## 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

Committee Name: Long Distance Session #: 2 Report #: 1

Committee Chair: Ali Hall Vice Chair: Phyllis Quinn

Minutes recorded by: Lorena Sims Date/time of 09/13/19

**meeting:** 8:00-9:15am

## **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. None.

## **Motions Passed:**

- 1. Motion to Untable LD2: Matt Miller. Second: Phyllis Quinn. Motion carried without opposition.
- 2. LD2: Motion failed without opposition.
- 3. Motion to pull LD1: Bob Bruce. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition.
- 4. Motion to amend LD1 as noted below in discussion: Jim Davidson. Second: Sandra Frimerman-Bergquist.
- 5. Motion to table amendment to LD1: Bob Bruce. Second: Bob Singer. Motion carried without opposition.
- 6. Motion to table LD1: Bob Bruce. Second: Phyllis Quinn. Motion carried without opposition.
- 7. Motion to adjourn: Phyllis Quinn. Second: Alana Aubin. Motion carried without opposition.

Number of committee members present: 16 Absent: 0 Number of other delegates present: 38

Committee members present: Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (Vice Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Jill Wright, David Brancamp, Robin Smith, Sarah King, Stephen Rouch, Alana Aubin, Catherine Rust, Jim Davidson, Bob Singer, Lorena Sims, Joanne Wainwright, Laurie Hug, Sandra Frimerman-Bergquist, Matt Miller. Ex-Officio Members Present: Bob Bruce, David Miner. Absent: None. Others: Jay Eckert.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01am.

- 1. Welcome.
- 2. 2019 Convention Presentation Workgroup: Sarah, Dave, Jim, Matt.

Thank you to all who assisted with the development of this presentation. Presentation addressed how to train, complete, and compete at National Championship events, the criteria for attaining a Long Distance All American award, All Star award, ePostal Series award, and the Long Distance National Championship award, and how to promote participation in the Long Distance National Championships.

Long Distance would like to recognize and congratulate Larry Raffaeli and Flavia Medlin for 16 years' consecutive completion of the ePostal series. Recognition was also provided for those who completed 5+ and 10+ years of non-consecutive ePostal series and those who completed/achieved significant accomplishments in Long Distance National Championships in 2018.

The Long Distance Committee would like to remember Bill Roach for his contributions to US Masters Swimming and advocacy for making open water swimming safer.

3. 2019 Rules/Legislation – Bob B/Jim; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Matt, Stephen.

Motion to Take LD2 off the Table: Matt. Second: Phyllis. Motion carried without opposition.

Susan Nolte from Colorado presented their rule submission. Discussion revolved around the idea that the proposal is a good theoretical idea; however, perhaps the rule book is not the

correct place for this idea as it puts undue burden on ePostal hosts. Ideas suggested perhaps a tool on the website/app for converting times, a separate division. Motion to Approve: Failed without opposition.

Motion to Pull LD1 Discussion: Bob Bruce. Second: Matt. Motion carried without opposition. Discussion revolved around the idea that the rule gives additional control to race directors. Concerns included how it would work with awards, the clarity of the rule as written, and the potential.

Motion to Amend the first sentence to "At the discretion of the event host, except for national championship swims, event hosts may offer a separate division that limits the acceptable swimsuit to other than Category 1 or Category 2." Second: Sandra.

Motion to Table the Amendment: Bob Bruce. Second: Bob Singer. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion to Table the Proposal: Bob Bruce. Second: Phyllis. Motion carried without opposition.

4. Other business for the good of the order.

Discussion regarding how to collaborate with National Office for ePostal emails.

Open invitation to audience members to share concerns and ideas for improvement with LDC leadership; gratitude expressed for all who serve the USMS mission and values.

Thank you to Ali for her marvelous leadership this year and to all for their hard work.

Motion to Adjourn: Phyllis. Second: Alana. Time: 9:22am.