

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:	9/20/2015		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA minutes of June 28, 2015, conference call.
2. MSA to approve moving the date of the National Festival from August 19, 2016, to August 12-13, 2016, with the 1-mile OW NC to be August 12 and the >1/<3 mile (5K) OW NC to August 13, 2016.
3. MSA to approve moving the date of the >3/<6 miles (10K) OW NC from July 9 or 10, 2016, to July 16, 2016.

Number of committee members present: 14

Absent: 6

Number of other delegates present:

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, James Biles, Denise Brown, Robert Bruce, Robert Copeland, Colleen Driscoll, Bruce Hopson, Rendy Opdycke, Phyllis Quinn, Greta vanMeeteren, Jill Wright and Robert Zeitner; Lynn Hazelwood and Chris McGiffin, each *ex officio*

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. EDT

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Approval of June 28, 2015, meeting minutes MSA**
3. **2016 OW NC Festival at Lake Lure, NC, Change of Date, and from one-day to two days.**
The Event Host was asked to move its OW NC Festival from Friday, August 19, 2016, for both its 1-mile and >3/<6 (5K) to Friday, August 12, 2016, and Saturday, August 13, 2016, respectively because the original date conflicts with the 2016 Summer National Championships (LCM) in Gresham, OR. Although this now make it conflict with the revised date of the >1/<3 Mile (2.7 miles) OW NC hosted by Sierra Nevada Masters in Donner Lake, it was pointed out that the events are on opposite coasts. It was also pointed out that Event Directors of OW National Championships combined with other event need to make the OWNC the top draw. MSA to approve the moving of the date of the National Festival from August 19, 2016, to August 12-13, 2016.
4. **2016 OW NC >6/<9 (10K) event at Applegate Lake, OR, Change of Date and Alternate Date and/or Location.**
The Event Host asked that it move the event from either July 9 or 10, 2016, to July 16, 2016, to accommodate another open water swim in Oregon. In 2015, the organizers had to cancel the event because there was not enough water in the lake. MSA to approve the moving of the date from July 9 or 10, 2016, to July 16, 2016. The Event Host must notify the LD Chair by March 1, 2016, if the host intends to cancel the event.
5. **2015 3000/6000 ePostal Championships request by Event Host, Davis Masters**
A. The Event Host has asked to modify its entry form to have a box where entrants may voluntarily contribute to the Lake County (CA) Disaster Relief Fund. A discussion was had on the matter. The committee decided to have the matter reviewed by legal counsel

B. The Event, which opened on September 15, does not have any of the merchandise available for purchase that was included in their original bid. MSD After a discussion was held, the Committee decided to have the Chair require the Host to make obtain the merchandise it promised to give out and for the Host to notify those swimmers who have already completed the event about the opportunity to purchase the merchandise. Furthermore, the Host is not to tie in the purchase of merchandise with a donation to the relief fund.

6. 2016 One Hour ePostal Championship request by Event Host Tamalpais Masters

The Event Host has asked to increase the entry fee for individuals from \$6 to \$7 and for relays from \$12-\$13 to \$15-\$16. After a discussion was had, the Committee has asked James Biles, the liaison, to inquire into the rationale of their change.

7. Legislative Proposals – Bob and others

Bob Bruce addressed the committee on the proposals including L-41 proposed by Long Distance to abolish the staggered two-year cycle for rules changes.

8. OWC Report – Lynn – OW education proposal

Lynn addressed the Committee regarding the OW Committee's request for funding of educational programs.

9. Additional items for convention agenda – Susan Kuhlman, L-3, more?

10. **Working groups** – No reports were required.

11. **Liaison Reports for 2015 LD NC events**–No reports were required

12. **New Business**–None

There being no other business for the good of the order, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. EDT

Next Call – TBA for review of NC bids and any other business with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.