

## USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

Committee Name: Long Distance Session # (if more than one meeting): 2 Cmte. report #: **31**

Minutes recorded by: Janet Renner Date/time of this meeting: 09/18/04 8:00  
a.m.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **LD2 – MSA passed.**
2. **LD3 – MSA passed as follows: The liability release must be signed by each person prior to participation.**
3. **LD6 – MSA passed as follows: Swimmers shall not receive flotation or propulsion from any escort craft nor make intentional contact with any craft.**
4. **LD8 - MSA passed as follows: Club point scoring for the 3000/6000 yard and 5k/10k postal national championships may be calculated based on a pre-determined formula, approved by the Long Distance Committee, to fit the age group national record times for each gender. A preformatted spreadsheet containing this formula will be supplied to the meet directors.**
5. **MSA passed: To consider for historical purposes the 1975 and 1976 Long Distance champions as All Americans.**
6. **MSA passed: To adopt the die cast medal with details to be determined by a subcommittee.**
7. **MSA passed: 5/10K to May 15-Sep 15 and the 3000/6000 to Sep 15-Nov 15**

Committee Chair: Peter Crumbine Vice Chair(s): Marcia Cleveland

Number of committee members present: 15 Absent: 2 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 18

Committee members present: Peter Crumbine, Marcia Cleveland, Jim Wheeler, Bruce Hopson, Doug Brogan, Steve Schofield, Danielle Ogier, Dick Sidner, Bob Bruce, Pam Himstreet, Shannon Sullivan, Rob Copeland, Randy Nutt, Laura Kessler, Janet Renner; Ex officio: Robert Zeitner, Bill Volkening, Graham Johnston; Liaison: Lynn Hazelwood

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 8:04 a.m.

- I. Rule Reviews:
  - a. LD8 – Club Scoring: New scoring for 3000/6000 postal - Pro's: Increased participation. Cons: Too complicated. Friendly MSA to change "shall" to "may", add 5/10K in the first sentence, and delete 3000/6000 in the last sentence. MSA accepted.
  - b. LD1 – Failed.
  - c. LD2 – MSA.
  - d. LD3 – MSA: The liability release must be signed by each person prior to participation.
  - e. LD4 – Failed.
  - f. LD5 – Failed.
  - g. LD6 – MSA: Swimmers shall not receive flotation or propulsion from any escort craft not intentional contact with any craft.
  - h. LD7 – MSA.
- II. Reports:
  - a. Robert Zeitner: Awards and bids – have adequate supply of medals and patches
  - b. Paul Wrangell: Historian (by Peter Crumbine) – transfer of documents is complete. No information on 1974 Championships, but 1975 & 1976 records found. MSA to accept for historical purposes these lists be considered All Americans
  - c. Laura Kessler: All Americans – some problems with completing the forms but big improvement due to submission via excel spreadsheets.
  - d. Julie Stewart: All Stars (by Peter Crumbine) – letters have been sent, but not yet awards. Mel Goldstein is on top of this.
  - e. Bruce Hopson: Liaison 2006 World Championships/Michael Moore – There are only 4 officials on the FINA list for OW, so recruiting for more. Event is 3K and takes place the day after the pool finish. You will have to hit a board at the finish, and there may also be chip timing. Bruce Hopson will follow up on officials.
  - f. Rob Copeland: LD Policy Manual – skeleton of the document is complete. Peter and Marcia will work with Rob on Draft #2 before sending to the entire committee.

- g. Jim Wheeler: Safety Manual – The next step is to develop a web page with existing content and links. Then we need to communicate with the LMSC's on enforcing these for all sanctioned events, not just championships.
  - h. Danielle Ogier: ISHOF Nominations – Subcommittee to help with nominations. Chair: Danielle; Members: Marcia, Pam and Randy.
  - i. New Medals: Pam Himstreet – Choice is between existing (heavy, cheap), cloisonné (light, expensive), and die cast (light, cheap). Bill Volkening designed the new medal. MSA passed to adopt the die cast medal with details to be determined by a subcommittee. Subcommittee: Chair: Robert; Members: Pam, Shannon and Bill.
- III. New business:
- a. Assignment of evaluators for the 2005 championships:
    - i. 1 Hour Postal: Dick Sidner
    - ii. 5k/10k Postal: Bob Bruce
    - iii. 3000/6000 Postal: Danielle Ogier
    - iv. 2 mile cable, Lake Placid, NY, July 16<sup>th</sup>: Doug Brogan
    - v. 1 mile OW, Bend, Oregon, July 30<sup>th</sup>: Bill Volkening
    - vi. 3-6 mile OW, La Jolla, CA, Aug 7th: Steve Schofield
    - vii. 1-3 mile OW, Chicago, IL, Sept 10th: Robert Zeitner
    - viii. 10K Fort Myers, TX, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: Rob Copeland
  - b. Evaluator Discussion: Peter will send out a reminder and the form to all evaluators at the beginning of the year. Evaluator should be in contact with the meet director throughout the process and collaborate with any other committee member at the event.
  - c. New postal schedule: MSA passed (i).
    - i. 5/10K from May 15-Sept 15 and the 3000/6000 to Sep 15-Nov 15
    - ii. 5/10K from May 15-Aug 31 and the 3000/6000 from Sep 1 – Oct 31
  - d. Convert One Hour Postal to 30/60 minute swim opposed due to conflict with the Fitness Committee's swim.
  - e. Wetsuit sponsorship – do not want wetsuit company having control over events. Opposed.
  - f. FINA rule not to allow pace timers. Opposed for Long Distance.
  - g. Review of OW Manual – Subcommittee Chair: Steve; Members: Shannon, Marcia.
  - h. Chris Foote on OHP – Nancy Ridout: Registration is always a problem every year they have hosted this event (3 times). Offered to share the program they developed to process the splits of each entrant. Online entry, which is expected by year's end, should solve many of the problems.
  - i. Channel Swimmers: Marcia reviewed accomplishments of George Brumstad and Marcy MacDonald. Connecticut seems to be a center for channel swimmers and will be featured in the first issue of USMS Swimmer.
  - j. Laura Kessler: OHIO working on creating online entries for 2006 One Hour Postal. LDC supports subject to approval by Legal Counsel.
  - k. Dick Sidner: On behalf of Mel Goldstein, consider team scoring on yards per swimmer basis for the One Hour Postal.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:08 a.m..

### TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Review of the OW Manual
2. Implementation of new medals
3. ISHOF OW Nomination
4. Safety web page.