

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Bruce Hopson	Date/time of meeting:	6/28/2015		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA of the Minutes of the May 10, 2015, conference call

Number of committee members present:	12	Absent:	2	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Bob Bruce, Ali Hall, Bruce Hopson, Rendy Opdycke, Phyllis Quinn, Denise Brown, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Rob Copeland, and Colleen Driscoll. Ex-officio – Chris McGiffin, Lynn Hazelwood, Elaine Howley, Bill Roach, Dr. Jim Miller.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m EDT

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Approval of May 10 meeting minutes MSA**
3. **Vice-Presidents Report including OW TF recommendations** – Chris (Please see previously posted documents on the forum)
4. **Convention -- Sept 30 – Oct 4 in KC, MO.** Who's going? Robert No, Denise part time, Mike ??
5. **2016 LDC Budget** – liaison expenses and other costs Reviewed liaison expenses and the need to keep them at a minimum.
6. **Legislative Proposals** -- Bob reviewed the LDC proposal, which will be L-41.
7. **OHeP** – update of ideas presented by Mel.
8. **LDC Goals** — Ali
 - Increase total participation in 2015 LDNC's by 10% over 2014.
 - Receive, for 2017, a minimum of 1 qualified, in-area, bid per event, including at least 1 Central area two-event festival bid.
 - Explore possibilities for collaborative (and possibly innovative) strategies with other USMS stakeholders for increasing LDNC participation.
 - Explore feasibility and desirability of developing a 3-5 year pool of unselected, qualified bidders; this would allow a bidder to reconfirm interest, capacity, leadership and commitment while by-passing the detailed bid process for a period of years.
9. **National Office @ OWNC events** — Elaine & Chris
10. **Promotional items at OWNC events** -- Rob C
11. **OWC Report** -- Lynn
12. **Working groups** – reports (please send your report to all)
 - a. **Rules/Legislation** – see above
 - b. **PARA** - Greta, Lead:

- (Patches & Awards) – James reported the OHP is completed; that the medals were mailed out for the following events: Marathon & Sprint Distances (Lake Del Valle), Ultra Marathon (Lake Morse), and 2-Mile Cable (Foster Lake); and award orders had not been received yet from: Middle Distance (Lake George, due 7/30), Long Distance (Lake Michigan due 8/13), 5/10KePostals (due 10/12), and 3000/6000yds ePostals (due 12/12)
- All-Americans (AA) - Men - Rob & Greta/Denise: no report submitted
- (AA) Women - Greta & Rob/Denise: no report submitted
- (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Jill/Denise: no report submitted
- Records - no report submitted:
- All-Stars – Greta reported that the group corrected one error in the 2014 LD All Star results. She is awaiting the official results from the 1-mile OWNC - Livermore CA and from the 9+ miles - Noblesville IN.
- Postal Series: no report submitted
- c. **Club Assistant** - Colleen & Phyllis did not submit a report
- d. **Safety** – Bill Roach reported 50 open water events have been sanctioned so far this season. This time last year, there were 53 event sanctioned.
 One event was cancelled because heavy rains contaminated the water, and 3 events are currently pending. Three National Championships have been held with a USMS Independent Safety Monitor present. Their reports about the safety of the events have been very positive. Seven events have filed a Thermal Plan with their sanction application. The Thermal Plan has been well received, and Bill feels cold-water events will be prepared to handle cold water emergencies.
 The new Open Water Safety Plan Application form, required in 2016, has been used by several events requesting sanction. New event directors find the document much easier to use. The document asks questions and requires answers concerning safety procedures that need to be addressed in every open water event.
- e. **Documents** – James reported that he is waiting on word from Jim Matysek who is looking into using the Club Assistant Final Results directly for USMS website posting. If this is possible, then a major revision to the championship package will be done that will be more user-friendly for the hosts and liaisons.
- f. **2017 NC Selection** – Ali reported that the group will meet after bid deadline passes. To this point, bids are flowing in slowly. Special request to please reach out to any and all qualified OW and ePostal potential bidders, to increase bid pool.
- g. **Communications** — Ali, Lead, Rendy: no report submitted
- h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)

Below is a list of the 2015 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

- Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 10K (6.2 miles) 6/13
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
- Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 1 mile 6/14
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
- Morse Reservoir Open Water Swim (Noblesville, IN) 15K (9.3 miles) 6/20
 - o Liaison: Ali Hall reported that the event was held June 20, overwhelmingly successful on all levels; safe, fun and memorable. Numbers are being compiled and all timelines will be met. Banners on the way to Lake George.
- Central Oregon Masters (Foster Lake, OR) 2-mile cable 6/27
 - o Liaison: Jill Wright reported The 2 mile cable will be held July 27, the day before this all. Eight-Four swimmers have entered. The water is to be in the low 70's.
- Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 2,5K (2.55 mile) 8/29
 - Liaison: Colleen Driscoll backup: Denise Brown
- Big Shoulders Open Water Swim (Chicago, IL) 5K (3.1 miles) 9/12

- Liaison: Ali Hall reported all timeline items met to this point, on target for an excellent event
- OHeP: Chicago Smelts
 - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backups: Denise Brown & Jill Wright
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Central Oregon Masters
 - o Liaison: Greta reported that Bob Bruce said that currently there were 72 swimmers entered, but there was still a long time left in the event.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Davis Aquatic Masters
 - o Liaison: James reported he had nothing to report.

Other business for the good of the order

Next Call – TBA for review of NC bids and any other business with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.