

<b>Committee Name:</b> Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Donn Livoni	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Vacant	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Bruce Hopson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 7/27/2014 8 PM EDT	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA minutes as amended from 6/29/14.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 14	<b>Absent:</b> 5	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Donn Livoni, James Biles, Denise Brown, Bob Bruce, Rob Copeland, Colleen Driscoll, Ali Hall, Bruce Hopson, Phyllis Quinn, Greta Van Meeteren, Jill Wright; Lynn Hazelwood, Chris McGiffin, and Bill Roach, all <i>ex officio</i>		

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## Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Approval of June 29 minutes** -- MSA approve minutes as amended
3. **Report from BOD** – Chris McGiffen reported that the Open Water Committee is undertaking a partnership with USA-Swimming and has requested a \$5,000 line item in the budget to send officials to their clinics.
4. **Report on Open Water Task Force** – Rob C reported the task force hasn't met in a while and no determinations had been made. Will find out if he can share the report with the LDC
5. **Discussion and possible action on 2016 LD NC hosts** – see Susan's report. Additionally, Ali moved to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for the 2016 e-Postal National Championships. The motion was approved unanimously. Donn thanked the committee for its hard works.
6. **LDC Goals** –:
  1. To increase the number of qualified bids received for review for all of the Postal and Open Water National Championships. – Reported that new people were bidding, although not necessarily more people bidding. Past hosts returned to bidding that had stopped doing so.
  2. To restructure the NC bid forms distribution and collection process to streamline the collection and compilation process for the LDC. Reported that this had been accomplished and is exemplified by the progress made in goal 1.
  3. Begin development of a multiple-day LD festival. – Reported that this has already been set for 2015 and probably will occur for 2016, and that the details are still being worked out.
  4. Increase participation in OW and Postal National Championship by 10%. This has not happened, and in fact, is somewhat down this year.
7. **2014 NC events** – Donn
  - Liaisons – Please update the timeline. Three down four three to go.

### Working groups (WG) See written reports

- a. **Rules/Legislation** – Bob lead a discussion on the remaining changes to Part 3 Rules
- b. **PARA** (Patches, All-Americans, Records, All-Stars) – Greta reported that the results for the 1-3 mile OWNC and the 1 mile OWNC have been distributed to the committee members. We are still awaiting the AA report for the 1 mile OWNC.
- c. **Club Assistant**—Susan reported that there was nothing to new to report;
- d. **Safety** – Bill Roach, lead; Rob
- e. **Manuals & Documents** – Ann reported that the sub-committee is proud to announce the completion of the 2014 ePostal GTO! After many re-readings (and good naps or nights' sleep), we have sent it off to be proofread and posted.

f. **2016 NC Selection** – Susan reported that the ePostal NC bids have been reviewed and the bid selection sub-committee makes the following recommendations to the LDC for awarding the 2016 ePostal National Championships:

OHP -- Tamalpais Aquatic Masters  
5K/10K -- Western Hills Aquatic Club and South Texas LMSC  
3000/6000—Sawtooth Masters

Rationale: It has been the experience of the OHP liaisons and NC Oversight sub-committee that having successful experience in hosting a large swim meet does not necessarily translate into effectively and successfully hosting the OHP without any prior postal hosting experience or hands on experience with the customized ePostal event management system. Therefore, it was agreed that the best fit for first-time bidders WHAC/South Texas LMSC was to gain experience with the 5K/10K ePNC in 2016 and be encouraged to submit future ePostal bids for consideration.

The ePostal bids can be viewed on Google Drive -- Susan has sent viewing access to all current members of the LDC.

The sub-committee is happy to report that qualified bids have been received for all (6) OW NC distance categories. The sub-committee is in the process of reviewing all of the bids and will be ready to make their recommendations to the LDC in the near future.

Susan would like to send out a big thank you to Ann, Ali, Denise, and Robert for all of their time and efforts in slating recommendations for what we believe will be a very exciting OW and ePostal National Championship year in 2016!

g. **LDC Communications and Publications Liaison to USMS NO** Susan reported that the Google Calendar content has been updated with upcoming reminders and online entry deadlines to be posted on FB and tweeted for the USMS 3-6 mile, 2-mile Cable, and 6-9 mile OW NCs. Also, All 2015 ePostal and OW NC event directors were communicated with again on July 8th with a friendly reminder of the upcoming Aug 15th deadline to submit event information/pictures/logos etc to be used for publishing/marketing in the 2015 ePostal and Open Water National Championship Preview in the Nov/Dec issue of *Swimmer*. Another reminder will go out August 1st.

h. **LDC National Championship Oversight** – Susan reported that all results files to date have been posted on USMS.org and distributed to the PARA sub-committee, and that work is beginning on preparing the 2015 OHP online entry form.

#### **2014 LD NC events liaison reports. See written reports**

- **Chattanooga Outdoors (Tennessee River, TN) 1-3 mile (2.4 mile) 5/17** – Donn has reported that event is complete and that he is working on the evaluation, which is due 7/31/2014.
- **Davis Aquatic Masters (Lake Berryessa, CA) 1-mile 6/7** – Phyllis reported the event submitted the financial report, and that she will be completing the evaluation form.
- **Genesis/Hopkins Masters (Lake Minnetonka, MN) 9+ mile (10 mile) 7/26** – James Biles reported that there were approximately 29 swimmer and 2 people who did not finish and 2 who switched to the shorter race.
- **Central Oregon Masters (Elk Lake, OR) 3-6 mile (5K) 8/3** – Ali reported all deadlines well-met, communicative event host, so far 101 in the 5k OWNC, 157 in the festival and 55 stalwarts entered in all the events (11k total to be swum across three days, per person, that's a lot of trinkets to be awarded).
- **Adirondack Masters, (Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY) (2-mile cable) 8/16** – Colleen reported that the event is progressing. There are close to 105 members as of July 24. The awards are in the process of being ordered.
- **Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 6-9 mile (10K) 8/23** – Ali reported that the host was communicative host, and that the deadlines all well-met. To date 51 in the OWNC, 150 across all events.

- **5,000M/10,000M Postal: Rogue Valley Masters** – Greta reported that the event is moving right along. One controversy
- **3,000/6,000 Postal: Central Oregon Masters** – No report submitted

8. Other business for the good of the order. None

9. Next Call: None. Next meeting will be at convention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM EST