

Committee Name: Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Donn Livoni	Vice Chair: Vacant	
Minutes recorded by: Bruce Hopson	Date/time of meeting: 6/29/2014 8 PM EDT	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: None
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, James Biles, Bob Bruce, Denise Brown, Rob Copeland, Colleen Driscoll, Ali Hall, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Phyllis Quinn, and Greta van Meeteren; Lynn Hazelwood and Bill Roach, <i>ex officio</i>		

Agenda

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

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Report from BOD** – None other than board is having summer meeting July 18-20 in Sarasota
3. **Report on Open Water Task Force** – Rob C said the task force is meeting but had no report
4. **LDC Budget for 2015** – Donn announced that the budget was being prepared and that any items would need to be submitted no later than July 3.
5. **LDC Annual Report for convention** – Donn announced that he is currently working on this and asked members that if they had anything to add he would need it by July 15.
6. **Process to resolve epostal problems with questionable data** – Donn briefly explained some problems with the OHP and data input and asked the committee if this needed to be addressed. It was decided that it didn't.
7. **LDC Goals** – No report was given although Donn would include the progress of them in his annual report.
8. **2014 NC events** – Donn
 - Liaisons – Please update the timeline. Two down four to go.

Working groups (WG) See written reports

- a. **Rules/Legislation** – Bob Bruce led another discussion on changes to Rule 3 proposed for convention.
- b. **PARA** (Patches, All-Americans, Records, All-Stars) – Greta reported that the subcommittee is awaiting the AA file from the Chattanooga Open Water NC.
- c. **Club Assistant**—Susan reported that the updated event logo and merchandise photo for the newly named 5K/10K ePostal National Championships have replaced the prior logo/photo in the online event information page.
- d. **Safety** – Bill Roach reported that Chris Clarke had died while competing in an open water swim in Indiana. He also reported that USMS had sanctioned 51 events and that there were pending.
- e. **Manuals & Documents** – Ann reported that a newly revised ePostal GTO will be ready to be posted shortly. She gave many thanks to everyone who contributed--Greta, Bob, Rob, Susan, James!
- f. **2016 NC Selection** – Susan reported that communication efforts to solicit bids is ongoing. Another blurb was included in the June 3rd issue of *Streamlines*. Additionally, efforts by the subcommittee are still continuing to woo bidders for a 2016 East Coast multi-OW NC festival. Thank you, Ali for reaching out to some of your personal contacts. Please remember to network with the event directors of ow events that you feel would be enticing candidates to bid. Desired swim

categories for the festival would be the 1-Mile, > 3 / < 6 mile, and a longer swim either > 9 mile or + > 6/ < 9 Mile

- g. **LDC Communications and Publications Liaison to USMS NO** -- Susan reported July STREAMLINES content was submitted with the emphasis on reminding folks of the July 15th deadline to submit their bids for consideration to host an ePostal and/or an Open Water National Championship in 2016.
- h. **LDC National Championship Oversight** – Susan reported that a review is ongoing regarding a questionable entry for the 5K/10K ePostal NC
- i. **Awards** – Robert Z reported that the 1-3M OW was complete, the 1M OW returns were not yet due, and the 9+M OW - order were on 6/26 (the day of his report) but had not yet been received.

Below is a list of the 2014 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned. See written reports

- **Chattanooga Outdoors (Tennessee River, TN) 1-3 mile (2.4 mile) 5/17**
 - **Davis Aquatic Masters (Lake Berryessa, CA) 1-mile 6/7** - Phyllis and Ali reported that the event was complete and although it had multiple problems many of which were beyond the control of the Event host (e.g., moving to a different part of the lake and low water levels), the event went well. There were 270 registered swimmers, four of whom were from the LDC. The Event director is working on the post-race issues and has been responsive to issues that have arisen.
 - **Genesis/Hopkins Masters (Lake Minnetonka, MN) 9+ mile (10 mile) 7/26** Robert Z reported that he is waiting for award order, the event is moving forward slowly, and he didn't believe there were any pending open issues.
 - **Central Oregon Masters (Elk Lake, OR) 3-6 mile (5K) 8/3** – Ali Reported that all items on the timeline were on track, and to date there were 41 swimmers registered.
 - **Adirondack Masters, (Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY) (2-mile cable) 8/16** – Collen that as of June 26, there were 58 entrants. They have paid their \$200 bond to Tracy G. and I have updated google docs.
 - **Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 6-9 mile (10K) 8/23 Lake George 10k OWNC** – Ali reported that things were moving along “swimmingly” and that there were 39 registrants to date.
 - **OHP: Indy Swim Fit**
 - **5,000M/10,000M Postal:** Greta reported that the event is underway.
 - **3,000/6,000 Postal:** Central Oregon Masters
9. Other business for the good of the order
 10. Next Call – **July 27th, Sunday with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM EDT