

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Donn Livoni	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ali Hall		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Phyllis Quinn	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	3/26/2017		

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. **MSP for all HK items excepted for the two items pulled. Rule 307.2.2 h and i change championship to championships and approving g, h and i.**
2. **MSP Rule 307.7.5 Age Group- Age Group in open water swims shall be the standard USMS age groups in article 303.1.1**

## Motions Passed:

<b>Number of committee members present: 11</b>	<b>Absent: 3</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 3</b>
<p><b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Mike Fanelli, Josie Palmerin, Melinda Greig-Walker, and Lorena Sims.  <b>Absent:</b> Jill Wright, Colleen Discroll, and Allison Ware. <b>Ex-Officio present:</b> Bob Bruce, Tracy Grilli, Casey Keiber <b>Absent:</b> Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin. <b>Others:</b></p>		

## Agenda

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Sunday, Mar. 26, 2017 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm ET

Dial In (if Free Long Distance): 530 881-1212 or 518 530-1840 or 701 801-1220 (preferred)

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

Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 EDT

1. Welcome and roll call-Please make sure you make the call, two absent rule.
2. Approval of 2/26 minutes MSP
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) Working on one hour swim and group entries, will have a rule proposal change, vice chair (Ali) No report, and vice president (Chris) on vacation, no report.
4. LDC Operating Guidelines -- (please read the document on the forum posted by James) **ACTION ITEM.** Greta submitted grammar issues, Motion to approve, Seconded, discussion: Change the name of events from e-postal to Long Distance Pool events, and design of awards needs to be approved by National Office. Discussion on how the name change affects the rule book and other events with a similar name. Donn proposed to table the approval of Operating guidelines and think of how the language should be changed for these events and how the rule books would need to be changed. **Action Item for April meeting.**
5. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob 1. I have attached three documents:
  - a. The discussion process—evolved through years—that I plan to use. Please be familiar with this.
  - b. The part 3 rules in rule book format (dated (170320)
  - c. The rules scoresheet (dated 170326). I recommend that you print this to help you follow the discussion easily.

2. Our discussion will be limited this time, as the Open Water Committee did not have quorum at their meeting last weekend and thus could not forward items for our consideration using our preferred process. So I plan to consider all of the housekeeping proposals, indicated by “x” preceding the item (and an "HK" in the comments column) on the score sheet. Please prepare by reading those proposals before the meeting and sending me pulls (to coachbobbruce at gmail dot com) on any item that you would like to discuss; I'll also ask for additional pulls before we get to the rules section of our agenda. If we have time, I'll also speak to several other items so that you have some background. **MSP for all HK items excepted for the two items pulled. Rule 307.2.2 h and i change championship to championships and approving g,h and i. MSP.**

**Rule 307.7.5 pulled. Motion, Seconded and discussed, amended, Motion, Seconded, discussed Should read: Age Group- Age Group in open water swims shall be the standard USMS age groups in article 303.1.1 Amended MSP.**

Look at 303.8.3 certification of Safety Director and Referee. Most agree that this should be in the rules. Discuss what is a USMS approved certifying body and why the emergency section. Safety Director Program already established. Referee certification is still not defined. (This would be for 2018). Emergency clause for liability issues in case the official is not available due to an emergency. This is just for discussion and will be brought up at a later date. Action Item: Bob Bruce will open up a thread on the Forum and ask for suggestions. 304.1 Two options proposed. Discussion only, must go through Open Water committee first. Bob's proposal is as follows: Noncompetitive swims are those which swimmer placement is not included in results. (If there is a placement involved, that is a competitive event.) Trying to open events to USMS members those who would like to participate (maybe outside the current rules for no “toys”, etc.) but not have their times published. The committee is asked to consider how to include these swimmers into the events.

6. 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
  - c. Club Assistant - Colleen & Phyllis
  - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim, Josie, Melinda
  - 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
  - o Liaison: James Biles backup: Allison Ware

- o Capped at 140 swimmers. Awards order received and will be shipped tomorrow.
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 3 10 miles
  - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
  - o Current entry numbers were provided by one of the hosts, however they neither clarified nor responded to additional inquiry, whether these are total per event or OWNC waves only:  
2.4mile-167  
9.2 mile - 81
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 4 2.4 miles
  - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
  - o Current entry numbers were provided by one of the hosts, however they neither clarified nor responded to additional inquiry, whether these are total per event or OWNC waves only:  
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- o Foster Lake, Sweet Home OR June 24 2-mile cable
  - o Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- ELK Lake, Bend, OR July 30 5K (3.1 miles)
  - o Liaison: Jill Wright backup: Jim Davidson
  - o Elk Lake aka Bob Bruce is currently on task with his timeline. He is working with CA to have his entry form online soon.
- o Angle Lake, Sea-Tac, WA Sept. 23 1-mile
  - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Michael Fanelli
- OHeP: Ohio Masters Swim Club, Avon, OH
  - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Mike Fanelli & Allison Ware
  - o Preliminary individual results received today. I will get them to NO for posting tomorrow. 1861 total entries (1013 women and 848 men). Still working some relay issues but should have preliminary results for those in the next few days.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Swim Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
  - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren lead; backup: Phyllis Quinn & Lorena Sims
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Loveland Masters Swim Club, Fort Collins, CO
  - o Liaison: Colleen Driscoll, lead; backup: Jim Davidson & Josephine Palmerin

Other business for the good of the order

Those going to Riverside for Nationals: No

Long Course: Tracy, Josie, Phyllis, James

By the next call, we will have had the first National Championship event.

Adjured 9:15 EDT

Next Call –Sunday, April. 30 with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT & 4 PM ADT.