

Committee Name: LONG DISTANCE Session: #2 Report #: 22

Minutes recorded by: Janet Renner Date & Time of Meeting: Sat 09/16/06 8:00-10:00AM

Committee Chair: Marcia Cleveland Vice Chair: Marcia Benjamin

Number of committee members present: 16 Absent: 6 # of other delegates at this meeting: 15

Committee Members Present: Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Marcia Benjamin (Vice Chair), Bob Bruce, Laura Colette, Bruce Hopson, Laura Koch, Randy Nutt, Janet Renner, Steve Schofield, Dick Sidner, Ann Svenson, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner, Jennie Quill (Assoc.), Tom Spence (Assoc.), Leo Letendre (VP, Nat'l Op)

I. **Call Meeting to Order at 8:05 AM**

II. **Begin Discussion of Rules for Submission to HOD. (starting on page 55 in Convention notebook)**

- A. LD1: Glossary – MSA (TSpence, ASvenson) Recommended.
- B. LD2: Glossary – MSA (SSchofield, JQuill) Recommended as revised.
- C. LD3: Membership, Representation, and Sanctions – MSA (MBenjamin, RNutt) Recommended as revised.
- D. LD4: Swimwear – Watches - MSA (RZeitner, JWright) – Recommended as revised.

E. LD5: Defining & Disqualifications – Drafting MSA (BHopson, BBruce)

Recommended to DEFEAT and not submit this rule proposal.

USA Swimming and FINA have no stance as of 090106

Event hosts have the ability to enforce unsportsmanlike conduct, rule 303.8.10:

“...Swimmers shall be disqualified if they: Act in an unsportsmanlike or unsafe manner within the swimming venue.”

- F. LD6: Electronic Timing/Incorporating Chip Timing into OW Events - MSA (LColette, LKoch) Recommended.
- G. LD7: EVENTS – Determining Pool Length of OHP – MSA (DSidner, JRenner) Recommended.
- H. LD8: EVENTS - Clarifying that each postal event is to be swum separately (5&10K). – MSA (BHopson, TSpence) Recommended.
- I. LD9: EVENTS - Clarifying that each postal event is to be swum separately (3&6K) – MSA (SSchofield, MBenjamin) Recommended.
- J. LD10: Results – Format – MSA (RNutt, JQuill) Recommended as revised.
- K. LD11: Results – Team Format – MSA (DSidner, LKoch) Recommended.
- L. LD12: Records – Allowing Splits for Postal Swims – MSA (JWright, LColette) Recommended as Revised.
- M. LD13: Records – Allowing Splits for Postal Swims – MSA (SSchofield, JQuill) Recommended as Revised.
- N. LD14: Records Allowing Splits for Postal Swims in Relays – MSA (LKoch, BBruce) Recommended.
- O. LD 15:
- P. LD 16:

III. **Reports:**

- A. Robert Zeitner: Awards and new bids for awards - MSA (JWright, SSchofield)
 - 1. Two races have not returned awards this year, 2 races have not yet been sent out.
 - 2. Best policy is to order in two-year blocks (at even years, 2006, 2008, etc.)
 - 3. Bids are being secured now and should be decided by December.
- B. Paul Wrangell: Historian (by Marcia Cleveland) - MSA (TSpence, RNutt)
 - 1. Paul’s electronically-recorded LD Records go back to the 1970s. He is working on relays now.
- C. Tom Spence and Jennie Quill: All-Americans – MSA for LD15 (JRenner, LKoch), MSA (JRenner, RZeitner) for LD16.
- D.
 - 1. Tom is recording the men AA and Jennie is recording the women, with each cross-checking the other’s work.
- E.
 - 2. Discussion ensued pertaining to creating LD Relay All-Americans. Bob Bruce and Ann Svenson developed wording for LD15 and LD16 for committee approval.
- F. Marcia Benjamin: All Star Tabulation – MSA (RZeitner, SSchofield)
 - 1. Up-to-date on tabulations.
 - 2. The new formatting (LD10 & LD11) has made tabulations much easier.
- G. Bruce Hopson: 2006 World Games – MSA (JWright, LColette)
 - 1. 669 swimmers completed the 3K OW at Worlds.
 - 2. When added together, the men and women recorded in the age group results does not total 669.

3. We determined that this is a project for USMS to only oversee and not to micromanage. It was recommended that the FINA Worlds committee proofread the OW results to determine that all participating swimmers are accounted for in the results.
- H. Randy Nutt: ISHOF Nominations – **MSA** (MBenjamin, BHopson)
1. The LD Form available on LD website allows individual candidates or prospects to fill in their information and send the completed template to the LDC for review.
 2. When recommending a candidate, it is critical to consider his/her pool **AND** OW performances.
 3. Develop spreadsheet for potential nominees in order to have a running list of potential candidates.
 4. No ISHOF candidate nominated this year due to time constraints to develop a timely nomination.
- I. Randy Nutt & Ann Svenson: Safety Manual & Liability Issues –**MSA** (LColette, ASvenson)
1. Randy and Ann made numerous requests to race directors through the year that were incorporated into their updated Safety Manual.
 2. Randy, Ann, and Marcia C. met with Patty Miller to review the Liability Issues to Race Directors and Events itself.
 3. All details are on the right track and available on the website.
- J. Jill Wright: Records – **MSA** (DSidner, LKoch)
1. Last year, there were 11 men’s records, 10 women’s records, and 6 relay records set.
 2. We want to add the FULL NAMES of relay record setters to the records site. This information will be compiled for as far back as we have records for.
 3. We will add PERMANENT IDs to the relay record sites, where available.
 4. This request to add to the USMS website of name and IDs will be made through Mark Gill.
- K. Bob Bruce: 3K/6K New Scoring System – **MSA** (LColette, RNutt).
1. Rule 305.9.1B was developed and will be implemented this year in the 5K-10K and 3K-6K events. Purpose of this rule allows all who swim the event to count in their team scoring.
 2. Bob will work with results from the last two years’ events to help create a workable, user-friendly spreadsheet to offer to future meet hosts. Bob will submit his initial data to Marcia C. by 120106.
 3. We will be updating and revising the Postal Manual over the following few months. The subcommittee for this task is: Tom Spence, Jill Wright, and Bob Bruce.

IV. New Business:

- A. Development of 25K Event
 - 1. Discussion to have a 25K every three to four years without a time limit. Concern is on the volunteers.
 - 2. A lake would be preferable instead of a tidal water. Dick Sidner and Marcia C are looking into Morse Reservoir, IN, Eagle Creek, IN, and Clemson, SC.
- B. Sanctioning OW Clinics
 - 1. We are still thinking about this one but didn't see it as a high priority.
- C. Creating an OW Bulletin Board
 - 1. We nixed this; it's duplicated in several places.
- D. USMS Certificates for LD Record Setters - MSA (Bob Bruce, Bruce Hopson)
 - 1. Ann Svenson showed us the potential revisions to the newly proposed certificate.
 - 2. We will approach a sponsor to add their logo.
- E. Travel Expenses for USMS Evaluators (\$100 per event)
 - 1. To reimburse evaluators for their time and effort.
- F. Gifts or No Gifts to All-Stars (being allowed to buy one vs. being ungrateful)
 - 1. No gifts were given to the 2005 All-Stars due to no available sponsor.
 - 2. We may be able to secure one for 2006.
 - 3. It is important to ask gift recipients to personally thank the sponsors.
- G. Amino Vital Sponsorship
 - 1. A very generous sponsor with a strong presence at four OW National Champs this summer.
- H. USA Tri: Sanction with USMS (combined as w/ USA Swimming events)
 - 1. We nixed this idea due to the logistical complications.
- I. OHP: Promote & Publicize (it's USMS's largest natl champ)
 - 1. Full entry to be in Nov/Dec USMS Swimmer – LDC is encouraged to use this entry.
 - 2. Ann Svenson will go through the OHP entry and rule book to standardize the phrase "Relay team" so it is consistent.
- J. More online entries (Patty Miller is a great source)
- K. Review the rule book to see which items should become policy instead of rules.
- L. With the OHP, we will add a quality scoring category - "Most Yards per Swimmers" along with the current quantity category.
- M. On the 5K-10K and 3K-6K entries, we will insert a line for entrants to check if they have done any of the other events in the postal series to ease the compilation of this series.
- N. The idea of having a discounted entry fee for the second of two events in the 5K-10K and 3K-6K events. This may boost individual and relay entries.
- O. Marcia C. will determine where many/most of the USMS 10Ks in USA are held to help boost popularity of one of the newest Olympic events.
- P. Revision of OW and POSTAL Event Evaluation Forms
 - 1. Subcommittee formed by Marcia Benjamin, Jill Wright, Bruce Hopson, Janet Renner, and Ann Svenson have tweaked, refined, and defined the evaluation forms.
 - 2. The Rating Guidelines have been revised to a scale of 0 (Satisfactory) to -8 (Serious Problem).
 - 3. Attach OW Guidelines to Evaluation so the categories are defined.
 - 4. No bonus points to be awarded.

VIII. Adjournment MSA (BBruce, JQuill)

I request a motion for adjournment.

This meeting is adjourned at _10:20 AM