

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:		6/28/2020	

Number of committee members present:	15	Absent:	0	Number of other delegates present:	4
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall, Lorena Sims, Phyllis Quinn, James Davidson, Robin Smith, Catherine Rust, Dave Brancamp, Donn Livioni, Stephen Rouch, Chuck Beatty, Sarah King, Bob Singer, Jenny Hodges, Laurie Hug, Jill Wright, Alana Aubin.					
Ex-Officio members present: Kimberly Elsbach, David Miner, Jay Eckert.					

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Motion to approve moving section 203 to 302.6. Motion: Alana Aubin. Second: Laurie Hug. Motion carried without opposition.
2. Motion to approve the omnibus proposal to split up part 2 and move as described. Motion: Alana Aubin. Second: Robin Smith. Motion carried without opposition.

Motions Passed:

3. Approval of minutes from May 31, 2020. Motion: Kimberly Elsbach. Second: Dave Brancamp. Motion passed.
4. Motion to approve moving section 203 to 302.6. Motion: Alana Aubin. Second: Laurie Hug. Motion carried without opposition.
5. Motion to approve the omnibus proposal to split up part 2 and move as described. Motion: Alana Aubin. Second: Robin Smith. Motion carried without opposition.

Agenda and Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM EST.

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Approval of meeting minutes from May 31, 2020. Motion: Kim. Second: Dave. Motion carried.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis), vice president (Donn), and national office representative (Jay).
 - Ali - Nothing to report.
 - Phyllis - Nothing to report.
 - Donn - Reminder to get the rules in by August 1st to Jessica in preparation for convention. Bids and awards due July 1st. Reminder to confirm with LMSC that you are a delegate so that information will go to the right people. Things will be more finalized in approximately 1 week regarding how voting and discussion will go at convention. Congratulations to the Rules committee for being so far ahead of schedule. The recommendation of the board is that there should be no sanctions prior to August 1st. No decision has been determined beyond that date at this time. Next board meeting is on the 11th and may be considered at that time.
 - Jay - Guide to operations navigation has been updated in order to make things easier to access. Open water central is geared toward swimming, volunteers, and event directors and includes an open water calendar of events, training, etc. Things that are still pending are the results database

and operations document. USMS COVID relief fund is available with webinar on July 8th. Working with USAS and USAT to advocate for pools reopening and getting information out for best practices. Virtual events are approved by the board, but in-person events are not currently being sanctioned as previously discussed. As regards USMS Pandemic Response (from email):

USMS COVID-19 Relief Program launched to financially support local USMS clubs as they restart operations.

Resources for swimmers, coaches (including this restart guide), event organizers, and volunteer leaders are continually being updated.

Advocating to government officials and policy makers through the new Aquatics Coalition.

At the June 15 meeting, the BOD extended the recommendation for LMSCs to not sanction in-person events through July. This will be revisited for August and beyond at the July 11 BOD meeting. In the meantime, we'll be focusing on virtual events including established events like the 2020 USMS 5K/10K ePostal National Championships, locally organized virtual events like Pool Versus Cool, and the new 2020 Toyota USMS Virtual Championships.

Nothing can replace the in-person experience of a championship event, but the goal of the Virtual Championships is to offer a fun way for USMS members to compete in both pool and OW races while in-person events are on hold. It will be free for members to participate on Swim.com, but participants that pay the optional \$20.20 fee will receive a medal, cap, sticker, window cling and be eligible for raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit the USMS COVID-19 Relief Program for local USMS clubs.

The Virtual Championships will also help us provide some replacements for partner activations that were contracted for canceled events. We're in the process of collecting prizes from our partners. If any of the canceled OWNCs would like to provide raffle prizes we could use that as a way to promote their destination/club/event. Richmond Region Tourism, one of our local partners for 2020 USMS Summer Nationals, has expressed an interest in providing raffle items.

Link to virtual championships: <https://www.usms.org/events/virtual-championships>

4. Working group reports.
 - a. Ex-Officio from OWC report: Kim Elsbach
 - Open water committee had a long discussion about the virtual championships which includes both pool and open water. Open water central is up and running and a big improvement over the previous website section.
 - b. 2020 Rules/Legislation –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve.
 - Motion to move 203 into 302.6 - Alana Second - Laurie Motion carried.
 - Move to approve the Omnibus proposal to split up part 2 and move as described - Alana. Second - Robin. Motion carried.
 - c. PARA – Jim and Sarah; 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.
 - Our Inventory is good for remainder of this year and 2021.
 - d. Club Assistant – Robin & Steve.
 - Nothing to report.
 - e. LD NC Host Tutorial Working Group: Sarah, Robin, Lorena.
 - Nothing to report.
 - f. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead.
 - Nothing to report.
 - g. Documents – Bob, lead; & Jim (ePostal Guide – Bob & Jill; OW NC Guide – Bob & Chuck).

5. USMS Cable OWNC: Lake Placid, NY (2 miles) -- CANCELLED
 - Liaison: Donn Backup: Bob S.
6. USMS Marathon Distance OWNC: Lake George, NY (10k) -- CANCELLED
 - Liaison: Ali Backup: Bob S.
7. OHeP: Tamalpais Masters -- COMPLETE
 - Liaisons: Sarah Backup: Lorena
8. 5,000m/10,000m: Southern Oregon Masters -- IN PROGRESS
 - Liaison: Jim Backup: Jenny
 - No entries yet into the 5k/10k, but the event is open. Waiting for club assistant to go live with the registration page. Club Assistant had to make changes on their end regarding the conversion between yards and meters and the fee for this has been absorbed into the LDC budget.
9. 3,000y/6,000y: Palm Beach Masters -- UPCOMING
 - Liaison: Jill Backup: Chuck
 - Palm Beach Masters has submitted a preliminary entry form. Feedback has been given and corrections are in the works.