

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Phyllis Quinn	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Catherine Rust
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Tim Murphy	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	06/30/2024 at 8pm ET

### **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. N/A

### **Motions Passed:**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 9	<b>Absent:</b> 2	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 0
<b>Committee members present:</b> Phyllis Quinn, Catherine Rust, Tim Murphy, John Fox, Nicki Phillips, Stephen Rouch., Bob Bruce, Jenny Hodges, Jim Davidson		
<b>Absent:</b> , Jay Eckert, John D		
<b>Ex-Officio members present:</b> Robin Smith, David Miner		

### **Topic: LDC Meeting – June 30, 2024**

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

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Reports

A. chair (Phyllis):

0. Thank you to Davis Aquatic Masters and Tri-Valley Masters for hosting the two OWNC events.
1. The results are still be worked on and I hope we can post them this week.
2. There was a protest by two swimmers at the Marathon Distance OWNC. The swimmers did not make the cutoff time to reach the sixth buoy on the third of four laps of the course. There were six swimmers that were as to leave the course for not making the cutoff time.
3. The two swimmers appealed this to the Meet Referee who was also the Race Director. Their protest was denied.
4. One of the swimmers appealed this denial to the Chair of the LDC as per the rules. I reviewed all the documentation I received.
5. The appeal was also denied.
6. Throughout this protest, I noticed some areas of improvement that can be made with our rules and processes. I will be working on a policy document that can be used in future protests. There may be additions I will suggest for next year to our rules.
7. I will ask for volunteers to be on a subcommittee to review suggestions made about cutoff times used in future OWNC

B. vice chair (Catherine). N/A.

C. vice president (Robin) items from the board:

0. LMSC communications by zone (4 have happened, 4 coming up in July)
  1. Summer board meeting on 7/13, virtually by Zoom.
  2. Working on annual meeting and other priorities.

D. USMS National Office (Jay): 5K/10K: 84 swimmers registered so far

0. 2024 OWNCs:
  1. -Berryessa and Del Valle: need final results to post; working with hosts on returning unused medals
  2. -Minnesota: all supplies have been shipped; events sold out!; good luck to Nicki and team
  3. Now that Trials is over, working to confirm information for the 2025 open water event in Sarasota (USA Swimming staff responsible for OW Nats also were in charge of Trials).

E. David Miner: Sanctions: everything going smoothly. Ambulances on-site: not required by USMS, but might be required locally (one event has a 4WD vehicle required).

3. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all in advance)

A. 2024 Rules/Legislation –Jim, Steve, Bob B, John F

B. Administration/ Liaison of Virtual and OWNC's events- Phyllis- Report on Middle Distance OWNC swim at Berryessa. Tim- Report on Marathon Distance OWNC at Del Valle, Jenny- Update on Sprint and Long distance OWNC at Square Lake. Brief Discussion of the protest from the Marathon Distance OWNC. Each committee member may speak once for no more than 5 minutes.

0. There was limited discussion about the protest. Just a few members spoke, bringing up points about safety, and meeting the deadlines that might be imposed by the venue.

C. PARA – Jim and Nicki; Patches & Awards – National Office; All-Americans (AA) - Men –, Bob B; (AA) Women –Jenny, Tim; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Records – James, All-Stars – TBD; Postal Series – **TBD**, Virtual Series Recognition: Catherine, Jenny

D. Review of Bids for future LD events. –Update on location for 2025-(Jay)

0. Need events/hosts for Cable, Marathon (10k), and Ultra Marathon (10 mile+)

E. LDNC and Open Water Service Awards – Bob B, Catherine, Stephen

F. Updating Guidelines and Educational Resources for Open Water Events- NEW. Members TBD

**Goals for 2024:** The Executive Committee has been putting together a list of 2024 priorities/goals for our committees. Here are some draft priorities/goals for the LDC:

1. Develop a plan to increase the number of USMS sanctioned open water events

2. Look for more prominent venues for Open water National championships

-- Clarify Open water strategy between LDC and NO

-- 1-3mi OWNC weekend festival concept already in discussion

-- Clarify NO role regarding the OWNC bid process, at least for shorter events.

3. Remove the operations and procedures from Rule Book and update Guide to Operations documents.
4. Clarify LDC roles and responsibilities and those of National Office.

New Business- Request for Volunteers to work on a subcommittee regarding time limits on longer events.

### **2024 LDC Championships. Liaisons assignments**

Below is a list of the 2024 LD OWNC events. When assigned, each lead liaison will please give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call – Friday at latest for SUNDAY calls). LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES.

### **2024 Long Distance National Championships:**

- June 1: USMS Middle-Distance Open Water Nationals: Lake Berryessa, CA. lead liaison- Phyllis. Back up- Nicki
- June 8: USMS Marathon-Distance Nationals: Lake Del Valle, CA. Liaison Tim, backup Phyllis

- July 20: USMS Sprint-Distance Open Water Nationals: Stillwater, MN. Lead Liaison Jenny, backup Catherine
- July 21: USMS Long-Distance Open Water Nationals: Stillwater, MN. Lead Liaison Jenny, backup Catherine

USMS is also hosting five virtual championships: the 1-Hour Virtual Championship Jan. 1–31, the 5K/10K Virtual Championships May 15–Sept. 15, and the 3000/6000-Yard Virtual Championships Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

Other business for the good of the order

Next Call: **July 28, 2024**

**Projected List of Dates for 2024 LDC Calls:**

January 28

February 25

March 24 One week early to avoid Easter Sunday

April 28

May 26

June 30

July 28

August 25

### **LDC Approximate High-Level Timeline Items by Month: A work in progress**

#### **January:**

New OWNC season registrations open

initiate work on new goals

Assignments for working groups

#### **February:**

send out award nomination requests

begin to consider rules changes

#### **March through May:**

Review bids and documents for next year

consider rules changes

updates on LD NC events progress

**June:**

Prepare next year's events

finalize rules proposals

finalize award nominations

thick of the competition season

**July:**

award working group meets

finalize OWNC for next year

**August:**

finalize all LDC details to prepare for Annual Meeting

**September:** Annual Meeting

**October-December:**

Relay meeting: Open water workshop

Request for next season's details

Conclude remaining event details.

Open registration for next season's OWNCs

Wrap-up year's business