

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Donn Livoni	Date/time of meeting:	2/28/2016		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. 1/31/16 Minutes
2. Recommendation to OWC to waive the Safety Plan Application on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the OWCC in 2016.
3. Starting in 2017 the OHeP will take place during the months of Jan. & Feb. All other associated procedures would follow the other 4 ePostal event protocols.

Number of committee members present: 10 + 3 **Absent:** 2 + 3 **Number of other delegates present:** 0

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Melinda Greig-Walker, Mile Fanelli, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Allison Ware, Colleen Discroll. **Absent:** Phyllis Quinn & Laurie Hug. **Ex-Officio present:** Bob Bruce, Elaine Howley, & Bill Roach. **Absent:** Chris McGiffin, Tracy Grilli & Karin Wegner.

MINUTES

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm EDT

Toll Number (**FREE to USMS**) 530 881-1212 or 518 530-1840 or 701 801-1220

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Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

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

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of 1/31 meeting minutes -- **M/S/A as presented**
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) and vice president (Chris). **Donn thanked everyone for their participation in the OHeP and recognized the participants and winners from the LDC. Ali thanked everyone for being on the call and their contributions to the LDC. Chris was absent.**
4. Update on FINA water temp rules – Bob & Chris – **Bob asked this topic be covered under the rules portion of the agenda. Chair agreed.**
5. Open Water Safety Plan Application & Sanction link – Bill – **M/S/A for the LDC to recommend to the OWC to waive the requirement that the Safety Plan be submitted on the template format at the discretion of the OW Compliance Coordinator on a case-by-case basis for 2016.**
6. Action --OHeP – 2017 and beyond – discussion on date, records, and age changes in 2017 and beyond.

M/S/A to change the length of the OHeP event to begin on Jan. 1 and end on the last day of Feb. beginning in 2017. All procedures, records, age groups, etc. would follow the protocols of the other ePostal events.

7. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob -- **The Committee reviewed the items listed under the Review section of the Rules/Legislation scoresheet. There was quality and quantity of discussion, but no resolution (as planned) on all items. No action was taken.**
8. Update -- LDC Goals — 2016
 - Increase total participation in 2016 ePostal NCs by 10% over 2015, identifying specific strategies that correlate to success
 - Receive, for 2018, a minimum of 1 qualified, in-area, bid per event, and at least 1 West two-event festival bid.
 - Explore possibilities for collaborative strategies with other USMS stakeholders for increasing LDNC participation, such as 2-4 LDC members reaching out to 2 different committees such as Coaches', Fitness and/or Governance Committees
 - Explore continuing development of a 3-5 year pool of unselected, qualified bidders; this would allow a bidder to reconfirm interest, capacity, leadership and commitment while by-passing the detailed bid process for a period of years.
9. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all)
 - a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn
 - b. PARA –Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Michael; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie & ???; Postal Series – James & Laurie) Checker, Jim
 - c. Club Assistant - Colleen & Phyllis
 - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim
 - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis
 - f. 2018 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Colleen, Phyllis, & Allison
 - g. Communications — Ali, Lead, Laurie
 - h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)

Below is a list of the 2016 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

I would like each lead liaison to give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call -- THURSDAY). LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES. Please remember to date all the documents you submit with the correct event year and be specific on what the document is.

- Indy Aquatic Masters, Indianapolis, IN 2-mile cable 6/18
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Michael Fanelli
- Rogue Valley Masters, Applegate Lake, OR 10K (6.2 miles) 7/16
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Jim Davidson
- o Kingdom Swim NEKOWSA, Newport, VT 10 miles 7/30
 - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
- Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 1 mile 8/12
 - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware
- o Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 5K (3.1 miles) 8/13
 - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware
- Sierra Nevada Masters, Donner Lake, CA 2.7 mile 8/13
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Greig-Walker
- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters, San Rafael, CA
 - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Jill Wright & Jim Davidson
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Western Hills Athletic Club/South Texas
 - o Liaison: Colleen Driscoll lead; backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Sawtooth Masters
 - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, lead; backup: Laurie Hug & Allison Ware

Other business for the good of the order

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:32 PM ET

Next Call –[Sunday, Mar., 27 with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT & 4 PM AT.](#)