

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING
LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT

1. Chairman Report and Announcements.

- a. Of the eight Long Distance National Championships, all but four events had been completed. The remaining events are the Postal 10K, Postal 6000, 1 mile Great Beach Challenge at Manhattan Beach, and 5 mile open water swim.
- b. Update on USS Long Distance Swimming
 - i. Sid Cassidy, USS National Long Distance Team Coach, presented a goal of working closer with the USMS Long Distance Committee.
 - ii. USS is looking for host for the 1994 Long Distance Championship.
 - iii. USS is going to be offering a long distance open water camp June 19-26 in Atlantic City.

2. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. Long Distance Calendar - Gary McDowell again prepared the 1993 Long Distance Calendar. Gary prepares the document with no financial assistance from USMS and incurs some personnel financial liability. The Chair reappointed the Ad Hoc long distance calendar be chaired by Steve Schofield and Gary McDowell.
 - b. All American - Peter Crumbine collated the data for all events eligible for records.
 - c. Long Distance Survey - Sally Ann Dillon collected the data from the National Championships, who stated that we didn't use the bias put into the survey by the wimp sprinters. There were a significant number of people who expressed the desire of having the long distance events on the last day of the meet.
 - d. Performance Awards - Still looking into defining an All-Star team and the criteria. Sally Ann Dillon will be assisted by Kevin Polansky and Shannon Sullivan.
3. Bids for the 1995 Long Distance National Championships were collected and reviewed. The selection of championship bids were as follows:

1995 Championship	Awarded To:	Time Frame (1995)
1 Mile Swim	Virginia Beach Masters	June 18
2 Mile Swim on 1/4 Mile Straightaway	O*H*I*O Masters	July 22
Open Water 1.5 to 3 Mile	Long Beach Swim Club	3rd Sunday in July
Open Water 3.5 to 5 Mile	City of Ft. Lauderdale & ISHOF	May 22
Open Water 6+ Mile	Coronado Masters Assn	Mid August
1 Hour Postal	Georgia Masters	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31
6000 Yd. Postal	Gulf Masters	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
10K Postal	Pacific Northwest Masters	May 15 - Sept. 30

4. Lynn Hazlewood, Sally, and Peter are going to work on putting together a more inclusive bid package for National Championship.
5. Long Distance Rule changes were reviewed. It was felt that none of the submitted rule changes were emergency legislation and therefore, none of the rules came out of the committee favorably.
6. A discussion about standardizing the postal meet entries was entertained. Standardization and distribution to the LMSCs could minimize printing space in Swim magazine. Rob Copeland will address this issue through the meet entries that will be submitted.
7. Experience from the 1993 One Hour Postal indicated that there were problems encountered because of the new registration year. It was decided to monitor the results of the 1994 One hour Postal to gain insight into their problems and investigate it at next year's meeting.
8. New Business

(i) How to Expand Participation

- 1) One avenue is to allow one event registration. The sense of the committee is to approve the proposed legislation changes which allow one event registration.
- 2) Wet suits at events - Dan Empfield of Quintana Roo Enterprises (a leading wetsuit manufacturer) gave a request to expose more participation in USMS through the addition of an advertisement in the TriFed news magazine about USMS. This idea will be given to the Marketing Committee for consideration. In addition, he discussed the advantages of using wetsuits at meets. A wetsuit allows some advantage and that the consensus of the group was to allow wetsuit competitors to compete in a separate group/event. He also offered to donate wetsuits at competitions for prizes.
- 3) Lowering Distance Requirements - Since the definition of Open Water events require that the distance be over 1650 yards, there are many shorter open water events that do qualify. It was discovered there exists an inconsistency in the rules about this subject. Dale Petranick suggested that the name of the committee is changed to Open Water Swim Committee to be more in line with the USS.
- 4) Develop Guidelines for running an event - a meet director's booklet is in work and will be developed in conjunction with USS.
- 5) Collecting articles that describe and encourage open water swimming that can be used as an information package for LMSCs.

(ii) National Championships

1994 Championship	Awarded To:	Time Frame (1994)
1 Mile Swim	O*H*I*O Masters	Aug. 7
2 Mile Swim on 1/4 Mile Straightaway	Virginia Masters	July 11th
Open Water 1.5 to 3 Mile	Adirondack Masters, Mirror Lake	July 16 (?)
Open Water 3.5 to 5 Mile	Minnesota Masters, Lake Minnetanka	Aug. 6th
Open Water 6+ Mile	Southern Pacific Masters, Seal Beach	July 16th
1 Hour Postal	St. Louis Masters	Jan.1 - Jan. 31
6000 Yd. Postal	Southern Pacific Masters, Aliso Hills Swim Ranch	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
10K Postal	Berkeley Aquatics Masters, NJ	May 15 - Sept. 30

- 1) Bid forms - a new bid form was presented and discussed. It decided to accept the form and use it for a couple of years. Final updates will be sent to Lynn Hazlewood who will put it together.
 - 2) Awards - there was a commitment from the present supplier to continue manufacturing the national medals.
 - 3) National Banner - a banner to be used by the hosts of the national events will be purchased to draw attention as to the importance of the meets.
9. A summary of the survey will be developed and sent to the Championship Committee and the 1994 hosts for consideration. In addition, a copy will be given to the Executive Committee as to other places to give the survey results.
10. The Maui Relay had an incident where members of different clubs organized into a team. Since the event was a sanctioned event, this is a violation of our current USMS rules. The sense of the committee was that a letter will be drafted and sent to the LMSC of the event.

Respectfully Submitted - Craig Tribuzi