

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Phyllis Quinn	Date/time of meeting:	5/30/2016		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. 4/24/16 Minutes

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, Mike Fanelli, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Colleen Discroll, Melinda Greig-Walker Absent: Allison Ware. Ex-Officio present: Bob Bruce, Bill Roach and Tracy Grilli. Absent: Elaine Howley		

MINUTES

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Monday May 30, 2016 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm EDT

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

Toll Free (charged to USMS): 855-212-0212

Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM ET

1. Welcome and roll call: **During roll call I will be asking if you plan on attending the USMS convention in Atlanta in Sept. All are attending except Melinda Greig-Walker**
2. Approval of 4/24 meeting minutes -- **MSA**
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) **5K/10K ePostal event now open vice president (Chris McGiffin) Bruce Hopson and Mel Goldstein will attend the 2 Mile cable event. The BOD summer meeting is the week of the 10K event. Elaine Howley will attend the 10 mile event. Rob Copeland will attend the 1mile, 5k event. Bill Brenner will attend the 1-3 mile event.**
4. Review LDC Operations Guidelines <http://www.usms.org/admin/policies/llog.pdf> **I have had no input from the committee, Please take a few minutes and read and comment with ideas for updating the document. Donn will send out word document so the committee can edit and track changes**
5. Liaison estimated travel expenses and pre-approval- **Please send Donn estimates to be pre-approved before travel.**
6. Rules and Legislative Proposals –**Bob Bruce- LDC & OWC Joint Rules & Legislation Subcommittee: Everything on track, but the both committees has some heavy lifting to do in the next two months to meet the Convention submission schedule. Next meeting pivotal for the next rules discussions.**
7. Update -- LDC Goals — 2016 **I need to forward to Chris a report and will be asking for updates on the goals and any other items of importance, e.g. rules/legislation, issues and or topics Communicate to Donn what the committee has accomplished, new goals, or goals still needs to work on. Due by**

end of June. Report will be updated at convention. We are still looking for a volunteer to reach out to the Coaches and Fitness Committees, to collaborate for increased participation in ePostal events.

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.

8. 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 SAFETY: 50 open water events have been sanctioned for 2016.
The Independent Safety Monitor (ISM) training program is now available. Contact Bill Roach for complete information.
- e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis 2018 Bid Letter and Forms completed.
- f. 2018 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Colleen, Phyllis, & Allison James has updated the bid documents and we are distributing them for posting and sharing. Please talk up the 2018 events in your LMSCs and elsewhere, we're hoping for a strong bid group. Thanks!
- 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). 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 2 Mile Cable awards order received. Will hand deliver morning of race.
- o Rogue Valley Masters, Applegate Lake, OR 10K (6.2 miles) 7/16 Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Jim Davidson Everything on track.
- o Kingdom Swim NEKOWSA, Newport, VT 10 miles 7/30
 - Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug Newport, VT: all on schedule, 41 entrants so far
- 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 Registration as of this morning has 68 participants from 30 swim clubs. (48) for (1) mile and (53) for 5k; (33) of the entrants are swimming both (1) mile and (5)K.
- Sierra Nevada Masters, Donner Lake, CA 2.7 mile 8/13
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Greig-Walker
 - Donner Lake Swim- Registration will open June 1

- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters, San Rafael, CA Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Jill Wright & Jim Davidson
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Western Hills Athletic Club/South Texas
- Liaison: Colleen Driscoll lead; backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Sawtooth Masters
 - Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, lead; backup: Laurie Hug & Allison Ware **The bond for the 3000 and 6000 yards ePostal championship has been posted. The online entry form is nearing completion.**

Other business for the good of the order

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 PM ET

Next Call – **Sunday June 26** with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT & 4 PM AT