

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:	4/30/2017		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Motions Passed: Motion passed to adopt the new LDC Operating Guidelines document.

Number of committee members present: 10 Absent: 4 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, James Biles, Mike Fanelli, Josie Palmerin, Allison Ware, and Lorena Sims. **Absent:** Jill Wright, Greta van Meeteren, Colleen Discroll, and Melinda Greig-Walker. **Ex-Officio present:** Bob Bruce, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin **Absent:** Tracy Grilli, Casey Keiber. **Others:** Dawson Hughes, USMS CEO

Agenda

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Sunday, April 30, 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 8:03pm

- Welcome and roll call
- Approval of 3/26 minutes MSP
- Reports from the chair (Donn) Colleen Driscroll has resigned from the committee. She has a new job and is unable to commit the time needed to participate. Please let Donn know if you want to volunteer to take her place on the National Championship Bid group, the Goals committee or as the liaison for the 3k-6k epostal events. Donn has put his name in to run for the USMS VP of Programs. Donn requested that the liaisons for upcoming events send him an estimate for travel expenses. Vice chair (Ali) - no Report. Vice president of Programs (Chris) The waiver for the epostals is being sent to the legislation committee.
- “ePostal Modernization” – Dawson Hughes, USMS CEO. Please read document posted on forum. Much of the conference call time was spent on the discussion of this proposal from the National Office. The committee needs to post their comments to the forum. Going forward, the committee and the National Office want to find out where there is conscience and where there is disagreement.
- LDC Operating Guidelines -- (please read the document on the forum posted by James) **ACTION ITEM. MSP to adopt the new document as posted.**
- Rules and Legislative Proposals –Bob I have attached two documents:
- a. Part 3 rules book formatted (dated 170424)

- b. The rules score sheet (dated 170430). I recommend that you print this to help you follow the discussion. The Open Water Committee moved many proposals in our direction at their meeting yesterday. Time permitting, I plan to consider all of proposals that are indicated by "x" preceding the item on the score sheet. Please prepare by reading those proposals well before the meeting and sending me pulls (to coachbobbruce@gmail dot com, NOT through this Forum!) on any item that you would like to discuss. Although I'll also ask for additional pulls at the meeting, I find it helpful to have pulls well in advance. I also plan to host discussion on several issues that have come up recently, also indicated by "x" on the scoresheet. We can make a big dent in our rules workload at this meeting if we all come prepared! Motion for all proposals not pulled was seconded and passed.
The following proposals were discussed and a motion to approve as edited was seconded and passed.

302.2.5: The finish line shall be specifically designated, ~~and~~ clearly defined, and easily visible from the water to swimmers approaching the finish. *Rationale: This proposal would require that finish lines are easily visible from the water, an important consideration that is not included in the present rule. [JB]*

303.3.5 In any swim in which individual escorts are required and motorized escorts are allowed, drafting from any craft or other swimmers is prohibited

For discussion: 303.8.1 officials, Donn wanted discuss if the officials should all be separate persons in National Championship swims or larger events i.e. 100 swimmers, who cannot participate in the event. We should encourage but can't require this since there is not a training program in place for all these officials. Okay for now, may be discussed in the future.

James reported on the Lido swim. See report below. The biggest problem was the new age group rules for open water. Need to send out the correct award if someone improved the placement for the National Championship. Corrections will be required for All American awards.

- 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 - Phyllis
I have also sent Karin at CA a list of all OWNC event contacts and liaisons. She will work with those using CA to make sure the ages are being calculated by the new rule. Chattanooga is not using CA. I have it from the National Office that their entries are also not showing ages by the new 12/31 rule. (A member affected by LIDO checked her Chattanooga entry and emailed the NO.)
 - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim, Josie, Melinda
Safety: *33 open water sanctions have approved and 6 events are pending. 38 Safety Director's have completed the education module for certification. Our 1st open water event for 2017, the sold out "Swim Around Lido Key" was safely conducted in great weather and fast water. Join me Tuesday, May 2 at 8:30 ET on the USMS Peer-to-Peer Conference call as we discuss how to make requesting for an open water sanction easier.
 - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis (ePostal Guide – James, Bob, Jill Melinda). (OW Champs Guide James, Phyllis)
 - f. 2019 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Phyllis, & Allison
 - g. Communications — Laurie, Lead, Ali

- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Swim Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren lead; backup: Phyllis Quinn & Lorena Sims
 - o A quick note on the entry form for the 5k/10k epostals - it is complete and ready to go, as far as I know. I do not believe there is anything further pending that is delaying the entry form "going live". I would be happy to touch base with Karin again and verify this, though.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Loveland Masters Swim Club, Fort Collins, CO
 - o Liaison: TBD, lead; backup: Jim Davidson & Josephine Palmerin

Other business for the good of the order

Call Ended 9:49 pm

Next Call –**Monday, May 29** with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT & 4 PM ADT.