

LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 22, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sally Ann Dillon at 10:15 AM. A final call for bids for 1997 National Championship Events was made. Committee members were introduced and those present were: Robert Zeitner, David Benjamin, Lisa Watson, Peter Crumbine, Steve Schofield, Craig Tribuzi, Barney Hungerford, David Lamott and Lynn Hazlewood.

Chairman's report: The '94 & '95 Long Distance National Championship Event summaries were reviewed. The financial report is still outstanding for the 1994 6000 yd postal event and numerous copies have been sent to the director. The 1995 event has two postal swims and paperwork from two open water swims still to be completed. Scott Rabalais was thanked for his support in helping Long Distance receive increased SWIM Magazine coverage National Championships this past year. Evaluators were chosen for the '96 Long Distance National Championship events. Communication with the USS Open Water committee has been unsuccessful this past year. Dave Thomas, a new chairman, has been appointed and efforts will be made work with him in 1996. Results of our Hour Swims since 1988 have been sent to Betsy O'Donnell from Georgia Tech for a project. The results will be shared with us when finished. The registrar will make space for the listing of the Long Distance Chairman on LMSC forms this coming year.

Subcommittee reports: Peter Crumbine reported that All American lists have been more timely than in previous years and that the forms have been submitted properly. Lynn Hazlewood reported that Bid forms were sent to all previous race directors along with the form for the Calendar. The form needs to be changed to reflect last year's change from the 6000 postal to 3000. The Calendar/Bid packet will be mail the beginning of February to allow more time to compile the Calendar. It was suggested that we ammend the Bid form to include a copy of results from a previous race. Robert Zeitner reported that the system has been streamlined so that event hosts will submit their check for payment of awards and shipping 30 days after the event (and when they return unused awards, if any).

•It was MSP that we order medals for multiple (if approved by finance) if it is financially advantageous. Robert will meet with Sally later in the day to request funds from finance if appropriate. Maureen Koss was not in attendance but Sally shared the form she developed for reporting records. The form was designed for event directors to simplify the record reporting process and to ensure that it gets done. Individual record reporting should still come in with the form in the Rule Book. Dave Lamott shared some custom medal ribbons that are available for purchase from him.

Old Business:

The Open Water "Meet Manager's Guide" developed by Craig Tribuzi and Steve Schofield was discussed at length. All committee members and a number of the people in the audience were given copies and were asked to submit their recommendations to Craig by October 15. It was agreed that it needs to focus on how to put on an Open Water Swim and include the many options for operations. Inclusion of a timeline as well as problems and resolutions that have already been experienced would be helpful.

All Star Team : Marcia Benjamin reported on her project which involved compiling the top ten results from all of the 1994 National Championship events plus the scm, scy and lcm pool "miles". She shared a wonderful graphic displaying the winners. Scott Rabalais took a copy and will make an effort to include the results in SWIM. Randy Nutt volunteered to seek out sponsors for possible prizes.

New Business :

Reorganization of USMS Rules Part 3 - Long Distance: Peter Crumbine submitted numerous items to help reorganize our section of the rule book. They were submitted to Housekeeping but sent back to our committee to propose as rule changes instead and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Certificates for Long Distance All American: It was noted that the certificates already recognize Long Distance and that the numbers needed and cost for doing patches was too high to consider purchasing.

Postal Swims: Two letters had been received from USMS members regarding postal swim situations. The first involved a potential record set for the One Hour during the 6000 Yd postal meet in 1994. After considerable discussion it was determined that the rule book does not specify that the National Records must be set during the specific postal championships and that using splits is not excluded as well. Cut off dates were discussed for submission of records but it was determined that a cut off date was not necessary. It was agreed that postal swims could be sanctioned and swum at any time of the year and that records set would be honored just as cable records can be set in non-National Championship Events.

- It was MSP that we recognize records set at intermediate distances for postal swims.

The second letter involved a number of postal swim issues. The concern about the variation and possible "climbing" of fees was felt unwarranted as the committee felt the event hosts were well within the limit in our Rules. It was agreed to have all postal events use the same deadline of "entries due within 15 days of the event's final day". The 6000 "reinstatement" was not supported because the committee felt the 3000 should have some time to get established. As the event host is responsible for submitting records, it was felt that it was not necessary for the entry forms to list where to get record forms. And finally, SWIM Magazine will most likely carry the entry form for the 3000 postal in 1996 but there isn't room to list all forms, split sheets and results.

Rules Proposals: LD-1, LD-2, and LD-3 were deemed "not emergency" and withdrawn by the committee to be submitted in 1996. LD-4 was considered "emergency", ammended and approved (see action item, below). LD-5 through LD-11, which were considered "housekeeping items" and were not in the convention packets, were also withdrawn by the committee to be submitted again in 1996.

1996 Long Distance National Championship Bid Selection: The committee reviewed the bids and listened to presentations. The following bids were accepted for the 1997 National Long Distance Events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposed date</u>
1 mile	Richardson Masters	Lake Whitney, TX	Mid May (not to conflict with pool Nationals)
1.5-3	Reston Masterrs	Reston, VA	May 25
2 mile cable	Virginia Masters	Chris Greene Lake	Saturday after
3.5-5 mile	SCAQ/Polar Bears	Catalina Is, CA	3rd Sunday in September
6+ mile	Seal Beach Swim Club	Seal Beach, CA	Mid July
3000 postal	Pacific Northwest Masters		Sept.-Nov.
5/10 K postal	Crawfish Masters		May-Sept.
One Hour	Pacific		January

Financial report/budget review: Projected income is \$3950 and expense is \$3675.

Other business:

Contract changes: Sally suggested changes that will allow the race hosts to meet deadlines for SWIM and the LD Calendar. It was agreed that the changes would be implemented to require that contracts be signed and returned by January 1 and that entry forms be finished in time for the SWIM and Calendar deadlines.

Revision of evaluation standards to conform with evaluation forms: David Benjamin volunteered to see that our standards are redone to conform with the evaluation forms.

Beach finishes: Dave Lamott and Steve Schofield will develop wording for a rule proposal for 1996 with regards to the official finish "on land".

Swim Across America: Rob Copeland pointed out that we need a liason for this event to see that sanctions, etc. are handled properly. Lisa Watson and Randy Nutt volunteered.

Open Water Log: Rob is working with the Fitness committee to develop an open water log book and asked for a helper from the LD Committee with regards to safety. Craig Tribuzi volunteered.

Around Key West Swim: Randy Nutt shared information for the event which they have recently taken over. They hope to bid for a championship in 1998.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

ACTION ITEM: approved as amended:
 LD-4 305.2.1 EVENTS p. 60 submitted by: LD Committee
 C. Open water (1.5-3 miles) — (>1 and <=3 miles)
 D. Open water (3.5-5 miles) — (>3 and <6 miles)
 E. Open water (6+ miles) — (>6 miles)

Rationale: Allows for swims that were between previous distance categories.

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