

Long Distance Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Sunday, May 15th, 2011. 8:00 PM Eastern/5:00 Pacific

Attendance:

Present: Heather Hagadorn (chair), Donn Livoni (vice chair), Lynn Hazlewood (OW-Ex-O), Bob Bruce, Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Jennie Quill, Dave Diehl (VP-Ex-O), Ali Hall, Greta Van Meeteren, Bruce Hopson, Tom Spence

Absent: Ann Svenson, Dick Sidner, Bekah Olsen, Neil Brophy, Robert Zeitner, Jill Wright

Agenda:

- 1. MSA April meeting minutes: approved for posting to the website.**
- 2. Legislation and Rule Changes:** Rules and legislation changes were discussed. Legislation changes will be voted upon at the next LDC meeting. Any suggestions or comments please send to Bob Bruce.
 - a. Committee discussed the possibility of adding “recognition” of open water events in addition to sanctions. Bob Bruce will draft potential legislation.
 - b. A pathway for 25 meter swims in the 3000 and 6000 yard postals in underway for inclusion in the manual
- 3. Swimwear Exemption Process: Developed and distributed Bob and discussed by the committee.**
 - a. A deadline for exemption submission of one month before the date of the event was discussed. Committee members agreed the expiration date of the exemption should be addressed in the process. Bob will continue to draft the exemption process, working with a subcommittee.
 - b. Heather will receive the exemption requests and forward to the subcommittee. Jennie, Bob and Karen volunteered for the subcommittee.
- 4. Safety Task Force:** Lynn continues to work upon finalizing the Safety Guidelines and develop an education plan for open water race directors. Karen, Bob, Susan and Bruce agreed to be on this safety task force
- 5. Events – Postal National Championships:**
 - 2010 -
 - a. 3000/6000 nearly complete from host standpoint; awaiting updated confirmation that club awards were sent and an updated financial report. Evaluation will be done next and then bond reimbursement.

b. Heather will send final decision regarding questioned 2010 postal results to the affected parties

2011 -

a. OHP – Club awards were approved and posted. Awaiting return of unused medals & payment for awards; currently revising financial report.

b. 5/10K are now open. Club Assistant will validate USMS membership join date vs. swim date.

c. 3000/6000: Next step, send contracts out.

6. Events – Open Water National Championships

Sponsors include Hammer Nutrition, SBR, BlueSeventy, Aquasphere and swag will be sent out to event directors.

a. Liaisons tasks were sent out and questions addressed.

7. Manuals sub-committee: postal manual has been rewritten by Greta & Hans; reviewed by Susan, Bob, and Ann. Bruce will review by the end of May.

8. Cross-training: Back-up liaisons are as follows: 5k/10k Postal=Greta; 3000/6000 Postal=Donn, OHP=Ali. For Open Water events, 10K=Ali and 1 mile cable=Jill, 25K=Robert. Volunteers for backup liaisons remain for the 2 mile cable and 5K.

9. 2013 Bids: Will be sent out by end of May, due back to Heather by August 1st. Ali, Susan and Tom volunteered for the bid sub-committee.

10. Convention Meetings: Schedules for the Legislation, LD and OW committees were distributed; Heather will pass the agendas around the committee prior to publication. Bob requested that rules be addressed in the first meeting.

11. Other: There was a suggestion that the performance bond be submitted with signed contract instead of 2 weeks prior to the event. Committee members wanted to think about this more and discuss next month.

12. Next Call: June 19th, 8PM Eastern/5 PM Pacific