

Committee Name:	Long Distance Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	John Traynor
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Reeder	Date/time of meeting:	Feb 24th, 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 13	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni (chair), John Traynor (vice-chair), Nadine Day (USMS President), David Diehl (EC-Ex-0), Lynn Hazelwood (OW-Ex-O), Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Greta Van Meeteren, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Jim Sauer, Ali Hall, Tom Spence,		

Motions Passed:

1. Combine the All-American/All-Star/Postal Awards Sub-Committee and the Records Sub-Committee into one Sub-Committee.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM Eastern Time.

1. New Sanction Guidelines. There are two NC which are currently in jeopardy with the new guidelines. Phil White, the race director from the 9+ Championship in Vermont, has indicated that he cannot meet the new prop guard or POI requirements. He is awaiting a decision in regards to the sanction. The 10K in Las Vegas is also having difficulties and meeting the requirements will result in a large increase in their entry fee. Susan Kirk reported that they are still working to put the swim together. Karen Reeder said she will try and schedule the next safety call for March 16th or 17th.
2. Tom had a plan to combine All-American/All-Star/Postal Awards Sub-Committee with the Records Sub-Committee to help streamline work processes. There was little feedback received about this since the previous LD meeting. Motion was made to form one committee, with an acronym other than AARP. Motion: John Traynor Second: Bob Bruce. Passed Unanimously
3. Conference Committee Format – Lynn, Donn, and Bob B had a conf. call on Thursday, the 21 and were of the consensus that no change in the rules process was needed at this time. Kathy Casey also attended the conf. call.
4. Open Water Grant Relief Program. This will be a combination of people from several committees of which LD has one representative. Susan Kirk was nominated and accepted this position.
5. Nadine Day answered some questions in regards to the new sanction regulations.
 - a. There is no avenue for having a sanction without USMS insurance. Swims may choose to run their events according to USMS rules without a sanction.
 - b. In previous years, the POI for volunteer boats was assumed to have been in place whereas now it is required to show proof this document.
 - c. If an event host decides to get insurance on their own, USMS Risk Management Services is willing to review their coverage to ensure the event is adequate.

6. Next Call – March 24, 8:00 PM EST.