

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:	5/29/2017		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

- 1.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 3
<p>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, Jill Wright, James Biles, Mike Fanelli, Josie Palmerin, and Lorena Sims. Absent: Allison Ware, Greta van Meeteren, and Melinda Greig-Walker. Ex-Officio present: Bob Bruce, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin Absent: Tracy Grilli, Casey Keiber. Others: None</p>		

Agenda

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Monday, May 29, 2017 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm ET

Dial In (if Free Long Distance): 530 881-1212 or 518 530-1840 or 701 801-1220 (preferred)

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

Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 EDT

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of 4/30 minutes
3. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) and vice president (Chris) Donn- Melinda has resigned as of July 1, Greta also will be stepping down from the committee after convention. To fill the sub committees that Colleen was on, James has stepped in with Club Assistant, Josie will now be on the NC Selection sub-committee, and Laurie has stepped in as the liaison for the 3k- 6k epostal event. Ali-thanked those persons for stepping in to help the committee. Chris- Taskforce for the ePostal Modernization taskforce has met and received comments, progress is being made. The recommendation will be made to the various committees and the BOD. Chris informed the committee on the Staff changes at the NO. All result postings should be sent to Casey Keiber.
4. 2018 Budget – new programs. This is the first deadline. Please post any ideas for new programs to the forum; this will be on the agenda again.
5. “ePostal Modernization” -- Please read document posted on forum. **NO ACTION DISCUSSION ONLY Report from Task Force members, James & Ali.** If you have comments let Ali and James know on the Forum or by email. Task Force has met. There are still discussions about the length of the swims offered and whether or not to keep the longer swims. The time line for the event participation is still being discussed since the registration for the event maybe prior to the swimmer completing the event. Scheduling pool time is also an issue if the time line is shorten. Although there are a small percentage of people that participate each year, it is still important to have these events. The

events also impact the All Star and All American awards. A proposal on this issue may be presented by the Task Force at the meeting in June.

6. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob

I have attached three documents: The Part 3 Rules in rule book format (dated (170522). Issues and proposals for consideration are listed in red. The Rules Scoresheet (dated 170529). I recommend that you print this to help you follow the discussion easily. A memo about USA-Swimming's adoption of the new FINA wetsuit rule. We will discuss this (hopefully, very briefly) as an issue. -- Time permitting, I plan to discuss all rules proposals that are preceded by "x" on the score sheet. Please prepare by reading and thinking about the items well before the meeting. If you wish to "pull" an item for further comments, questions, or debate, please send me your pulls before the meeting at coach-bob bruce at gmail dot com (NOT through this Forum). I also ask for additional pulls at the meeting, but I find it helpful to have pulls in advance. I also plan to host discussion on an issue that has come up recently, also indicated by "x" on the scoresheet. -- We require a quorum to do this, so please plan to be there to make your opinion heard. We can make a big dent in our rules workload at this meeting if we all come prepared!

MSP for the four rules under consideration that were not pulled. MSP for Rule 302.24b and 4c as amended. Rule 303.3.2a, 3a and 303.9.5 were tabled. Bob Bruce will work on the wording and present this rule change again next meeting.

USMS is not changing the current wetsuit rules. USA swimming has adopted the FINA wetsuit rule.

7. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all)

- a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn, Lorena. All will be involved during the spring.
- b. PARA – Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Jim Davidson; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie; Postal Series – James & Laurie Checkers – Mike, Lorena & Josie
- c. Club Assistant – **JAMES &** Phyllis
- d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim, Josie, Melinda
45 events have been sanctioned. 2 events are pending. 53 Safety Directors have been certified. Safety Directors reports providing great information about how events are conducted, number of swimmers, actual water and air temperature.
- e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis (ePostal Guide – James, Bob, Jill Melinda). (OW Champs Guide James, Phyllis)
As soon as the above events are closed out, I will be tackling the Postal GTO rewrite. I will get with Bob, Jill and Melinda soon to work in unison with this.
- f. 2019 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, **JOSIE**, Phyllis, & Allison
2019 Bid Subcommittee: Please note that bids for all events are welcomed, and please do encourage any and all possible hosts to apply. We are delighted to have Josie join us, and we thank her for stepping up. Also, the bid information collection is upgraded to include confirmation of discussion with the bidder's LMSC, this is to avert any confusions, misinformation or elements of surprises for the LMSC's.
- g. Communications — Laurie, Lead, Ali
- h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)
- i. Goals – Ali, lead; James, **OPEN**, Phyllis
 1. Increase participation by 10 percent over 2016 in total for postal national championships
 2. Identify two LDC members who will collaborate with two different USMS committees for mutual interests
 3. Incorporate diversity/inclusivity language into 2019 LDNC bid documents
 4. Recruit at least one 2019 festival bid
 5. Identify an LDC member to generate a standard entry form (SEF) for use by OWNC hosts and liaisons

Below is a list of the 2017 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.

- Swim Around Lido Key, Sarasota, FL April 24 7 miles
 - o Liaison: James Biles backup: Allison Ware
Just received revised financial report that has correct awards costs and detailed accounting of "Other" expenses. I will finish evaluation and get to Donn in the next couple of days. I also received a file with swimmers middle initials and clubs so I can get Greta's working group the files they need. I should close this event out very soon.
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 3 10 miles
 - Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
Chattanooga OWNC festival *fast approaches:
Here are today's numbers from one of the event directors:
1 mile fun swim has 133 swimmers, ~20 pilots
2.4 mile has 223 in champ heat, 49 with single event pass and ~20 pilots
9.2 has 99 in champ heat, and 100 pilots
We have 318 unique swimmers.
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 4 2.4 miles
 - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
See Above
- o Foster Lake, Sweet Home OR June 24 2-mile cable
 - o Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
Foster Lake 2 mile cable swim is on task. Currently there are 34 swimmers registered.
Bob is working on a safety director.
- ELK Lake, Bend, OR July 30 5K (3.1 miles)
 - o Liaison: Jill Wright backup: Jim Davidson
Elk Lake 5K OWNC in Bend, OR is on task. There are about 30 swimmers registered (I'm one of them). Bob is still working on a safety director.
- o Angle Lake, Sea-Tac, WA Sept. 23 1-mile
 - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Michael Fanelli
Angle Lake Sprint OW NC -- they are behind with safety plan and draft entry. Working with event host to get them caught up.
- OHeP: Ohio Masters Swim Club, Avon, OH
 - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Mike Fanelli & Allison Ware
USPS mangled and lost several award mailings. Some medals found in the post office and were sent to the NO. Host has reshipped lost medals to proper recipients. Ft Lauderdale has not yet paid their group entry fees, Club Assistant is working to get this resolved. Once complete, CA can send host their final disbursement report and host can then complete the Financial Report and I can finish the evaluation and close out this event.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Swim Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren lead; backup: Phyllis Quinn & Lorena Sims
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Loveland Masters Swim Club, Fort Collins, CO
 - o Liaison: **LAURIE HUG**, lead; backup: Jim Davidson & Josephine Palmerin
I am taking over as liaison for Colleen Driscoll. I have been in touch with both the host and Colleen. We are a bit behind the timeline schedule but Doug Garcia assured me he will catch up quickly and has been in touch with Club Assistant.

Other business for the good of the order

James reports: It's time to bid out for a resupply of awards. I will prep paperwork and get to Donn for approval. James also wanted to ask about the rules for emailing files with personal information such as

Birthdates. Chris asked the committee to submit a recommendation. Committee member should post their comments to the forum.

Call Ended 9:18 pm

Next Call – **Sunday, June 25**, with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT & 4 PM ADT.