

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	Ali Hall		
Minutes recorded by:	Donn Livoni	Date/time of meeting:	11/29/2015		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

- 1.

Number of committee members present: 13 **Absent: 0** **Number of other delegates present: 0**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, Vice Chair, Bob Bruce, Jim Davidson, Melinda Grieg-Walker, Phyllis Quinn, Mike Fanelli, James Biles, Greta van Meeteren, Jill Wright, Laurie Hug, Allison Ware, Colleen Driscoll. Ex-officio; Chris McGiffin, Tracy Grilli, Doug Sayers, Elaine Howley, Bill Roach. **100% attendance!!!**

Minutes

Long Distance Committee -- **THE LDC NEEDS A NOTE TAKER FOR CONF. CALLS AND DURING MEETINGS AT CONVENTION. ALSO, A SECRETARY TO WORK DURING CONVENTION ON THE RULES/LEGISLATION PRESENTATION.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM EST

1. Welcome and roll call **New members and returning members were welcomed.**
2. Reports from the chair (Donn) and vice chair (Ali) and vice president (Chris).
 - a. Entry violation – **The Chair reported that a USMS member had submitted an unverifiable entry to the 2015 & 2104 5k & 10K ePostal events. The individual’s entry for 2015 was disallowed and after further investigation the 2104 entry was deemed erroneous. The 2104 results will be corrected with the individuals name removed and their 2014 All-American ranking deleted from the records. The ePostal hosts have been notified about this individual and they are on a “watch list” for any further violations of the rules. If there are any further violations further consequences will be considered. The Chair will communicate with the individual.**
 - b. **USMS NO sponsorship/info sheet due date of 12/11 – liaisons please make sure your event hosts have received and are completing this form. Keep a copy for yourself and send me one also. 2016 contracts for OWNC events will be sent out on Dec. 1 and a reminder to liaisons to get the marketing/sponsorship information from the hosts back to USMS NNO by Dec. 11. OW NC timelines and Champs packets will be sent to liaisons by Dec. 4 to be forwarded to event hosts.**
 - c. **Working Group (WG) and liaison assignments. Please review below and let me know if there are problems. Allison Ware was added to the 2018 NC Selection WG**
3. Discussion and possible action on Rule interpretation of 303.7.3 Independent Safety Monitor (ISM) and whether they can swim in the event or not. This comes as a request by a LMSC Chair. Bob Bruce is sending out, via the forum, a job description for the ISM. This is an important discussion, as we need to address this prior to the start of the 2016 OW season. **A motion was M/S to interpret rule 303.7.3 (should be 303.8.3) so that the ISM could swim in an event they were also serving a an ISM for. There was lengthy discussion on the topic. The motion passed unanimously. The next step is for the VP (Chris) to communicate with the BOD/EC and legal counsel regarding this**

interpretation. Chris said he would do so asap and report back to the LDC. Additional discussion took place regarding the ISM JD & ISM Best Practices. There comments and edits in documents will be passed on the OWC in time for their next meeting.

4. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob reviewed the rules/legislation process for the committee as assigned all committee members the homework of reading Part 3.
5. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all)
 - a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn, anyone else interested in being involved. All will be involved during the spring.
 - b. PARA –Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Michael; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie & ???; Postal Series – James & Laurie) Checker, Jim Greta reviewed the needs of the committee and will be communicating with the new members of the PARA WG to detail their tasks/responsibilities.
 - c. Club Assistant - Colleen & Phyllis
 - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim
 - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis
 - f. 2018 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Colleen, Phyllis, & Allison
 - g. Communications — Ali, Lead, Laurie
 - h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)

Below is a list of the 2016 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

I would like each lead liaison to give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call -- THURSDAY). **LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES.** Please remember to date all the documents you submit with the correct event year and be specific on what the document is.

- Indy Aquatic Masters, Indianapolis, IN 2-mile cable 6/18
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Michael Fanelli
- Rogue Valley Masters, Applegate Lake, OR 10K (6.2 miles) 7/16
 - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backup: Jim Davidson
- o Kingdom Swim NEKOWSA, Newport, VT 10 miles 7/30
 - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 1 mile 8/12
 - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware
- o Lake Lure Olympiad, Lake Lure, NC 5K (3.1 miles) 8/13
 - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Allison Ware
- Sierra Nevada Masters, Donner Lake, CA 2.7 mile 8/13
 - Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Laurie Hug

- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters, San RAfeal, CA
 - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Jill Wright & Jim Davidson
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Western Hills Athletic Club/South Texas
 - o Liaison: Colleen Driscoll lead; backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Sawtooth Masters
 - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, lead; backup: Laurie Hug & Allison Ware

Other business for the good of the order -- none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM EST

Next Call –**Sunday, Dec. 27 with times of 8 PM EST, 7 PM CST, 6 PM MST, 5 PM PST & 4 PM AST.**