

# USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: Long Distance

Session # (if more than one meeting): 2

Cmte. report #: **26**

Minutes recorded by: Janet Renner

Date/time of this meeting: Sept. 17, 2005, 8 – 10 a.m. REVISED

## ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

## ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

- i. **MSA Request USMS Swimmer to publish entry forms for each of the three national postal championships.**
- j. **MSA Send certificates to new record holders beginning with 2005.**

Committee Chair: Peter Crumbine

Vice Chair(s): Marcia Cleveland

Number of committee members present: 18 Absent: 5 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 11

Committee members present: Bob Bruce, Marcia Cleveland, Rob Copeland, Peter Crumbine, Pam Himstreet, Bruce Hopson, Laura Kessler, Randy Nutt, Janet Renner, Steve Schofield, Dick Sidner, Shannon Sullivan, Ann Svenson, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner, ex officios: Marcia Benjamin, Sally Dillon, Paul Wrangell

## MINUTES.

The meeting was called to order at: 8:04 a.m.

1. Marcia Cleveland
  - a. Nomination for 2007 ISHOF: Suzanne Heim Boem, based on performance in the pool and open water.
  - b. Working on the progression of OHP records.
2. Pam Himstreet/Marcia Benjamin – All Stars
  - a. Marcia has been calculating All Stars since inception in 1993 as follows:
    - i. Assigns points to all championship open water and postal swims for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place
    - ii. Tallies the totals per age group
  - b. Winner must swim at least one postal and open water championship.
  - c. The historical list of All Stars is on the web. Nothing further is needed from Historian Paul Wrangall.
  - d. 2004 gift was a nice t-shirt with an Arena logo. Winners also received a letter with the sponsors address, but only Marcia Cleveland sent a thank you note. This year Pam will remind all recipients to thank Arena.
3. Shannon Sullivan – Open Water Manual
  - a. Separate wet suit heats will be optional except for championships.
  - b. Open Water Safety Appendix E will be revised as well.
  - c. Snorkel use in Australia championship swims is prohibited, in all other events they are not. Exception is if they are used for disability reasons and a form submitted. To be dealt with during next year's Rule Book review.
  - d. Manual will be finalized and adopted via email
4. Bob Bruce – 3000/6000 postal new scoring
  - a. Impact on team scoring only.
  - b. Two things needed for 2006:
    - i. Develop boiler plate language for each meet host so all are doing point scoring the same way.
    - ii. Develop a spreadsheet or database that automatically calculates the new team scoring.
  - c. Bob will continue working on this.
5. Assignment of evaluators for 2006 events
  - a. OHP – Jill Wright
  - b. 5/10K – Marcia Benjamin
  - c. 3000/6000 – Pam Himstreet
  - d. 1 mile OW, 7/29/06, Cleveland, Ohio – Marcia Cleveland
  - e. 1-3 mile OW, 6/17/06, Clemson, S.C. – Rob Copeland

- f. 2 mile cable, 7/15/06, Charlottesville, VA – Ann Svenson
  - g. 3-6 mile OW – 9/9/06, Chicago, IL – Bruce Hopson
  - h. 10K OW – 8/13/06, Fort Collins, CO – Steve Schofield or Kristy King
6. Ohio's OHP 2006 online entry system:
- a. First use of online entry for a LD Championship.
  - b. The split sheet will need to be mailed or faxed in
  - c. Waiver – choose “yes” and put your initial. If you do not, you cannot proceed further with the entry. Legal wants the Executive Committee to accept “minimal risk” but does recommend acceptance.
  - d. Entry form will be included in USMS Swimmer
7. New Issues:
- a. Jim Miller – For use at Worlds in August, we must submit before Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> any rule changes to FINA which we would like to have considered. Shannon is currently working on this with International Committee – Dick Sidner and Bruce Hopson have volunteered to help her. Deadline for changes to Rob Copeland is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Steve Schofield – Recommendation to have more than one person evaluate the championships. He will send evaluation spreadsheets to Robert Beech, who participates in all LD Championships.
  - c. Sally Dillon – 3000/6000 and 5K/10K publishing in magazine definitely helps in attendance, and this year it was not in the magazine. **MSA Request USMS Swimmer to publish entry forms for each of the three national postal championships.**
  - d. Ann Svenson – Honor people who break open water records for the 2 mile cable, and the 5 postal events. **MSA Send certificates for new record holders beginning with 2005.** Ann to coordinate with Tracy and Jill.
  - e. Ann Svenson – The one mile championship may be a cable swim and thus eligible for records. We should encourage a 1 mile cable championship in the future.
  - f. Margie Hutinger - Medals for OHP relays were only for 1-3 vs. 1-6 in the past. Rule book says “1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> individual and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> relay/team event.” Florida plans to award 1-6 in 2007.
8. Wrap up by Marcia Cleveland and Peter Crumbine
- a. Peter Crumbine is stepping down, and Marcia Cleveland will be the next Chair of LD
  - b. Summary of accomplishments this past year: Postal participation patch, new die-struck medals, Awards Manual, LD Safety Manual, LD Operating Guidelines, OW Manual, ISHOF candidate, OHP record history, Historian, online entries for the 2006 OHP.
  - c. Over the past 4 years, we have moved this committee into the electronic era, improving both efficiency and productivity.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 p.m.