

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:	04/24/22 at 8pm ET		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. Approval of minutes – passed without opposition.
2. Motion to set virtual swim series completion at 3 for the year – passed without opposition.

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present: Phyllis Quinn, Chuck Beatty, Jim Davidson, Jenny Hodges, Sarah King, Tim Murphy, Stephen Rouch, Catherine Rust, Lorena Sims, Jill Wright, John Fox, Bob Bruce.		
Absent: Ali Hall, Dave Brancamp, Bob Singer, Paul Grecko		
Ex-Officio members present: Robin Smith, David Minor		

Topic: LDC Meeting April 24, 2022

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

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of April meeting minutes – Motion: Bob B. Second: Chuck. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Phyllis) and vice chair (Catherine), vice president (Robin), and national office (Jay).
 - **Phyllis** – We will discuss and assign liaisons for the OWNS for 2023. Please remember we try to keep expenses at a minimum so members of the committee that are closest to a venue, may be given preference.
The All Star awards for last year have been sent to the NO. Jay asked if we should order the awards for this year now to get the awards out in a more timely manner. The awards for 2021 was a draw string bag, Should we order the bags again, maybe a different color, or go with a micro fiber towel, that was the second choice?
We discussed the need to develop a guide to operations for the 2023 virtual events now that the NO is doing most of the work. I think Bob Bruce is starting work on this. I would like the liaisons from this years events to contribute their experience on how we document who does what going forward.
The NO is working on the contracts for all the OWNC events next year. Once the liaisons are assigned, they can be sent to the host for signature.
Looking forward to our first 2022 NC event. Hope everyone is excited to get this season underway.
 - **Catherine** – Nothing to report.
 - **Robin** – 2022 USMS Annual Meeting Tentative Logistics for LDC: Committee Meetings to be held virtually TBD. Rules/Legislation/Long Distance Rules Discussion

Forums to be held virtually TBD. Presentation of Long Distance Rules proposals to HOD for voting during Saturday session.

USMS Summer BOD Meeting to be held virtually on Saturday July 9, 2022. Committee meetings will be ahead of time online and virtual, including the discussion forums. The business meeting will be where the rules are presented and voted on. Friday-Sunday 11:30am. Summer board meeting is coming up in July. The August meeting will be the official LDC meeting for annual meeting.

- **Jay** – Awards for All Stars have been shipped to NO and will be sent to recipients ASAP. Please start considering next year's All Stars award now. 2nd choice last year was microfiber towel – suggest that.

4. Working group reports

- a. Rules/Legislation – Jim, Lorena, Bob S., Steve, Bob B, John.
 - Nothing to report.
- b. PARA – Jim and Sarah; Patches & Awards – Dave; All-Americans (AA) Men – Lorena, Chuck; (AA) Women – Jenny, Tim; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Dave; Records – Jill, Tim; All-Stars – Lorena, **TBD**; Postal Series – **TBD**, Lorena; ePostal Series Recognition: Catherine, Jenny.
 - Awards have been sent to Chuck.
- c. Club Assistant – **TBD** & Steve.
 - Nothing to report.
- d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead.
 - Not much to report – it's been slow the past month with no new sanctions received. Most events that are getting sanctioned have already done so. There have been some transition issues with a new location for document uploads.
- e. 2024 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Ali, Steve, Catherine, Jenny.
 - I have sent emails out to 8 potential hosts asking them to bid on the 2024 OWNCs. I received these names from others on the committee. We have not received any responses. I'll send out an additional email after 7/1/22.
 - Looking at additional possibilities for future events – it would be wise for LDC committee members to reach out/consider events in their LMSC for recommendations.
- f. NC Oversight – Phyllis, lead; Ali, Jim, Bob S, David M.
 - Virtual Events: Currently, virtual events are not being run in accordance with the rule book as we are in a trial period with NO. Starting in October we will need to start thinking about the rules that will need to be changed. Bob Bruce will be working on revising/writing a Guide to Operations for the virtual events. It was noted that communication from swimmers is not being passed through from NO to the LDC at present. We will need to stay on top of the process.
- g. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group – Sarah, Jim, Bob S, Dave, Chuck, Catherine, Jill, Bob B, Ali.
 - Nothing to report.
- h. Goals – Catherine, lead; Lorena, Bob S, Tim, Chuck, Bob B.
 - Guide to Operations will need a full revamp going forward.
 - Technology for swimming: what is/is not allowed. Specifically, what may be allowed in a championship event versus a traditional open water swim.
- i. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Lorena, Dave, Jenny, Ali.
 - We have still not received any nominations. Sally Dillon in NW zone sent out an additional email to all NW leadership requesting better involvement. This is due 7/1/22.
 - Suggest zone chairs send an email encouraging submissions for these awards.
- j. 2022 Clinic Working Group – Catherine, Chuck, Ali.

- Open water safety will be the theme of the presentation – practice groups and competitions. Rough water, fear of open water, etc. A script rough draft has been written. Suggestions to review event safety guidelines and event “new swimmer” guidelines.
5. **New Business/Good of the Order**
- 2023 Event Liaison Discussion: Discussion regarding availability for liaisons for next year’s events. Note, Mission Viejo’s date has changed to the September 24th. Discussion regarding ultra-marathon event/date. July 9th, 2023 for Portland Bridge Swim. Please contact Phyllis if you’re willing to act as a liaison for any of these events.
 - Discussion regarding submitting records: which entity should be responsible for submitting records? Determination that the swimmer needs to submit the record.
 - Discussion regarding virtual swim series completion: do we continue with 3 completions or 4, or all 5? Discussion of increasing/decreasing pool availability around the country at present. Motion to require 3 swims: Dave B. Second: Bob B. Motion carried without opposition.
 - Normally records are set during a NC event. When a record is set, and it's not during the NC event that it was set for, the swimmer should use the Application for Long Distance pool event record found in the Guide to Operations. In the past it's always been the swimmer's responsibility to complete this form, not the event host. During the OHP there were 3 records broken for the 3000 ePostal. 1 person submitted the form to me and I posted the new record immediately. In this past week it was brought to my attention there were 2 other individuals who also broke the 3000 record and nothing was done. I have now updated the records but the information and split sheets were sent to me by the LD committee. Who should submit??

2022 Long Distance National Championships:

- **Long Distance – Tri Valley Masters, June 11-12, 2022**
 - Dave B./Bob B.
 - Event has been rescheduled for August 27th and updates on their website are coming soon. Thanks to Bill McCracken for his flexibility and passion to make this shift.
- **Sprint Distance – OHIO Masters Swim Club, July 9, 2022**
 - Catherine/Tim
 - Currently 233 registered swimmers for the event. Chuck has completed all tasks leading up to hosting a successful OWNC.
- **Cable Swim – Green Leaf Racing, August 13, 2022**
 - Chuck/Bob S.
 - Currently 63 participants have registered for the event.
- **Middle Distance – Santa Cruz Masters, July 31, 2022**
 - Robin/Jill
 - This event has been sanctioned. The host has been in contact with CA but is still not posted on CA nor USMS. I will continue to monitor.
- **Marathon – Green Leaf Racing, August 20, 2022**
 - Ali/Bob S.
 - Nothing to report.
- **Ultra-Marathon – TBD**
 - Steve/Chuck

- Nothing to report.
- **OHeP – Davis Aquatic Masters**
 - Sarah/Robin
 - Nothing to report.
- **5/10k – Palm Beach Masters**
 - Jenny/Jim
 - Nothing to report.
- **3/6k – Sawtooth Masters**
 - Catherine/Lorena
 - Meeting held on 6/23 with event hosts, NO and liaisons to discuss the contract, event information and entry fees. Draft of the contract has been submitted to the hosts for consideration.