

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

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| Committee Name: Long Distance | Session #: 1 | Report #: 22 |
| Committee Chair: Marcia Cleveland | Vice Chair: Ann Svenson | |
| Minutes recorded by: Marcia Benjamin | Date/time of meeting: 092707 2:30-4:00pm | |

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. NONE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING

Action Items:

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| Number of committee members present: 15 | Absent: 3 | Number of other delegates present: 51 |
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Ann Svenson (Vice Chair), Marcia Benjamin, Bob Bruce, Laura Colette, Jill Gellatly, Heather Hagadorn, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Randy Nutt, Jennie Quill, Janet Renner, Gerry Rodrigues, Dick Sidner, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner, Susan Ehringer (Ex-Officio), Leo Letendre (VP, Nat'l Op)

Absent: Danielle Ogier, Janet Renner, Tom Spence

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

- I. The LDC is saddened by the loss of former committee member, Steve Schofield of SPAM, and open water standout swimmer, Dave Parcels of Connecticut. The committee supports the dedication of the 2008 Rule Book to Steve Schofield.

- II. A discussion of the merits of separating the Long Distance Postal Swims from the Long Distance Committee (turning the LD Committee into the Open Water Committee and giving the Postal Swims to the Championship Committee) ensued, as introduced by Leo Letendre. Points included philosophical differences, the logistics of awards, losing the expertise of the LD Committee, and allowing the LD Committee to focus its efforts on increasing the participation of the Open Water Championship swims.

- III. Review of 2009 Championship Bids and selection
 - A. Open water Bidders for 2009 (accepted bid in *italics*)
 1. >6 Mile: *Harbor Springs, MI TBA*; Metropolitan July 11 (withdrew their bid)
 2. 3-6 Mile: *Big Shoulders/Chicago Sept 12*; Harbor Springs, MI; Metropolitan,
 3. 1 Mile: *Millerton Lake (Clovis), CA*; Harbor Springs, MI (*backup site as a contingency*); Lake Placid, NY; Virginia Beach; Virginia Masters
 4. 2 Mile Cable: *Lake Placid, NY Aug TBA*; Virginia Masters
 5. 1-3 Mile: *Canandaigua, NY July 18*; Lake Placid, NY (withdrawn); Harbor Springs, MI; Charlotte, NC (not represented); Lee County/Swim FLA

 - B. Postal Bidders for 2009 (accepted bid in *italics*)
 1. OHP: *Ohana/PNW*; Clemson, SC (withdrawn); Tamalpais, TAM, CA; O*H*I*O; YMCA Indy SwimFit (withdrawn)
 2. 3-6K: *Clemson, SC*; Ohana/PNW; YMCA Indy SwimFit, Lawrence River City Sharks, KS
 3. 5-10K: *Minuteman, NEM*, Ohana/PNW; YMCA Indy SwimFit,

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

Assignment of Evaluators for 2008 OW/LD Events

- a. OHP YMCA Indy Swim Fit: (Tom Spence)
- b. 3000-6000 Swim Louisville: (Marcia Benjamin)
- c. 5-10K COMA: (Jill Wright)
- d. 6 Mile OW Clemson, SC 6/14: (Laura Colette)
- e. 1 Mile OW CONN Masters 6/28: (Susan Kirk)
- f. 2 Mile Cable OW Chris Greene, VA 7/12: (Ann Svenson)
- g. 3-6 Mile COMA, OR 8/3: (Laura Colette)
- h. 1-3 Mile Wisconsin Masters 8/23: (Jennie Quill, Robert Zeitner)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm .
