

Committee Name: Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Donn Livoni	Vice Chair: Vacant	
Minutes recorded by: Donn Livoni	Date/time of meeting: 6/1/2014 8 PM EDT	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

- 1.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall, Susan Kirk, Donn Livoni, Phyllis Quinn, Dick Sidner, James Biles, Greta Van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Rob Copeland, Colleen Driscoll. Ex-Officio Chris McGiffin, Lyn Hazelwood, Bill Roach		

Minutes

Long Distance Committee

Call in information—**Please note new phone numbers and codes**

Sunday, June 1, 2014 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm EDT

Dial In (if Free Long Distance): [530-881-1212](tel:530-881-1212)

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Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN: 7956

The meeting was called to order at

1. Welcome and roll call -- LDC members **not** attending convention – Ali Hall & Colleen Driscoll. Robert Zeitner does not know at this time
2. Approval of Minutes from 4/27/14 – M/S/A with change from Susan K
3. **Report from BOD** – Chris – nothing new
4. **Report on Open Water Task Force** – Rob C & Chris – The TF has not met recently. Rob reported that there has been discussion regarding “recognized” OW events and an OW event data base.
5. **LDC Goals** – The committee voted in favor of pursuing four (4) goals for 2014:
 1. To increase the number of qualified bids received for review for all of the Postal and Open Water National Championships.
 2. To restructure the NC bid forms distribution and collection process to streamline the collection and compilation process for the LDC.
 3. Begin development of a multiple-day LD festival.
 4. Increase participation in OW and Postal National Championship by 10%
6. **2014 NC events** – Donn
 - Liaisons – Please update the timeline.
 - Lake Minnetonka – coming along very slowly

Working groups (WG) See written reports

- a. **Rules/Legislation** – Bob lead; Donn, Bruce, Lynn, Rob & everyone involved – Part 3 rules.
- b. **PARA** (Patches, All-Americans, Records, All-Stars) – Greta Lead; Denise, Ali, Robert, Bruce, Phyllis, Jill, The OHP results are in and have been distributed to the committee members for their work.

The committee is awaiting the official results from the Chattanooga OWNC.

c. **Club Assistant**--Susan, lead; All necessary changes have been made to move forward with 100% online entries for the newly named ePostal National Championships beginning with the 2014 5K/10K ePostal NCs.

d. **Safety** – Bill Roach, lead; Rob 40 open water events have been sanctioned.

7 events were held in May.

e. **Manuals & Documents** – Ann, lead; Greta, James, Bob, Rob

f. **2016 NC Selection** – Susan, Ann, Ali, Robert, Denise Communication efforts to solicit bids is ongoing. Blurbs were included in both the May 15th issue of STREAMLINES for Coaches and the May 20th issue of STREAMLINES for Volunteers.

Efforts are still continuing to woo bidders for a 2016 East Coast multi-OW NC festival. Please remember to network with the event directors of ow events that you feel would be enticing candidates to bid. Desired swim categories for the festival would be the 1-Mile, > 3 / < 6 mile, and a longer swim either > 9 mile or + > 6/ < 9 Mile.

g. **LDC Communications and Publications Liaison to USMS NO** Susan, lead ; Ann The 2015 USMS ePostal and Open Water National Championship event information letter and link to the electronic form to be completed by the event directors to collect detailed event information for publishing/marketing has been sent to all 2015 NC event directors. The deadline for their submission of information to the LDC is Friday, August 15th to be included in the 2014 Nov/Dec issue of SWIMMER magazine which will preview all of the 2015 Long Distance National Championship events.

h. **LDC National Championship Oversight** – Ann, Susan, and Donn: A proposal was submitted to and passed by the LDC to eliminate the mail-in option for postal national championships, beginning with the 2014 5K/10K Postal National Championships. The new name ePostal National Championships was adopted after consultation with the USMS Communications and Publications Director.

Below is a list of the 2014 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned. See written reports

- Chattanooga Outdoors (Tennessee River, TN) 1-3 mile (2.4 mile) 5/17
Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Greta Van Meeteren, The 2.4 mile OW NC event in Chattanooga on May 17: The event was very well done with 127 entries. Rob Copeland, James Biles and I swam the events along with former LDC/OW chair Marcia Cleveland. The water was 70 and the air 52 with a steady rain.
- Davis Aquatic Masters (Lake Berryessa, CA) 1-mile 6/7
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Jill Wright Lake Berryessa is on track, there are 128 entries for the one mile. They will be using a new venue at the Lake, so they have had some challenges because of this change.
- Genesis/Hopkins Masters (Lake Minnetonka, MN) 9+ mile (10 mile) 7/26
 - Liaison: Robert Zeitner backup: James Biles No response since my last email to Scott. My suggestion is to pull the event for non-compliance with the contract and with LD championship procedures. I don't know what's wrong with him other than he is substantially overextended. If he can't get his act together now before the event, are we taking a chance on the day of the event?
- Central Oregon Masters (Elk Lake, OR) 3-6 mile (5K) 8/3
 - Liaison: Ali Hall backup: James Biles Elk Lake 5k OWNC For the Elk Lake 5k OWNC, the host reports 23 stalwart entrants (sans, presently, Marcia Cleveland) AND expresses glee that the roads are now plowed so an aspirant can actually get to the lake.
- Adirondack Masters, (Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY) (2-mile cable) 8/16
Liaison: Colleen Driscoll backup: Denise Brown The Lake Placid Cable Champs are on track. Currently there are 34 entrants.
- Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 6-9 mile (10K) 8/23 Lake George 10k OWNC

- Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Colleen Driscoll For the Lake George 10k OWNC, all is on track for a safe and successful event; the host reports that Marcia Cleveland is among the 35 registrants. He is especially excited, being in possession of an autographed copy of Dover Solo. Let it also be known that Susan Kirk and the Jersey contingent are expected at the start line.
- OHP: Indy Swim Fit
 - Liaison: Ann Svenson/Susan Kirk co-leads; backup: James Biles This event is now complete as the LDC eval was submitted to the LDC Chair and then submitted to the NO for a full refund of the performance deposit to the host, Indy Aquatic Masters. They did a superb job and received a score of 100% for their outstanding administration of the 2014 OHP.
- 5,000M/10,000M Postal: Rogue Valley Masters
 - Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, lead; backup: Jill Wright The online tutorial went well, registration was tested and the event is under way!.
- 3,000/6,000 Postal: Central Oregon Masters
 - Liaison: Dick Sidner, Lead; backup: Bruce Hopson 3000/6000 postal is on track.
- 7. Other business for the good of the order
- 8. Next Call – **June 29th, Sunday with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM EST