

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn		
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	06/24/18		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. 303.3.3B, 303.7.2C, 303.11.1, 303.11.3, 303.8.1F, and 307.8.2C referred to HOD as written.
2. 303.3.2 and 303.11.2 referred to HOD as amended.

Motions Passed:

1. Approval of 05/27/18 Minutes – Motion: Robin Smith. Second: Laurie Hug. Motion carried without opposition.
2. Motion to Approve Non-Pulled Items – Motion: Matt Miller. Second: Alana Aubin. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Motion to Amend 303.3.2 – Motion: Lorena Sims. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition.
4. Motion to Amend 303.3.2 – Motion: Alana Aubin. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition.
5. Motion to Amend 303.11.2 – Motion: Bob Bruce. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition.

Number of committee members present:15	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (Vice Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Lorena Sims, Robin Smith, David Brancamp, Matt Miller, Sarah King, Laurie Hug, Stephen Rouch, Alana Aubin, Josie Palmerin, Catherine Rust, Jim Davidson, and Jill Wright. Ex-Officio Members Present: Jay Eckert, David Miner, Bob Bruce. Absent: Casey Keiber, Bill Brenner, Bob Singer. Others: None.		

The meeting was called to order at 08:00pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Approval of 05/27/18 meeting minutes – Motion: Robin Smith. Second: Laurie Hug. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn)
 - Chair:** Nothing to report.
 - Vice Chair:** Nothing to report.
 - Vice President:** Email notifications from posting on the forum seem to be hit or miss. If you post something and do not see a notification for your own post, send an email to the committee that there is something to read. IT is working on this issue but has not solved it. Also discussed an issue with multiple logons to access the LDC Forum. The idea of creating a rules and legislation super-committee failed at the board level but it appears that there may be an attempt for an LMSC sponsored idea from Southern Pacific. Overall, USMS is down 5% in membership, ideas are being requested from LMSCs to increase membership. Summer board meeting is in 3 weeks, please forward anything to be brought up to Donn to get it on that agenda.
4. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all in advance)
 - a. 2018 Rules/Legislation – Bob B. lead; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Matt, Stephen. All will be involved during the spring.

PULLS: **303.3.2** – Motion to amend to 303.3.2A to “The escort craft may pass food, drink, and/or legal swim equipment to and from the swimmer.”: Lorena Sims. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition. Motion to amend 303.3.2A to “The escort craft may pass or receive food, drink, and/or legal swim equipment to and from the swimmer.”: Matt Miller. Second: Robin Smith. Aye: Phyllis, Lorena, Laurie, Matt, Robin Nay: Sarah, Catherine, Josie, Alana, Dave, Jim, Jill, Stephen. Motion failed 5-8.

Motion to amend to “The escort craft may pass to and receive from the swimmer food, drink, and/or legal swim equipment.”: Alana Aubin. Second: Matt Miller. No discussion. Motion carried without opposition.

Approved as amended.

303.7.2E & 303.7.3D Aye: Phyllis, Sarah, Laurie, Alana, Matt, Jim, Jill. Nay: Lorena, Catherine, Stephen, Josie, David, Robin. Motion Carried 7-6. If you voted nay, please re-review this regulation to reword/tighten/and reimagine this rule.

303.11.2 Motion to amend to “...the referee, with the agreement of the safety director, shall determine if the swim is to be restated or considered official.”: Bob Bruce. Second: Matt Miller. Motion carried without opposition.

Approved as amended.

RULES: Motion to approve non-pulled items: Matt Miller. Second: Alana Aubin. No discussion. Motion carried without opposition.

- b. PARA – Jim, lead: Patches & Awards – Dave; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, Josie, Alana; (AA) Women – Josie, Dave, Sarah; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Sarah, Dave; Records – Jill, Jim, Dave, All-Stars – Laurie, Jim, Alana; Postal Series – Jim, Sarah, Alana

Preliminary results for the Middle Distance and Sprint Distance OW Championships have been posted.

- c. Club Assistant – Lorena and Stephen

Nothing to report.

- d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead; Bob B., Jim, Josie

We have 53 sanctioned open water events so far in 2018. Will likely get a few more before the end of the summer. One cancelled due to weather to date. 103 certified safety directors and 34 certified referees to date. Website glitches have been mostly ironed out.

- e. Documents – Matt, lead; & ____ (ePostal Guide – Matt, Bob B., Jill & ____). (OW Champs Guide – Matt, ____ & ____).

Long Distance Committee and National Office now have a shared DropBox folder where we store working documents (i.e. FAQs), timelines, championship packets and logo guidelines for both ePostals and Open Water National Championships. Had a successful conference call on June 14th to discuss sharing/access/next steps.

- f. 2020 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Josie, Robin, Matt, Stephen.

An initial bid selection letter was sent out in January by Ali. A 2nd installment of that letter was sent out to LMSC chairs, vice chairs, and OW chairs last Saturday. An additional letter will be sent out this weekend if there are not enough bids.

Currently we have 3 bids for the ePostals - one for each and 3 bids for OWNC's.

Please encourage your clubs/LMSCs to bid.

- g. Communications – Laurie, lead; Matt

Nothing to report.

- h. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Bob B., Matt, David M.

Phyllis, Matt and Ali met with Casey and Jay to collaborate on a new shared folder, to house timelines, guidelines and championship packets. Beta-testing underway, with the 2018 3000/6000 ePostal, and feedback to be incorporated for improvements looking to the 2019 LD NC events.

- i. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S., Matt, Catherine.

The FAQ's for bidding were reviewed and posted on the USMS web site by the National Office.

2018 LD NC Event Liaison Reports:

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC
- Jim McConnell Lake Swim, Reston VA (2 miles) May 27
 - Liaison: Josie Backup: Alana

Event was held on 5/27. LDC was notified of unfortunate outcome of the event. Continued follow up and communication has been on-going with liaison, host and NO. All other timeline tasks have been met. Final items of financial report and liaison evaluation due soon.

- USMS Sprint Distance OWNC
- Eclipse Cross Roads, Makanda, IL (1 mile) June 9
 - Liaison: Donn Backup: Catherine

The event was well run with 56 swimmers completing the swim. A Thermal Plan for Warm Water was added to the safety plan as the water temperature reached 82 degrees the week prior to the swim. Timeline is up to date and all tasks by the host team have been completed except Financial report.

- USMS Long Distance OWNC
- Fire Island Charity Swim, Fire Island, NY (5k) July 7
 - Liaison: Laurie Back Up: Bob S.

Entry deadline is 7/2. Goody bags and caps have been mailed to the host and are expected to arrive by Tuesday 6/26. Everything is on track.

- USMS Ultra-Marathon Distance OWNC
- Portland Bridges, Portland, OR (10.7 miles) July 8
 - Liaison: Ali Back Up: Matt

The event is racing towards us, all details seem to be in good order for a successful experience.

- USMS 2-mile Cable OWNC
- Foster Lake Cable Swim, Sweet Home, OR (2 miles) July 12
 - Liaison: Phyllis Back Up: Robin

The awards have been ordered and all other items are on time-line. There are currently 95 swimmers entered.
- USMS Marathon Distance OWNC
- Applegate Lake, Jacksonville, OR (10k) July 14
 - Liaison: Jill Back Up: Dave B.

Timeline is up to date. Approximately 100 swimmers have entered. Awards have been ordered and shipped. 7/7/18 is the entry cutoff date.
- OHeP: Indy Aquatic Masters
 - Liaisons: Lorena, Jill Back Up: Sarah

Evaluation has been completed.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Chicago Smelts
 - Liaison: Jim Back Up: Bob S.

29 entries as of 6/22.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: MEMO (Oakland, CA)
 - Liaison: Lorena Back Up: Stephen

Host has been in contact with ClubAssistant to set up tutorial and has submitted artwork and text of draft entry to liaison for approval. I will pass to National office for approval as needed.

Other business for the good of the order: Event liaisons – remind your hosts that they may request event monies from Club Assistant and they should not wait until the money is sent by Club Assistant. They may also be able to set up a cash flow with Club Assistant.

Next Call – **July 29, 2018** with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT