

Committee Name:	Long Distance Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	John Traynor
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Reeder	Date/time of meeting:	Feb 10th, 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present:	12	Absent:	7	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni (chair), John Traynor (vice-chair), Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Jill Wright, Greta Van Meeteren, Phyllis Quinn, Heather Hagadorn, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Jim Sauer, Dick Sidner,					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM Eastern Time.

Agenda for Feb.10

1. Integration of OW Safety Review Expertise – Karen reported that she is planning the safety call Monday, 18 February and will discuss the new sanction requirements and any new information from the BOD meeting.
2. OW Insurance Issues and Sanctions – Board of Directors met but has not released any information yet.
3. Working groups – reports
 - a. Rules/Legislation. Rules/Legislation – Bob Bruce Reported.
2013 is a legislation year. In 2012, the LDC submitted 11 proposed changes and 3 questions to the Legislation Committee. The questions were unanswered. The proposals were deemed non-emergency and not passed by the House of Delegates. We plan to review those questions & proposals, consider new ones, share discussion with the OWC & LDC, and forward approved results to the Legislation Committee.
2013 is not a rules year. The subcommittee will plan to review the 2013 rulebook carefully and solicit, gather, & discuss proposed changes. We will then forward them the LDC as a whole for discussion and approval. If the LDC approves any proposals as emergency items, we will submit them to the HOD. Based on HOD discussion at the recent Convention, expect water temperature & quality issues will be on the docket. Based on insurance concerns, motorized escort issues are also expected to be discussed.
 - b. All-Americans/All-Stars/Awards – Tom said the reports for 2012 are 100% complete. He would like the committee to consider combining this committee with records into one. Tyr will be the sponsor for the All-Stars in 2013.
 - c. Records – Jill. No report submitted.
 - d. Club Assistant—Susan reported that Karin continues to hold Club Assistant tutorials for all Postal National Championship event directors/liasons and for any Open Water National Championship event director who would like a tutorial to assist with the registration process.
 - e. Safety – Karen reported that the first (of two) safety calls will be on Monday, Feb 18th. All race directors may listen to the call, but only the first three will be included in the safety plan review. (Mirimar Lakes, Las Vegas and Del Valle)
 - f. Manuals – Ann reported that the Liaison Guide has been completed and shared with the LDC’
 - g. NC Selection – Susan reported that work will begin on the 2015 bid forms later in February after the USMS BOD meeting when more specific USMS sanctioning information and fees are known.
4. Liaisons

a. Mirimar Lakes, FL (5K) 4/27. John reported they are on schedule. The Event Event Safety Plan (Rev. 2) was reviewed for improvements by Liaison, Karen Reeder, & Jim Wheeler (OWCSS). Consolidated comments were sent to host for their consideration. The host is aware of emergent USMS insurance issue and pending new sanctioning and safety compliance standards. All are awaiting outcome of USMS BOD meeting of February 8-10, 2013 for additional measures. The host is concerned about the outcome of this meeting and whether it can meet the new standards.

b. Swim Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Las Vegas, NV (10K) 5/18. Susan reported. The event director applied for sanction on 12/27/12 but their sanction has been held up due to emerging USMS sanction issues. Event director has complied with all timeline tasks to date, but has been held up with receiving their sanction due to the hold placed by USMS on issuing USMS open water sanctions The hardship sanction is under discussion so that registration for the event may open; it is a month past the host's deadline to open registration. Also, the outcome of the USMS BOD meeting may impact their ability to host this competition.

c. Tri-Valley Masters, Lake Del Valle, Livermore, CA (1-mile) 6/9. Phyllis Quinn reported. The contract has been signed and received by LDC. The entry form was submitted by the Race Director and I am working with them on the correct format, so it can be reviewed by the LDC. The Race Director applied for sanction on Jan 14, 2013. As the Sanction Chair, I have not acted on this sanction per the directive from the USMS national office. The Race Director has submitted the event safety plan which will be forwarded to Karen Reeder and Jim Wheeler.

d. IROC/NEKOWSA, Lake Memphremagog, Prouty Beach, Newport, VT (10 mile) 7/6
Ali reported they are meeting the timeline. They have 49 entries for 100 available spots

e. Mission Viejo Nadadores, Salt Creek State Beach, Dana Point, CA (2.4 mile) Heather reported that the 3rd version of the entry form is currently in review and the draft safety plan has been forwarded to Karen for review.

f. Adirondack Masters, Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY (2-mile cable) 8/17 Liaison: Tom Spence The hold on Open Water Sanctions has affected this event's timeline. David Dammerman, Event Director, reports he has sanction materials ready to go as soon as the sanction process resumes. David expects no issues unless a change to the fee schedule becomes necessary. Fortunately, this event is scheduled for August so there will be ample time to re-group once the outcome of the USMS Board of Directors meeting becomes known.

g. OHP: Event director indicates that all is going smoothly thus far with the January event. All timeline tasks have been on-time or early and are current. Individual registration is still open. As of the morning of 2.6.13, there are 2029 individual entries (2005 online; 24 paper)

h. 5,000/10,000M Postal: Greta reported that sanction information has been received and forwarded to Susan Kirk.

i. 3,000/6,000 Postal: Dick reported that they are on schedule.

5. Next Call – February 24, 8:00 PM EST.