

USMS Convention — Atlanta, Georgia 2016

CommitteeName:	Long Distance	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall
Minutes recorded by:	Phyllis Quinn	Date/time of meeting:	9/22/16 2:00 PM EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA with 10 yeses and 1 no vote: LD 68 amended as follows: A swim greater than 5K miles shall not begin if the water temperature exceeds 29.45° C. (85° F.). A swim 5k miles or less shall not begin if the water temperature exceeds 31.1° C.
2. MSA on LD 68. 10 yeses, 1 no vote. LDC recommends this to the HOD with a 2/3 vote.

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 65
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, James Biles, , Colleen Discroll, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Mike Fanelli, Allison Ware. Ex-Officio present: Bob Bruce, Bill Roach and Tracy Grilli., Elaine Howley, Chris McGiffin		
Committee Members Absent: Melinda Grieg Walker		

Minutes- Amended

The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM.

1. Approval of minutes from final summer conference call. Not needed.
2. Ali Hall- Presentation of bids for 2018 ePostal and OW NC events. OHeP – Indy Aquatic Masters; 5K/10K – Chicago Smelts; 3000/6000 MEMO, Oakland, CA 2017 OW NC dates and locations were reviewed and discussed.
3. Discussion and possible action on changes to the LDC budget. Slight increase due to travel cost for Liaisons, will be submitted as is.
4. Discussion and action on 2016 All Stars – Last year’s decision on how to treat cancelled races was discussed. The consensus of the committee was that the cancelled swims will not be included in this year’s calculations for All Stars.
5. Discussion and action on rules and legislation proposals. Donn explained the process. Bob Bruce started the discussion on LD 68- this address the temperature limits for Open Water swims. Bob Bruce proposed an amendment to LD 68 to mirror the USA and FINA rules:

A swim greater than 5K miles shall not begin if the water temperature exceeds 29.45° C. (85° F.). A swim 5k miles or less shall not begin if the water temperature exceeds 31.1° C. (88° F.).

There were multiple comments about the distance versus time in the water, humidity, how to measure the water temperature etc....

MSA 10 yeses, one no. Amendment passes.

James moves to approve LD 68 as amended, Jim seconded, discussed about having a thermal plan for hot water. If the water temperature is too hot, the sanction will be pulled and the race director can still chose to have the swim without the sanction. Education of the swimmers is important. MSA: 10 yeses, 1 no vote, passed by 2/3 vote.

LD5a age determination for postal and open water swims. Donn read the rationale behind the proposal.

LD 7c an amendment was proposed that would change the nature of the proposed rule. The change recommended should already be address in the pre-race announcements. The Committee decided not to take any actions.

Meeting recessed at 3:20 PM EDT