

# USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

<b>Committee Name:</b> Long Distance	<b>Session #:</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> September 14, 2017

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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## Motions Passed:

1. Proposal to change the one hour epostal NC event end date from Feb 14 to the last day in February. MSP unanimously.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 4</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Donn Livoni, Chair; Ali Hall, Vice Chair Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, James Biles, Jill Wright, Laurie Hug, Lorena Sims and Josie Palmerin Ex-Officio: Chris McGiffin, Bob Bruce, David Miner, Bill Roach.		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Mike Fanelli ,Greta van Meeteren, Allison Ware		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am

1. Introductions of committee. Approval of minutes from Session 1. Reminder of the meeting at 2:30 and at HOD on rules. Workshop at 1:30 today on Open water- bidding, contracting, sanctioning, etc....
2. Presentation of bids for 2019 Virtual and OW NC events. Marsha Benjamin from MEMO talked about her team and appreciated the opportunity to host the Virtual swims for 2018 and 2019 especially as a fund raiser for her team.
3. Discussion and possible action on changes to the LDC budget. Nothing new to report.
4. Discussion and action "Virtual swims". CEO Dawson Hughes talked about the fitness series, the timelines for marketing USMS early in the year. Could there be is overlap between the ½ hour and the 1hour swims. This could be club event. The name change to virtual swims is okay. Dawson proposed that the LDC consider the time frame for the one hour swim. Proposal to change the one hour end date from Feb 14 to the last day in February. Motion seconded, discussed. There was discussion on the difference between the fitness event of ½ hour and competitive event of 1 hour. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Discussion and action on rules and legislation proposals. Bob Bruce talked about the rule proposals and how the Open Water and the LDC both vet the rules to present to the HOD. In the forum this afternoon we will specifically talk about LD 19. There was discussion from the audience on this rule proposal. The committee also commitment on this issue. Bob Bruce then talked about the current rule vs. the proposed rule and that it is not a big change. It only changes the disqualification of a swimmer that touches a kayak.
6. Reports from Chair, Vice Chair and working group leaders. Reports in session 1.
7. Reports from event liaisons. See Session 1.
8. Discussion of possible goals for 2018. Virtual swims goals of participation could be keep as a 10% increase, but the open water events may need a different metric since it is driven by location. A goal to reach out to other committees and new venue, increasing bids and develop festival events. Donn ask the audience what

the LDC can do better. Consider the effects of altitude on the Virtual swims. Festival events are well received. As the variety of venue that are offered. Consider the virtual swims offer different strokes as a notation for the swim. USMS Virtual cap to be offered when you swim an event. Consider an altitude adjustment for virtual events. The people who swim the one hour with other strokes would be good stories for the magazine. The correct term for altitude adjustments is elevation adjustments. Suggestion that the winning teams of the Virtual swims get a USMS banner to display at their pools.

9. Review of year - What went well and where can we improve our performance. Donn acknowledge the contribution of Colleen, Mike, Melinda and Greta.
10. Committee changes for 2018. The committee all commented on the year we had and the work that was done.
11. Other business as needed. Mel Goldstein brought up the festival events

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## **Tasks for the Upcoming Year**

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 am

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