

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Bruce Hopson	Date/time of meeting:	3/29/2015, 8:00 pm EDT		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA minutes of February 16, 2015, conference call.

Number of committee members present: 16	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 0
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Ali Hall, James Biles, Denise Brown, Robert Bruce, Robert Copland, Colleen Driscoll, Michael Fanelli, Bruce Hopson, Phyllis Quinn, Greta VanMeeteren, Jill Wright and Robert Zeitner; Elaine Howley, Chris McGiffin, Jim Miller, and Bill Roach, all *ex officio*

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm EDT

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Approval of Feb. 16 meeting minutes MSA**
3. **OHeP** – Mel Goldstein addressed the committee regarding ideas to increase participation. He had two suggestions: (1) Offer a one-half postal to run concurrent with the One Hour; and (2) Have a military division, i.e., those swimmers who swim with a team run out of or sponsored by a branch of the military.
4. **Vice-Presidents Report** – Chris McGiffin reported on the actions of the BOD at its winter meeting February 14-15 in Austin, TX.
5. **Convention Schedule** – The Chair informed the committee of changes in the proposed schedule for the LDC, at the Annual Meeting. The OWC rather than the LDC will meet on Thursday 10/1 from 2-3:15, & Friday, 10/2 from 1-2. The LDC rather than the OWC will meet on Thursday, 10/1 from 3:30-4:45. The other meeting dates and times remain the same.
6. **Rules issue:** Bob Bruce presented a discussion regarding Rule 302.2.2 A Water Temperature and its effect on National Championship Events in which the water temperature is below 60 F thus requiring the use of a wetsuit, but which is not allowed for NC events. It was pointed out that wetsuits are not required if there is a thermal plan in place.
7. **LDC Goals** — Ali submitted a written report in which she said her committee continues to explore ideas for increasing participation in LD NCs. They are awaiting responses from 5k/10k and 3000/6000 liaisons to collaborate on ideas for highlighting those events, targeting increase in participation this year.
8. **National Office at OWNC events** — Elaine
9. **Promotional items at OWNC events** – Rob Copeland reported on his discussion with USMS Marketing Director Kyle Deery who asked if the committee had any interest in having at the events

USMS branding items, e.g., buoys and finish flags. The committee agreed there was no interest at this time. However, it was interested in temporary decals.

10. **OWC Report** -- Lynn & Rob (OWGTO update/changes & ISM) see written Safety Report
11. **Working groups** – reports (please send your report to all)
 - a. **Rules/Legislation** – Bob submitted nothing in addition to his agenda item on Rules.
 - b. **PARA** - Greta, Lead:
 - (Patches & Awards) – James reported that the OHeP awards were mailed to Chicago Smelts without incident
 - All-Americans (AA) - Men - Rob & Greta/Denise;
 - (AA) Women - Greta & Rob/Denise;
 - (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Jill/Denise;
 - Records - Jill reported that all records are current and will be updated after she receives the OHP records.
 - All-Stars - Rob & Rendy/Michael);
 - Postal Series - Robert reported that the LD bid history was updated through 2016 and forwarded for posting on GOOGLE Drive for the bid subcommittee to use in selecting 2017 OW and ePostal championship bids
 - c. **Club Assistant** - Colleen & Phyllis: no report submitted
 - d. **Safety** – Bill Roach reported that currently 24 open water events have been sanctioned for 2015. A new Safety Plan Application form has been designed and competed for next year. Several events this year have completed the form and seem to be pleased with the design. All open water events in 2016 must use the Application Form. The Independent Safety Monitor position is still a work in progress, and more details are to come. ISM's have been selected for this year's OWNC and three large events. An ISM will be required to be present at all open water events in 2016. Donn, Rob, Dave Miner, and Bill will attend the USA Open Water Festival in April where they will attend the USA open water officials' clinic and assist with the USA Open Water National Championships. The objective is for USMS and USA to work closer together to make our open water events even safer. Another clinic may be held in Chicago before Big Shoulders
 - e. **Documents** – James reported that there were additional issues in format to the championship package not noticed before when reviewing the OHeP results. One of the goals, he said, is to automate the package with macros. This will require code writing that will probably take into early to mid-summer to write and debug. However, a macro-free version of the championship package for ePostals and OWNC's should be completed by the end of May.
 - f. **2017 NC Selection** – Ali reported that the group forwarded bid information and links for posting as well as publicity through *Streamlines*.
 - g. **Communications** — Ali reported she and Rendy continue to work with Elaine as needed on info-sharing, and that she has forwarded to Anna Lea for her posting all preliminary and final results as sent to her.
 - h. **NC Oversight** - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals): no report submitted

Below is a list of the 2015 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned along with their reports, if any.

- Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 10K (6.2 miles) 6/13
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
- Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 1 mile 6/14
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
- Morse Reservoir Open Water Swim (Noblesville, IN) 15K (9.3 miles) 6/20
 - o Liaison: Ali reported that all timeline items are on track and the event is full
- Central Oregon Masters (Foster Lake, OR) 2-mile cable 6/27

- o Liaison: Jill Wright reported there was a delay in getting the correct entry form online. The correct one has now been submitted to CA and will be submitted after CA has received it on the USMS website.
- Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 2,5K (2.55 mile) 8/29
 - Liaison: Colleen Driscoll reported that entries opened the week of March 29 for the OWNC event. She is working with the meet director to meet deadlines.
- Big Shoulders Open Water Swim (Chicago, IL) 5K (3.1 miles) 9/12
 - Liaison: Ali reported that all timeline items are on track and the event is full.
- OHeP: Chicago Smelts
 - o Liaison: James Biles reported that there were a Total of 2293 entries and 2289 participants (4 swam twice in different age groups). Final Individual and Relay Results are posted. He expects the final club results, All Americans and National Records in the very near future.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Central Oregon Masters
 - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren reported she had nothing to report.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Davis Aquatic Masters
 - o Liaison: James reported that the Host had inquired of only awarding certificates in lieu of medals. The group determined that because this is a LDNC event, certificates were not appropriate awards. The group told the host they could design their own medals for LDC approval or use the standard LDNC medals. Additionally, they could also send certificates supplemental to, but not in lieu of medals.

There being no other business for the good of the order, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. EDT

Next Call – **SUNDAY, May 10 (Mother's Day) with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.**