

Committee Name: Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Donn Livoni	Vice Chair: Vacant	
Minutes recorded by: Bruce Hopson	Date/time of meeting: 11/24/2013	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent: 8	Number of other delegates present: N/A
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, James Biles, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Michael Heather, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Greta van Meeteren, Phyllis Quinn, Dick Sidner, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner; Chris McGiffin, Bill Roach and Lynn Hazelwood, *ex officio*.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. EST

1. Welcome and roll call
2. MSA minutes of 10/27/2013
3. Insurance Update from BOD Chris McGiffin reported that the BOD had requested that the LDC make an over-budget request to the Finance Committee for having the insurance surcharge for Open Water National Championship events waived for 2014. Also, the BOD has not received an insurance quote.
4. OW Temp/Quality Task Force – Bob Bruce reported that task force has met and was looking into making recommendations regarding sanctioning rules and processes
5. Long Distance Goals – McGiffin previously distributed a spread sheet setting forth the 8 goals Jim Sauer had developed with input from LDC members. McGiffin recommended that the committee review the document for the committee to act on by the next meeting.
6. Livoni updated the committee on the mentoring process for liaisons
7. Livoni updated the committee on the status of the 2014 National Championship events. Contracts are currently being sent out.
8. Working groups – Each of the chairs listed below submitted their respective reports
 - a. Rules/Legislation – Bob sent his report out as the Rule timelines.
 - b. **PARA subcommittee: The AA files for all the OWNC are complete, we're awaiting the 5K and 10K files to incorporate in the documents.**
Awards
5K/10K postal award order shipped; no returns and payment yet.
3000y/6000y postal award order not yet due. Postal patch -- Have begun the results compilation; waiting for 5K/10K and 3000y/6000y results.
 - c. **Club Assistant ~ ~ Susan, lead; Michael**
We are currently awaiting a timeline from Club Assistant for the (2) software enhancements for the Postal National Championships.
 - d. Safety
 - e. Manuals Sub-Comm: I've gotten comments from both Greta and her husband, who helped with the last rewrite. Nothing from Bob or James yet, but hey! it's a busy season. And I know Bob's been busy. I haven't had a chance to review what I've got so far. Update on Manuals Sub-

Committee: I have gotten suggestions from ALL the sub-committee members and will go over them soon.

- f. **2016 NC Selection** ~~ **Susan, Ann, Jim, Ali**
This working group is on standby at this time as we await the upcoming LDC discussions of defining open water festivals and how to go about securing more bidders. This working group will also be discussing improvements to the bid submission process.
- g. **LDC Communications and Publications Liaison to USMS NO** ~~ **Susan, lead ; Ann**
November 2013 Streamlines contained a small blurb of current LDC event happenings -
- ie. still time left to swim 3000/6000, congrats to 5K/10K participants, and encouragement to check out the 2014 OW and PNC preview in SWIMMER.
- h. **LDC National Championship Oversight** ~~ **Ann and Susan**
The 2014 LDC Internal Open Water National Championship timeline spreadsheet (Google Drive) has been developed and shared with the respective involved committee members.
The 2014 Championship packets are currently being developed and will be shared with the event liaisons by early January.

2014 OHP ~~ **Susan and Ann co-leads; Jim backup**
The 2014 OHP is current to the LDC timeline. Tasks will begin picking up in December as we approach the start date of the event on January 1, 2014.

3000/6000 Here is the update on the 3000/6000 postal from Dave Gibson:-

[Here's the totals to date:](#)

- 464 Swimmers
- 533 Events
- Still getting entries (deadline soon)

Other items of note:

- 31 entries were received by mail. The main site through USMS (Upcoming events) linked directly to a paper entry, which probably drove many of these paper entries.
- I'll need to work with Karin a bit to clean-up some of the accounting. At the last minute we changed the web-site to charge \$17 per t-shirt, the PDF did not get updated.
- \$200 sent to national office, I asked for a receipt - I did not receive anything

5K/10K update: I am still awaiting the official All Star and Records files.

I'll forward the Excel files to REZ as is, so he can get his report together.

Elk Lake 5k 2014 OWNC (August 3), the excellent event host (Bob Bruce) is ready to get started once the contract is exchanged and signed. He has requested and has received the event timeline (just posted so efficiently by Susan Kirk on our Google Docs location).

Once the contract is exchanged and signed for the **Lake George** 10k 2014 OWNC, I will be communicating the timeline and other particulars with that event host.

LAKE BERRYESSA --As soon as the contract is signed, I will have a discussion with the race director for the one mile swim at Berryessa. I was informed earlier this week, that they may have to change the area of the lake where the swim is being held.

LAKE PLACID Initial emails with Ann Svenson and David Dammerman for the Lake Placid meet being held on 8/16/14. Waiting for the contracts to be signed.

Chattanooga OW NC May, 17, 2013 -- they are getting things together and starting work on the sanction application, with safety plan and entry forms. They have recently sent me their logo which looks very nice. The water temp is expected to be between 68-72 (I hope it is closer to 72 :-)

Other business for the good of the order

9. Next Call – **Sunday, Dec 22 with times of 8 PM EST, 7 PM CST, 6 PM MST & 5 PM PST.**

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:00 p.m. EST
