

Committee Name:	Long Distance Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	John Traynor
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Reeder	Date/time of meeting:	July 15th, 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 9	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni (chair), Greta Van Meeteren, Lynn Hazlewood (OW-Ex-O), , Phyllis Quinn, Ali Hall, Heather Hagadorn, Bob Bruce, Karen Reeder, Bruce Hopson		

Minutes

1. Convention update: Agenda has been submitted. Two sessions are planned for the LDC Committee, one on Thursday afternoon and one on Friday afternoon.
2. Working groups Reports
 - a. Rules – Approved alternatives for 302.2.2 and 303.7.3. Considered 303.7.2, but there was no motion to change this rule.
 - b. All-Americans/All-Stars/Awards – Tom reported. We have established a goal of finalizing 2012 year-end results in January 2013. This would be several months ahead of prior year experience. Toward that end, we are developing a time-line that will enable us to keep our overall result spreadsheets current as we go through the year. That time-line is attached. We have completed the 2012 OHP results and have received the 2012 2-Mile Cable Results. The next results are due in late July and then will hit every month through November. We will use individual results for the 3000/6000 postal in order to meet our timeline goal.
 - c. Records – Jill reported. All records to date are posted on the USMS website.
 - d. Awards - Robert reported. The medal order was received, counted and is in inventory in his basement. The invoice has been submitted for approval and payment. 2-mile cable swim awards shipped. 6-9M OW swim awards shipped. Robert will deliver the 9+M OW swim awards. The remaining race award orders are not yet due
 - e. Club Assistant—Susan reported. Successful Club Assistant programming was completed earlier this year to offer all 2012 OHP participants the opportunity to electronically produce a certificate of achievement for completing the OHP which included their name, yards completed, division, place, and club. This programming was paid for and designed by the 2012 OHP event hosts, Blue Wave Aquatics, but will be available for use by any future event host.
 - f. Safety – Karen reported. All safety documents have been submitted on time for review. All race directors participated in the safety conference call on May 5th and there has been some subsequent discussion via e-mail.
 - g. Manuals – Ann reported. Postal manual needs a few updates (info on compiling results thru CA; addition of meters conversion for OHP & 3000/6000.)
 - h. NC Selection – No bids received thus far.
 - i. Officials – John distributed a draft Guide to Operations for OW event referees for committee review that was initially prepared by Fred Pigott (OW Committee), in 2011.
 - j. OW Series Championship. John re-attached the draft proposal for USMS Zone OW Series/ Championship for committee review.
3. Liaisons –
Below is a list of the 2012 OWNC events and the liaisons assigned.

- a. 3-6 Mile Open Water: Team NASTI, Noblesville, IN. Completed. Tom reported Water temperature was 78 degrees. Air temperature was 85 degrees by 11am. The weather was clear and sunny. The water was flat. The first heat was in the water by 8 am as scheduled. 171 swimmers were entered in the event. 17 did not start or did not finish. 154 swimmers finished. There were boats and kayakers along the entire course. There was lots of food and drink afterwards. Individual times were available on a scrolling monitor within minutes after a swimmer came out of the water. I had never seen that before. Overall results were available on the monitor by 11am which is 3 hours after the first heat went in the water. Swimmers were invited to confirm or contest their times and place of finish. Final results were available by 11:15am. Awards were presented at noon. Swimmers had a good time. The results which were available to the swimmers in three hours did not find their way to Ann and Susan in a timely manner. Other than that, the event timeline is being held. This event was safe for the swimmers. It was a very positive masters swimming experience for the swimmers. Dick and his team did an outstanding job.
 - b. 2 Mile Cable Swim: COMA, Sweet Home, OR. Completed, report pending.
 - c. 6+ Mile Open Water: Rogue Valley Masters, Jacksonville, OR (10K) Completed, 86 swimmers attended. Report pending.
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 - e. 1 Mile Open Water: Hickory Nut Gorge, Lake Lure, NC. Heather reported. All deliverables have been met and are on time so far. The Timeline, Evaluation Form and Results Form have been sent and a reminder of upcoming deadlines.
 - f. 1-3 Mile Open Water: Garden State Masters, Lake Hopatcong, NJ (2 mile). Susan reported. All deliverables have been met and are on schedule with the timeline. Future deliverables are also anticipated to meet or exceed the timeline. Event director is currently considering adding cumulative relays to the event.
 - g. 10 mile Open Water: Genesis Aquatics/Hopkins Masters, Lake Minnetonka, MN Ali reported. The event director has ordered awards and sent his safety/medical plan. Performance bond was submitted. Race director he has not yet received the banners or goody box, but there is still time remaining.
 - h. OHP: Blue Wave Aquatics, Federal Way, WA. Ann reported. Complete. Waiting for the National Office to return the 100% of the Performance Bond.
 - i. 5,000/10,000M Postal: Hammerheads Aquatics, Boca Raton, FL. Greta reported that this is running smoothly.
 - j. 3,000/6,000 Postal: Long Beach Grunions, Brea, CA. Bruce reported The 3000/6000 Postal is on track with the entry form already to go. Competition does not start for another 10 weeks.
4. Lynn Hazelwood reported from the OW committee.
 - a. Clinics. Dick Sidner ran a clinic in conjunction with his National Championship the committee is hoping to run more clinics coinciding with NC's.
 - b. A National Safety Program for open water is in its initial draft stages and they are attempting to establish guidelines.
5. The next meeting to discuss the National Championships Selection Working Group recommendations will be announced via e-mail.