USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2014

Committee Name: Long Distance Session #: Report #: 2

Committee Chair: Donn Livoni Vice Chair: (vacant)

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Minutes recorded by: Bruce Hopson Date/time of meeting: 9/19/2014

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1.

Motions Passed:

- 1. MSA to reconsider LD6
- 2. MSA to amend LD6
- 3. MSA to recommend adoption of LD6

Number of committee members present: 18 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates present: 23

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni,, James Biles, Denise Brown, Robert Bruce, Rob Copeland, Colleen Driscoll, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Greta Van Meeteren, Phyllis Quinn, Dick Sidner, Ann Svenson, Jill Wright Robert Zeitner; Susan Ehringer, Lynn Hazlewood, Chris McGiffin, Bill Roach all *ex officio*

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

- 1. Chair Livoni opened the floor to the event hosts for the 2015 National Championship events.
- 2. Chair Livoni opened the floor to the event hosts for the 2016 National Championship events.
- 3. The committee then discussed the status of its goals, and in particular, goal 1 to increase participation in long distance and open water events by 10%
 - a. For ePostals, the results are only available for one swim the One Hour held from January 1-31. Participation was 2,491, down from 2,407 (84 swimmers or 3.4%). The 5K/10K ePostal just finished on 9/15/2014, and the 3000/6000 ePostal just opened and won't close until 11/15/14.
 - b. For Open Water events, participation was 725 swimmers, down from 780 (55 swimmers or 7.1%). Specifically,
 - i. Lake Berryessa 270
 - ii. Chattanooga 127
 - iii. Elk Lake 90
 - iv. Lake George 72
 - v. Lake Minntonka 30
 - vi. Mirror Lake 136
 - c. Bill Roach USMS Safety Coordinator, said he would be determining the total number of swimmers in all open water events in 2014 to help track participation. More can be found in Open Water Committee minutes.
- 4. Chair Livoni announced that the Finance Committee had accepted the LD committee's request to waive the insurance surcharge for the 2015 National Championship events and will be a line item in the budget waiting to be approved by the House of Delegates.
- 5. Follow up on Rules Proposals
 - a. LD6 was brought up for review. Bob Addressed the temperature issue by stating how the committee had come up with the temperature recommendations. MSA to

reconsider LD6. A thorough discussion was had. MSA unanimously to amend 302.2.2A(1) by adding to the end of the sentence "or a USMS-approved thermal plan is in place."

- b. MSA unanimously to amend 302.2.2A(2) by adding to the end of the sentence "or a USMS-approved thermal plan is in place."
- c. Housekeeping change to 302.2.2A(3) by reversing the order of the temperature to have Fahrenheit first and then Celsius to be consistent.
- d. MSA unanimously to approve LD6 as amended.
- 6. New business none

The meeting was recessed at 9:18 a.m.