

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn
Minutes recorded by:	Joanne Wainwright	Date/time of meeting:	4/26/2020

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (V. Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Alana Aubin, Chuck Beatty, David Brancamp, Jim Davidson, Jenny Hodges, Laurie Hug, Sarah King, Stephen Rouch, Catherine Rust, Robin Smith, Joanne Wainwright, Jill Wright. Ex-Officio/Other: Jay Eckert, Kim Elsbach, David Miner; Absent: Bob Singer, Lorena Sims		

Motions Passed:

1. MSA To approve the LDC March 29, 2020 minutes.
2. MSA To delay the finish date of the 5/10k ePostal event to September 30, 2020.
3. MSA to approve 303.5.1 as written.
4. MSA to approve 306.3 as written.
5. MSA to approve 307.3.4 as written.
6. MSA to approve 307.8.1 and 307.8.2 as written.
7. MSA to approve 307.11.1 as written.
8. MSA to approve 307.12.3 as written
9. MSA to approve 308.1.1 as written
10. MSA to approve 308.1.4 as written
11. MSA to approve 308.1.5 as written
12. MSA to approve 308.1.6c as amended.
13. MSA to approve 308.1.6 as amended.
14. MSA to approve Glossary as written

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

1. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.
2. Approval of March 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion: NA 2nd: NA Motion carried.
3. Reports
 - a. **Chair Ali** reported that it has been a busy time with Charlie Cockrell and Richard Garza and the possibility of a virtual convention this year. This may change the complexity of rules the LDC wants to send to a virtual HOD proposing the most critical items. Secondly, a dual sanctions conversation with Charlie and Richard will take place tomorrow; Chuck Beatty will represent the LDC. Ali, Sarah, Alana and Dave will be core members of a virtual convention preparation group. We need to make our business meetings very streamlined, possibly recording information ahead of time to be used for peer-to-peer calls. We planned a presentation for one of our working meetings and had also signed up to facilitate a workshop. This group has started to meet and is open to anyone else who would like to help out. The LDC sent out an email to all current OWNC hosts to see if they want to postpone, reschedule, or cancel an event.
 - b. **Vice Chair Phyllis** reported on OW Task Force items that were discussed:
 - (1)Results database being tested.
 - (2)Portland Bridges and Foster Lake open water swims canceled.

- (3) Recommendations from USMS on open water based on many uncertainties' and trying to plan an event.
- (4) Bottom line: Follow CDC and state/local guidelines.
- (5) Support funding - Getting info out
- (6) Insurance and liability for event director
- (7) Budget changes, waving sanction events, calendars,
- (8) Streamlines for non USMS members being worked on.
- (9) Open Water central website lots of content, need to format.
- (10) Volunteer central also being updated

(11) Committee policies and if they need updating, who is responsible, and how often to update

c. **Vice President Donn** briefly mentioned the email updates from Peter and Dawson. He reported that the format for the Convention is undecided and waiving of sanctioning fees and surcharges to may encourage hosts to sanction events.

d. **Jay Eckert** sent out an email reporting the following:

COVID Updates

You probably saw in [this email to volunteers](#) on Wednesday that the BOD extended the event cancellation recommendation to May 31. Taking it ~30 days at a time for now. Sanction fees have been waived for the remainder of 2020. We've been working on additional ways to support clubs and sanctioned events during this difficult time. Look out for more communication in the next couple of weeks as details are finalized.

ePostal website

We changed over the [Open Water](#) and [Pool](#) National Championship landing pages to 2020/21 on January 1st so the dates/locations can easily be found for 2021. Since the ePostals are virtual and the same dates each year, we left it as 2019/20 for now. Once we add 2021, 2019 will drop to the "Prior ePostal" list further down on [this page](#). Wanted to make sure the 2019 results (which we only finalized in January for the 3000/6000) could be easily found at least for the first few months of the year. Sarah, you want that updated now? Or perhaps ~July 1 would be a good time to make that switch?

2019 All-Stars

The bags arrived at FINIS's warehouse from the embroiderer yesterday. Here's a pic. FINIS will be sending these directly to each recipient. Hopefully they'll arrive in the next week or so (pending any COVID shipping delays). Alana, Stephen, and Kim: since you'll be receiving one could you let me know when it arrives?

4. 5k/10k ePostal NC Discussion: Led by Jim and Jenny

Jim discussed delaying the start or making any other changes to the four month event. Jim made a proposal to change the finish date. Joanne moved to delay the finish date of the 5/10k ePostal event to September 30, 2020. 2nd: Kim. Motion Carried.

5. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all in advance)

a. Ex-Officio from OWC report: Kim Elsbach - No update.

b. **2020 Rules/Legislation** – Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve;

A proposal has been made by the Chair of the Rules Subcommittee to reorganize the rule book by removing Articles of Part Two into other parts of the rule book where they would more naturally fit. For the LDC, the proposal would move Article 203 which covers sanction of open water events into Part 3 which contains the rest of the rules governing open water events. This is still in the working group stage, so this is just a heads up that this could be coming this year.

- (1) 303.5.1 Event Seeding - Motion to approve as written. Motion: Jim 2nd: Robin
 - (2) 306.3 Clarification of officials duties - Chuck moved to approve as written. 2nd: Robin MSA
 - (3) 307.3.4 Update Bidder Rotation Table- Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Robin MSA
 - (4) 307.8.1 and 307.8.2 - Update to process for submitting results to LDC. Kim moved to approve as written. 2nd: Joanne MSA
 - (5) 307.11.1- Allows for ties for All-Americans. Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Kim MSA
 - (6) 307.12.3 - Change LD to Postal - Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Kim MSA
 - (7) 308.1.1 - Records - Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Robin MSA
 - (8) 308.1.4 - Timing for records to the 100th -Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Robin MSA
 - (9) 308.1.5 - Cable swim records to the 100th - Joanne moved to approve as written. 2nd: Kim MSA
 - (10) 308.1.6 - Requirements for ePostal Records - Alana explained the new proposal to the Committee. After a discussion and suggested changes to part c. Laurie moved to amend 308.1.6c to read: "Swimmers applying for a USMS postal record in an individual **or relay** event must submit a copy of their individual split sheets **in addition** to their event **entries**." 2nd: Joanne MSA
 - (11) 308.1.6 - Postal Swims - Laurie moved to approve 308.1.6 as amended. 2nd: Kim MSA
 - (12) Glossary - Defining roles of Event Director and Host. Robin submitted a proposal to define the roles of the officials. Joanne moved to accept the proposal as written. 2nd: Kim MSA
- c. **PARA** – Jim and Sarah; 2020 U.S. Masters Swimming 1-Hour ePostal National Championship Results are finalized and posted on the national website. All members of the PARA subcommittee have received copies of the individual and relay results for purposes of compiling results at the end of this year. Individual and relay results from the OHEP can be found here: <https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/epostal-national-championships/2020-epostal-national-championships>. We excited and hopeful that we will have more results to compile from upcoming national championship events this year!
Also of note: on the national website it lists upcoming open water national championships for 2020 and 2021 and for ePostal national championship events the tabs are still showing 2019 and 2020. We would like the ePostal national championship website tabs to reflect the current 2020 and upcoming 2021 events. <https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/epostal-national-championships> Patches & Awards – Dave; ePostal Recognitions – Catherine; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, Chuck; (AA) Women – Joanne, Jenny; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Dave; Records – Jill, Joanne, All-Stars – Laurie, Alana; Postal Series –Alana, Laurie;
- d. **Club Assistant** – Robin & Steve - No Update.
 - e. **LD NC Host Tutorial Working Group:** Sarah, Robin, Lorena - see Nose to Tail report below
 - f. **Safety** (as needed) – David M. - No update.
 - g. **Documents** – Bob, lead; & Jim (ePostal Guide – Bob & Jill; OW NC Guide – Bob & Chuck) - No update.
 - h. **LD NC Event Final Evaluation Revision:** Catherine, Alana, Bob, Jim - No update.
 - i. 2022 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Robin, Steve, Catherine & Jenny;
Ali sent out a communication to all 2020 OWNC hosts letting them know that if any host needs to cancel their event this summer, to please let us know if they would be interested in bidding on 2022. This is even if what they want to bid on is out of rotation. I have only heard from Del Valle (Bill McCracken) and have communicated with him. Otherwise we still have only the Foster Lake Cable Swim bid.
No postal bids have been received.
 - j. Communications — Laurie, lead; Chuck, back up - No update.
 - k. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob, David M;
 - l. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group: Sarah, Alana, Jim, Bob, Dave, Chuck, Catherine, Jill, Ali

LD NC Host Tutorial Working Group and Nose to Tail Working Group: In working with the 2020 OHEP, we found that individual results are easy to extract from club assistant into our championship packet format, however relay results are not. For those working with upcoming ePostal national championships this is going to be a hurdle that your host will run into. Jim has worked on a relay format, but I think it would be to the benefit of all, if we could work with club assistant to input a spreadsheet for relays that would more closely mirror ours. This way it would be easy for the host and liaison to download relays just as they do individual results from club assistant and simply utilize the needed columns. Perhaps a future project and something that both of these groups could work on.

- m. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob, Catherine, Joanne and Chuck; Phyllis sent out a spreadsheet with goals and members assigned to each goal.
- n. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Laurie, Joanne, Dave, Ali, Jenny; No nominations have been received to date.
- o. 2020 Clinic Working Group—Catherine and Steve - No update at this time.
- p. 2020 Convention Presentation Workgroup: Sarah, Dave, Jim and Bob. Sarah reported that they have created a draft of the presentation and are currently working to fine tune that presentation

Below is a list of the 2020 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

Each lead liaison will please give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call – THURSDAY at latest for SUNDAY calls). LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES.

2020 Long Distance National Championships:

- USMS Long Distance OWNC--CANCELLED
- Lake Del Valle, CA (5k)
 - o Liaison: Dave Backup: Phyllis
 - o Unfortunately, the event director and his club have had to cancel the event. The event director followed the process we laid out and everyone was contacted. He is in contact with Ali for 2022 options.

- USMS Sprint Distance OWNC
- Santa Barbara, CA (1 mile) August 29
 - o Liaison: Robin Backup: Jill
 - o Event date officially changed from Sat June 20th to Sat Aug 29th. New event director signed contract addendum for new date. Updates made to sanction documents and USMS calendar plus OWNC event webpage. Host working on hotels/travel information for participants. Timeline and Championship packet being updated. Online registration pending.

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC
- Brogan OW Classic, Lake Erie, OH (2 miles) July 18
 - o Liaison: Catherine Backup: Steve

- USMS Ultra Marathon Distance OWNC
- Lake Memphremagog, VT (10 miles) July 25
 - o Liaison: Laurie Back Up: Steve
 - o Phil will be making an initial decision on May 1st. If it is a go, he will reevaluate on June 1st as well. If the event happens he is going to be working on a social distancing plan.

- USMS Cable OWNC
- Lake Placid, NY (2 miles) August 15
 - o Liaison: Donn Back Up: Bob S.
 - o From Matt McMorris event director -- "Currently we are not canceling and holding our breath"

- USMS Long Distance OWNC
- Lake George, NY (10k) August 22
 - o Liaison: Ali Back Up: Bob S.
 - o From Matt McMorris event director - "We are still in a wait and see position...no plans to cancel at the moment."

- o OHeP: Tamalpais Masters
- o Liaisons: Sarah Back Up: Lorena
- o 2020 OHEP: The host is in the process of distributing medals, patches, and swim caps to participants. There was a delay in getting the t-shirts but they are working to distribute those to participants as they receive them. Once financial statements are completed: we will be able to complete the championship packet. This is the last piece that we are working on. Jim and Catherine are wonderful hosts and have gone above and beyond to put on a wonderful event.

- 5,000m/10,000m: Southern Oregon Masters
- o Liaison: Jim Back Up: Jenny
- o The Registration Page has been approved. We will set up the CA tutorial for early May and go live for the opening of registration. The 5K/10K will start on schedule. Since pools will likely open at different time in different parts of the country, we didn't see any reasonable way to set a different start date that would be any fairer. To compensate for delays in pool openings, I would like to propose extending the end date to 30 September. This would buy folks an extra two weeks and have a minimal impact on the 3000/6000. We can discuss and decide at Sunday's meeting.

- 3,000y/6,000y: Palm Beach Masters
- o Liaison: Joanne Back Up: Chuck
- o No Update at this time

Other business for the good of the order

Next Call: **May 24, 8pm ET**

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m. EDT

Projected List of Dates for 2020 LDC Calls:

Jan	26
Feb	23
Mar	29
April	26
May	24
Jun	28
July	26
Aug	30
Sept	27

Oct 25
Nov 29
Dec 27

LDC Approximate High-Level Timeline Items by Month: A work in progress

January:

New OWNC season registrations open
prepare bid letters and documents
initiate work on new goals

February:

send out bid letters and post documents
send out award nomination requests
begin to consider rules changes

March through May:

consider rules changes
begin recruiting bids
updates on LD NC events progress

June:

Prepare next year's events
finalize rules proposals
finalize award nominations
finalize bid recruitment
thick of the competition season

July:

award working group meets
bid selection working group meets

August:

finalize all LDC details to prepare for convention

September:

Convention

October-December:

Request to next season's details
Conclude remaining event details
Open registration for next season's OWNCs that would like
Wrap-up year's business