

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Jill Wright/Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	2/26/2017		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. From Karin Wegner: Upper time limit for ePostal - time for every 1000 yd/m = 1 hr. This will help errors to be prevented. MSP Bob B/Colleen-Approved
2. Rule change – 305.5 & 305.6: APPROVED
3. Rule change/new rule – 306.4/307.7.4.B: APPROVED
4. Rule change 306.9.1: APPROVED
5. Rule change 306.10.1 & 2: APPROVED

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 4
Committee members present: Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Colleen Driscoll, Mike Fanelli, Josie Palmerin, Melinda Greig-Walker, Jill Wright, and Lorena Sims. Absent: Allison Ware, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug. Ex-Officio present: Chris McGiffin, Bob Bruce, Tracy Grilli, Bill Roach. Other Attending: Casey Keiber.		

Agenda

Long Distance Committee

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm EST.

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Approval of 1/29 minutes – Approved (Greta/Colleen).
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) and vice president (Chris):
Donn: OHP almost done. Group entries change.
Ali: Nothing.
Chris: Board mtg notes 65,687 members in 2016, 781 coaches, 483 ALTS, SSL \$137,400 donated. Rob Copeland will be USMS rep at Lido Key swim, Sarah Welch at Angle Lake. Per Dawson, bulk submissions for postals are OK, but still working on liability wording. Chattanooga swim is good. Questions: Are there any plans for putting together an OW workshop at convention in cooperation with the OW and LD committees? How many OW/LD rules will there be for convention? (Answer per Bob: 22 proposals on docket now, 13 are housekeeping.)
4. Upper limits on ePostal entries – **ACTION Item**
From Karin Wegner: Upper time limit for ePostal – time for every 1000yd/m = 1 hr. This will help errors to be prevented. Motion approved (Bob/Colleen).
Conversation led by Dawson, posted on forum: ePostal Ponderings. Discussion regarding renaming ePostals. Greta to add “ePostal titles” to ePostal Ponderings.
5. LDC Operating Guidelines -- (please read the document on the forum) **ACTION ITEM**
 - o **James posted documents on forum. Even if you have no comments, please respond “no comment.” Chris asked if we can track changes.**
6. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob

- Should we define heat-retaining swimwear? (302.2.2) Answer: Not specifically.
 - Should we increase the number of feeding stations? (302.2.6) Answer: Wording is sufficient.
 - Should we allow split times from timing devices? (306.5.2) Answer: Devices are too inaccurate to allow this.
 - Should we allow split times from longer swims to be used to enter shorter swims (306.8.2)? Answer: No, although it is tantalizing. (Haha)
 - Should we require only one handheld watch for a record instead of two (308.1.6D)? Answer: Yes?
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 - Rule change 306.9.1: APPROVED
 - Rule change 306.10.1 & 2: APPROVED
 - 303.8.1.B: DISCUSSION – will be brought back as an issue
7. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all – there may not be many for this meeting, but file a report if you have something to report)
- a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn, Lorena. All will be involved during the spring.
 - b. PARA – Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Jim Davidson; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie; Postal Series – James & Laurie Checkers – Mike, Lorena & Josie
 - P.A.R.A. subcommittee: all 2016 results have been posted on the USMS website.
 - c. Club Assistant - Colleen & Phyllis
 - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim, Josie, Melinda
 - 10 events have been sanctioned, 6 events are pending, 2 events are under construction, and 17 have completed the Safety Director's certification.
 - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis (ePostal Guide – James, Bob, Jill Melinda). (OW Champs Guide James, Phyllis)
 - f. 2019 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Colleen, Phyllis, & Allison
 - g. Communications — Laurie, Lead, Ali
 - h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)
 - i. Goals – Ali, lead; James, Colleen, Phyllis
 1. Increase participation by 10 percent over 2016 in total for postal national championships
 2. Identify two LDC members who will collaborate with two different USMS committees for mutual interests
 3. Incorporate diversity/inclusivity language into 2019 LDNC bid documents
 4. Recruit at least one 2019 festival bid
 5. Identify an LDC member to generate a standard entry form (SEF) for use by OWNC hosts and liaisons

Below is a list of the 2017 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.

- Swim Around Lido Key, Sarasota, FL April 24 7 miles
 - Liaison: James Biles backup: Allison Ware
 - **Marathon Distance NC (Lido Key, Sarasota FL): Sanction approved and performance bond submitted. 131 entered of a cap of 137; should sale out in the next few days.**
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 3 10 miles
 - Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
 - **Chattanooga OWNCs: entries open and here are the current numbers of registrants...**
 - **64 - 9.2 miles (6/4/17)**

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- Foster Lake, Sweet Home OR June 24 2-mile cable
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
 - **Foster Lake 2 mile cable swim. The bond has been received. On task with timeline.**
- ELK Lake, Bend, OR July 30 5K (3.1 miles)
 - Liaison: Jill Wright backup: Jim Davidson
 - **Elk Lake OWNC: The bond has been received. On task with timeline.**
- Angle Lake, Sea-Tac, WA Sept. 23 1-mile
 - Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Michael Fanelli
 - **Sprint Distance OW NC (1-Mile) Sept. 23 at Angle Lake, Sea-Tac, WA: update coming**

- OHeP: Ohio Masters Swim Club, Avon, OH
 - Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Mike Fanelli & Allison Ware
 - **OHeP: Two days to go. Get your swims done and entries in! 1206 entries to date, this is 1000 less then total last year. Part of issue is with "club group entries". Dawson just gave approval to do this as long as club has signed waiver in hand. We should see the entries increase substantially prior to registration close on 3/10.**
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Swim Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - Liaison: Greta van Meeteren lead; backup: Phyllis Quinn & Lorena Sims
 - **2017 5k and 10k ePostal Championships: artwork for the merchandise has been submitted. Host is very responsive.**
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Loveland Masters Swim Club, Fort Collins, CO
 - Liaison: Colleen Driscoll, lead; backup: Jim Davidson & Josephine Palmerin

Other business for the good of the order

- **Chris McGiffin – If you're interested in running for office, please contact him for more information and if you are interested in running, please do so!**

Next Call – **Sunday, March. 26 with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT & 4 PM ADT.**