

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Phyllis Quinn	Vice Chair:		Catherine Rust	
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	01/29/23 at 8pm ET		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. None.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present: Phyllis Quinn, Jill Wright, Lorena Sims, Jim Davidson, Catherine Rust, Tim Murphy, Nicki Phillips, Stephen Rouch, Anna Jordan, John Fox.		
Absent: Ali Hall, Jenny Hodges, Bob Bruce.		
Ex-Officio members present: Robin Smith, Jay Eckert		

Topic: LDC Meeting January 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of any outstanding meeting minutes – 12/04/22 meeting minutes will be sent after meeting and voted by email.
3. Reports from the chair (Phyllis), vice chair (Catherine), vice president (Robin), and NO representative (Jay).
 - **Phyllis** – Welcome to all new committee members and welcome back to those who are continuing from last year.
 - **Catherine** – Discussion regarding virtual championships finisher patches. Determination to select third patch option (all white background) with replacement of outline “finisher” to solid “swimmer”. Discussion of All-Star criteria regarding open water events with cancellations.
 - **Robin** – Nothing to report specifically.
 - **Jay** – One hour virtual championship is wrapping up, you have until the 31st to do that. Still getting used to the new process. Monthly event newsletter will be going out tomorrow with a reminder regarding participation. Goal is to surpass 1000 participants. Anjelie and Allison will be handling results and awards mailings. We ended last year at 35 sanctioned open water swims (a decrease from pre-pandemic numbers). Seven sanctioned events so far this year with two new events already this year. David has been working to contact past event directors to try to get them back on board. The event development grant programs have been rolled out to try to work with new events to get them off the ground.
4. Working group reports.
 - a. 2023 Rules/Legislation – Jim and Tim, Lorena, Steve, Bob B, John.
 - Nothing to report.
 - b. PARA – Jim and TBD; Patches & Awards – National Office; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, TBD; (AA) Women –Jenny, Tim; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, TBD; Records – Jill, Tim,

All-Stars – Lorena, TBD; Postal Series – TBD, Lorena; ePostal Series Recognition: Catherine, Jenny

- Discussion regarding committee requirements and needs. If you want to volunteer, please be familiar with excel spreadsheets.
- The 2022 All Americans, All Stars and Virtual Challenge Awards are posted in Dropbox at Dropbox\Long Distance Committee and National Office\2022 All American, All Star and Virtual Awards
- c. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead;
 - Working towards as many sanctions as possible.
- d. 2024 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Ali, Steve, Catherine & Jenny;
 - Suggest moving the NC deadline to August 1. Discussion that July 1 gives us time to recruit events if there is a blank spot and September 1 gives us more time to get hosts to be able to commit.
- e. Goals – Catherine, lead; Lorena, Bob, Catherine, John.
 - Last year we worked on tech in swimming and proposed language be added emphasizing rules on tech and swimsuit wear be added to event information. This past year FINA changed ruling on tech allowed in competition. Updating Postal Guide to Operations.
- f. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Lorena, Dave, Jenny, Ali.
 - Nothing to report.
- g. 2023 Clinic Working Group – Ali, Catherine.
 - Nothing to report.
- h. All Star Criteria – Catherine, John, Jill.
 - We sent out an email with background and possible proposals for changes to start as a basis for LDC discussion.
- 5. New Business/Good of the Order
 - Foster Lake has had to cancel for the year due to being unable to get their new course built in a timely manner. Discussion regarding possible other event hosts to consider.

2023 Long Distance National Championships:

- **Long Distance – Lake Mission Viejo, September 16-17, 2023**
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn
 - No update.
- **Sprint Distance – Lake Mission Viejo, September 16-17, 2023**
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn.
 - No update.
- **Cable Swim – Foster Lake, Cancelled**
 - Event cannot go forward this year as permits are still pending in order to reconstruct the course.
 - Efforts will be made to find a replacement course/event.
- **Middle Distance – Lake Oahe, August 12, 2023**
 - Liaison: Catherine Rust.
 - No update.
- **Marathon – Applegate Lake, July 15, 2023**
 - Liaison: Jill Wright.
 - No update.

- **Ultra-Marathon – Willamette River, July 8, 2023**
 - Liaison: Ali Hall.
 - No update.