

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Phyllis Quinn	Date/time of meeting:	4/24/2016		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. 3/27/16 Minutes

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, Mike Fanelli, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Colleen Discroll. Absent: Allison Ware and Melinda Greig-Walker. Ex-Officio present: Bob Bruce, Elaine Howley, Bill Roach and Tracy Grilli.		

MINUTES

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Sunday, April 24, 2016 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm EDT

Toll Number (**FREE to USMS**) 530 881-1212 or 518 530-1840 or 701 801-1220

Toll Free (charged to USMS): 855-212-0212

Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM ET

1. Welcome and roll call During roll call, what other USMS committees LDC members serve on.
2. Approval of 3/24 meeting minutes -- **M/S/A as presented**
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) and vice president (Chris) **Donn and Ali- Webinar with Championship committee for National Championship Bids tabled until next January. There was not enough time to develop this presentation in time for the deadlines to submit bids.**
4. Review LDC Operations Guidelines <http://www.usms.org/admin/policies/ldog.pdf> **Donn asked everyone to look this over and suggest edits/updates. Reply deadline to Donn by May 5.**
5. Liaison estimated travel expenses and pre-approval- **Donn asked all liaisons to submit estimated budgets for travel. This includes Airfare, Mileage, Hotel and Meals. Rental Cars must be approved by National Office. Please consider staying with swimmers in the area to save cost.**
6. Rules and Legislative Proposals –**Bob Bruce-** the committee continued the review of the rules that were “pulled”. There was a discussion with regards to the new FINA Water Temperature proposal. **Donn and Bob started a USMS Forum discussion for the committee to continue the dialogue. The committee was asked to comment on the lower water temperature proposal, the effect on National Championship events and how this proposal would affect the current requirement for only Category 1 swimwear at National Championship events.**
7. Update -- LDC Goals — 2016 Ail will use the information from roll call to help our achievement of Goal #3
James will report on the ePostal progress from 2015 to 2016 to date; Donn and I have reached out to the LMSC Development Committee to create a webinar for the 2019 LDNC bid pool; the Goals

Workgroup is asking for a volunteer to collaborate with another committee for a shared goal (such as with the Coaches' or Fitness Committees for promoting ePostal participation).

Ali asked the committee members to reach out to other committees such as Coaches and Fitness as a way to increase participation in the National Championship events. Contact Ali if you are interested in helping with this goal.

- Increase total participation in 2016 ePostal NCs by 10% over 2015, identifying specific strategies that correlate to success
 - Receive, for 2018, a minimum of 1 qualified, in-area, bid per event, and at least 1 West two-event festival bid.
 - Explore possibilities for collaborative strategies with other USMS stakeholders for increasing LDNC participation, such as 2-4 LDC members reaching out to 2 different committees such as Coaches', Fitness and/or Governance Committees
 - Explore continuing development of a 3-5 year pool of unselected, qualified bidders; this would allow a bidder to reconfirm interest, capacity, leadership and commitment while by-passing the detailed bid process for a period of years.
8. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all)
- a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn
 - b. PARA –Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Michael; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie & ???; Postal Series – James & Laurie) Checker, Jim
 - c. Club Assistant - Colleen & Phyllis
 - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim SAFETY: 39 Open Water events have been sanctioned. 3 events are pending. Our first open water event of the season, Swim Around Lido Key in Sarasota, FL was cancelled because of high winds and surf. Nice article in Swimmer Magazine about open water safety.
 - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis
 - f. 2018 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Colleen, Phyllis, & Allison James will be supplying our bid documents soon for posting and publication
 - g. Communications — Ali, Lead, Laurie Elaine Howley and I have been in touch. A link to the 5k and 10k ePostal swims is included in both of the most recent STREAMLINES and STREAMLINES for Coaches.
 - h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)

Below is a list of the 2016 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

I would like each lead liaison to give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call -- THURSDAY). LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES. Please remember to date all the documents you submit with the correct event year and be specific on what the document is.

- Indy Aquatic Masters, Indianapolis, IN 2-mile cable 6/18
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Michael Fanelli Two-mile Cable Swim NC at Indianapolis: Everything on track.
- Rogue Valley Masters, Applegate Lake, OR 10K (6.2 miles) 7/16
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Jim Davidson 10-km OW NC at Applegate Lake, OR: With recent storms and snow run-off, Applegate Lake has enough water, so Rogue Valley Masters have finally decided (this week) to host the NC at the original site. I have reviewed the preliminary info and safety plan (they look fine), and the host will apply for sanction pronto. This is very late in process, but I gave the host the necessary time to make an appropriate decision based on available water.
- o Kingdom Swim NEKOWSA, Newport, VT 10 miles 7/30
 - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug *Kingdom Swim 10 mile OWNC--*currently 34 entries, all seems on schedule for a successful event

- Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 1 mile 8/12
 - Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware **Planning is proceeding we have been signing up volunteers to man safety boats (kayaks mostly). Registration is @ (20) 1 mile and (23) 5k including (17) entered both in 1 mile and 5k**
- Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 5K (3.1 miles) 8/13
 - Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware
- Sierra Nevada Masters, Donner Lake, CA 2.7 mile 8/13
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Greig-Walker
 - **Donner Lake Swim- Registration will open June 1**
- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters, San Rafael, CA **Host has completed all requirements. Net Profit: \$15,505.87. My eval is due to Donn by 5/15. 2015 OHeP had 2293 swimmers, 2016 had 2335 for a net increase of 42 swimmers or 1.8%. I will be prepping the 2018 bid forms and letters this coming week with an estimated completion goal date of 4/28/16.**
- Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Jill Wright & Jim Davidson
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Western Hills Athletic Club/South Texas
- Liaison: Colleen Driscoll lead; backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Sawtooth Masters
 - Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, lead; backup: Laurie Hug & Allison Ware

Other business for the good of the order

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:40 PM ET

Next Call – **Monday, May 30** with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT & 4 PM AT.