

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #: 9	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Catherine Rust	Vice Chair:	David Brancamp
Minutes recorded by:	Tim Murphy	Date/time of meeting:	09/28/2025 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Actions Passed: 2

Number of committee members present: 10 **Absent:** 2 **Number of other delegates present:** 1

Committee members present: Catherine Rust, Dave Brancamp, Tim Murphy, Bob Kolonkowski, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Nicki Phillips, Marnie Whitley, Stephen Rouch, Vesna Shelnutt

Absent:, Christie Ciraulo, David Miner, John Fox

Ex-Officio members present: Robin Smith, Jay Eckert, Colton Martin

Motion Passed: Accept bid for 2026 OWNC from Minnesota 2 mile

Motion Passed: Accept bid for 2026 OWNC from Oregon 10K

Topic: LDC Meeting – Sep 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm ET:

Welcome and roll call

Reports:

Chair –

Welcome to Carrie Stolar – VP Programs (unfortunately she was not able to attend)

Recap of Annual Meeting:

19 Proposed Amendments passed by the HOD. LD-11 was amended to lengthen time allowed for the LDC to respond to a protest.

Procedures taken out of the rule book, go into the Long Distance Administration tab on the USMS website (Open Water bid form, rules about suits, split sheets for virtual championships, etc.). Thanks to National Office, Jay and Executive Committee for helping get this set up.

Nicki will continue to be in charge of our internal documents

Vice Chair – Dave B.

Bids for National O/W Events:

OWNC 10k, July 18 hosted by Oregon Masters @ Applegate Lake

OWNC 2 mile, July 25, Nicki Phillips in Minnesota

Catherine to ask Indianapolis if they will run the cable swims again

VP Programs –

Robin's last LDC Meeting, wishes everyone well

Carrie Stolar elected as VP-Programs at the HOD and will be ex-officio attendee of LDC meetings

LDC Presentation at USMS Relay Oct. 24-26 , Kansas City, MO. Theme is Coach Support and Development. LDC presentation on Coaching Open Water Swimming

Several members will be present

Presentation on how an LMSC can help run an open water clinic

Question and answer period. Discussions of bringing swimmers into USMS to improve USMS Clubs.

Para / Jim D:

Received results from the 5k/10k. All USMS records have been posted in the USMS database

3000/6000 Virtual Championship

Phyllis will assist in determining Long Distance Relay All Americans.

Virtual Championships:

5K/10K Virtual Championship completed and results are posted

3000/6000 Virtual Championship will run until 11/15/2025

USMS Office— Jay Eckert

Sarasota open water event for 2026: April 2-3-4. USMS events would be on Friday/Saturday (mile and 5k)

Schedule for 2026 will be mile on Friday evening, the 2 mile on Saturday after the USA Swimming event.

2026 Sarasota OWNC registration is in process of

Committee Interest form:

- Due on Sep 30
- We still need to complete it if we want to continue on the committee.

Next Meeting –

- Last LDC meeting for 2025
- Any new business can be conducted by email.
- Next meeting will be scheduled January 2026

Adjournment: 8:29pm Eastern