be completed by established organizations.**

**Evaluators for the 1997 events were selected:** One Hour and 3000 yd postal-Sally, 5/10 K Postal-Ernie, 1 Mile-Maureen, 2 Mile-Barney, Cable-Lynn, 10 Mile-David, and 5K-Steve. Craig's 1 Mile in Texas was discussed (see above) and he was informed that he needs to have a letter in writing at the Friday meeting indicating organizational support, or the event will be given to another team.

**The Long Distance All Star Selections were made for the first time this year.** The recipients were given nice embroidered polo shirts donated by Competitor Aquatic Supply. Sally brought up the concern that four of the recipients had swum only pool "miles" and had not competed in any LD National Championship events. After considerable discussion it was

- **MSP At least one point must be from a Long Distance National Championship event.**
- **MSP The Long Distance All Star team will be compiled exclusively from the Long Distance National Championships.**

**An All American update was given by Peter Crumbine.** The new Long Distance All American Certificate was passed around for all to see.

**An update of the Long Distance Calendar and Bid solicitation was given by Lynn Hazlewood.**

Although the material was distributed in February, it was noted that many people were scrambling for bid forms in mid-August. It was decided to send the packet to LMSC chairmen, newsletter editors and long distance representatives in addition to all of the previous year's event hosts. Discussion included the opinions that all of the committee members need to actively encourage teams/events to get their bids in ON TIME.

**An update of the Awards was given by Sally Dillon:** We have ordered a two year supply at a reduced cost. Robert Zeitner (absent) does a fine job of handling the distribution. All National Events are expected to provide the Championship patch. They may use our medals which are available to 10th place and they only pay after they return the unused medals. The cost is quite reasonable and although an event is only required to award 3 places, many do more.

**An update of the Records keeping was given by Maureen Koss:** Some One Hour Postal records were left out last year and they are included for this year. She is up to date on all other records.

**Sally distributed entry forms for the 1997 One Hour Swim** which have been prepared by the host, Pacific Masters Swimming. They have it well organized with a budget and written plan for each person's responsibilities. The logo was passed around for all to see. It was announced that PMS will host a social event in the USMS Hospitality room from 6:15-7:00 PM tonight for next year's convention being held in Burlingame, CA.

**1996 RULES PROPOSALS**

The committee received the rules proposals a few weeks in advance and submitted, in writing, their opinions. The results of the "preliminary voting" were distributed as well. A few items were "pulled" for further discussion.

- MSP Approve as written LD's 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24

LD-2 MSP to amend and MSP as amended to read:  
A. A long distance event is any swimming event ~~not previously defined in section 102.5 and which is a distance based event~~ over 1650 yards (1509.8 meters) in length or a time based event ≥ 60 minutes in time. The event may be conducted in any body of water, either natural or man-made.

LD-6 MSP to amend by eliminating the first sentence which was inadvertently placed.  
MSP as amended to read:

**302.1 OPEN WATER**

- .1 QUARTER-MILE STRAIGHTAWAY. . . (AS WRITTEN IN 302.2.1)
- .2 OTHER OPEN WATER . . . (AS WRITTEN IN 302.2.2)

LD-7 MSP to amend by removing last sentence

MSP as amended to read:

**302.2 POOL**

~~EVENTS Long distance events shall consist of individual and or team competition as follows.~~ A long distance pool event may be based on the time to swim a fixed distance or the distance swum over a fixed time.

LD-8 MSP to amend as suggested in Lynn Hazlewood's memo to the committee

MSP as amended to read:

~~302.2-3,2~~ Time/Distance-The object . . . a tie shall be declared. The events shall be swum in a pool at least 25 yards in length. ~~The distance~~ Distances shall be computed by multiplying the total lengths swum by the length of the pool and adding the last completed 5-yard increment. In events where the size of the pool is not designated, all distances shall be reported in yards. If the event is swum in a metric pool, the distance shall be determined in meters and converted to yards by multiplying 1.0936 times the number of meters completed and rounding off the distance to the last completed 5-yard increment. ~~All distances shall be reported in yards.~~

LD-12 Tabled The chairman will ask Pacific to simplify the proposal and possibly look at the USS wording.

LD-16 Failed It was felt that it was not necessary to specify the age groups for relays (which vary).

LD-17 Failed It was felt that other changes proposed by the committee were sufficient and that this proposal confused our efforts at "streamlining".

LD-19 Failed Because LD-16 failed.

LD-20 MSP to amend

MSP as amended to read:

**305.2.2 EVENTS**

- A. Team competitions shall be recognized ~~in the quarter mile straightaway (2 mile), postal one hour, and postal 3000 yard events for all Postal Championships and may be recognized for other Championship events. Such awards, when recognized, shall be awarded for three-person male and female teams and four-person mixed teams.~~

It was agreed that the committee would convene at 8:00 AM (30 minutes early) Friday to complete the Rules Discussions.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:30 AM