

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Donn Livoni	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ali Hall		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Phyllis Quinn	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	6/25/2017		

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

## Motions Passed:

- 1.

<b>Number of committee members present: 11</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 4</b>
--	------------------	---

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Chair, Ali Hall, VC, Phyllis Quinn, Laurie Hug, Jill Wright, Allison Ware, Greta van Meeteren James Biles, Mike Fanelli, Josie Palmerin, and Lorena Sims. Absent: Jim Davidson, and Melinda Greig-Walker. Ex-Officio present: Bob Bruce, Bill Roach, Chris McGiffin, Dawson Hughes. Absent: Tracy Grilli, Casey Keiber. Others: None**

## Agenda

Long Distance Committee

Call in information

Monday, June 25, 2017 - 8:00pm – 9:30pm ET

Dial In (if Free Long Distance): 530 881-1212 or 518 530-1840 or 701 801-1220 (preferred)

Toll Free (charged to USMS): 855-212-0212

Meeting ID: 397-249-317

Host PIN:7956

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM EDT

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of 5/29 minutes MSP

Reports from the chair (Donn) [The ePostal Modernization Task Force recommendation](#). Dawson said we will have this posted on the forum on Friday, June 23 so that everyone has an opportunity to read and review prior to the LDC taking action. These will be an action item.

2. Bob will leads us through the final rules proposal (we hope), but keep in mind the July 10 deadline for other committees to send us possible rule proposals, so we're not finished yet.

Vice chair (Ali)- [Three ePostal bids for 2019 have been received](#). Still waiting for 2019 Open water bids, so please reach out to your club to see if there is any interest in bidding for these events.

Vice president (Chris) [A lot of great thought and input went into preparing the report information](#), so I want to recognize and thank the task for members for their contributions: Fitness - Karin Wegner, Brian Cummings/Long Distance - Ali Hall, James Biles/National Office - Dawson Hughes, Casey Keiber/Board of Directors - Skip Thompson, Chris McGiffin

[The first tab of the report provides some background information about the task force and the rationale behind the proposed changes](#). The second tab is the worksheet that the task force used to build out the proposed postal challenge series event information, as well as document the questions raised with current responses. Keep in mind that this report is meant to summarize the proposals and does not dive too far into implementation details. Several questions remain open, and will likely require additional assistance from both Fitness and Long Distance committees.

The goal is for both committees to entertain a motion in support of the task force recommendations, then focus on discussion related to questions, clarifications and possible revisions. I do hope that the time spent by the task force helps to keep the review/discussion effective and brief so that other committee business can be covered.

3. "ePostal Modernization" -- Please read document posted on for(um posting on Friday, 6/23 by Dawson.) **ACTION Report from Task Force members, James & Ali. Dawson Hughes will be joining us on this topic.** There was a Motion and a second to accept this document. A lengthy discussion followed. All members of the LDC were asked for comments with regards to the document posted to the forum. Dawson Hughes then responded to these comments. A Roll Call vote was held for this proposal, six negative, two positive. The motion failed. The next steps were then discussed.
4. Rules and Legislative Proposals – Bob  
Donn proposed that this be put off. Donn suggested a meeting on July 16. Please let Donn know if you have conflicts. Rules will be the focus.

Bob-I have attached two documents:

- a. The Part 3 Rules in rule book format (dated (170621). Issues and proposals for consideration are listed in red, with an amendment of 302.2.3B from the OWC and a comment from me are listed in blue.
- b. The Rules Scoresheet (dated 170605). I recommend that you print this to help you follow the discussion easily.

-- I plan to discuss all rules proposals that are preceded by "x" on the score sheet. Please prepare by reading and thinking about the items well before the meeting. If you wish to "pull" an item for further comments, questions, or debate, please send me your pulls before the meeting at coachbob bruce at gmail dot com (NOT through this Forum). I'll also ask for additional pulls at the meeting, but I find it helpful to have pulls in advance. I also plan to host discussion on an issue that arose during the last OWC meeting, also indicted by "x" on the scoresheet.

-- We'll also be discussing the ePostal Modernization project at this meeting, the adoption of which which may require additional amendment to the rules.

5. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all)
  - a. Rules/Legislation – Bob lead; Donn, Lorena. All will be involved during the spring.
  - b. PARA – Greta, Lead: (Patches & Awards – James & Melinda; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Jim Davidson; (AA) Women - Greta; (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Allison; Records - Jill & Michael, All-Stars – Laurie; Postal Series – James & Laurie Checkers – Mike, Lorena & Josie  
We have received the result files for the 2.4 and 9.2 miles Open Water NCs. Those are being added to the master spreadsheets.  
Awaiting award orders for Long Distance OWNC (Elk Lake) - due on 6/30 and Sprint Distance OWNC (Angle Lake) - due 8/24
  - c. Club Assistant – James & Phyllis
  - d. Safety – Bill Roach, lead; Bob, Jim, Josie, Melinda 46 open water events have be sanctioned. 2 are pending. 65 have completed the open water Safety Directors certification. Safety Directors are reporting some quality open water events are taking place. Several swimmers have recommended Safety Directors wear a brightly colored shirt or vest for easier identifiable.
  - e. Documents – James, lead; Donn, Phyllis (ePostal Guide – James, Bob, Jill Melinda). (OW Champs Guide James, Phyllis)

Will continue revision on Postal Guide upon approval of ePostal Modernization

- f. 2019 NC Selection – Ali, lead; Jim, Josie, Phyllis, & Allison
- g. Communications — Laurie, Lead, Ali
- h. NC Oversight - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals)
- i. Goals – Ali, lead; James, **OPEN**, Phyllis
  1. Increase participation by 10 percent over 2016 in total for postal national championships
  2. Identify two LDC members who will collaborate with two different USMS committees for mutual interests
  3. Incorporate diversity/inclusivity language into 2019 LDNC bid documents
  4. Recruit at least one 2019 festival bid
  5. Identify an LDC member to generate a standard entry form (SEF) for use by OWNC hosts and liaisons

Below is a list of the 2017 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.

- Swim Around Lido Key, Sarasota, FL April 24 7 miles
  - o Liaison: James Biles backup: Allison Ware
  - All documents/reports received and evaluation completed.
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 3 10 miles
  - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
- Chattanooga Open Water Swim, Chattanooga, TN June 4 2.4 miles
  - o Liaison: Ali Hall backup: Laurie Hug
  - The Chattanooga OWNC Festival hosts are in the process of wrapping up their remaining timeline items. 194 participants in the 2.4 mile OWNC. 98 participants in the 9.2 mile OWNC
- o Foster Lake, Sweet Home OR June 24 2-mile cable
  - o Liaison: Phyllis Quinn backup: Melinda Grieg-Walker
  - The Foster Lake swim is this weekend. I am sure I will have a glowing report on Sunday evening. There are 77 swimmers entered in the 2 mile cable event.
  - 2 mile cable swim at Foster Lake- Bob Bruce and his crew did a great job. There were 72 finishers on a very hot day at the Lake. The water temperature was 68 degrees. The event started on time and was very well run. Award ceremony was a little late, but overall the event exceeded all the expectations of a National Championship swim.
- ELK Lake, Bend, OR July 30 5K (3.1 miles)
  - o Liaison: Jill Wright backup: Jim Davidson
  - Elk Lake 5K OWNC is on task. Awards order is due 6/30/17. A safety director is still being hunted down.
- o Angle Lake, Sea-Tac, WA Sept. 23 1-mile
  - o Liaison: Donn Livoni backup: Michael Fanelli
  - event hosts are finalizing the meet information, but have not submitted the draft entry for review or testing. They are behind with the event timelines.
- OHeP: Ohio Masters Swim Club, Avon, OH
  - o Liaison: James Biles lead; backup: Mike Fanelli & Allison Ware
  - All documents/reports received and evaluation completed.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Swim Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL
  - o Liaison: Greta van Meeteren lead; backup: Phyllis Quinn & Lorena Sims
  - As of yesterday, there were 23 swimmers in all, Oregon is winning with 9 swims so far, and MOST has 4.9 clubs are represented at this time. 16 are 5K. I've heard some of the PBM swimmers already have swum, but they will likely wait till the last week to enter on line.

- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Loveland Masters Swim Club, Fort Collins, CO
  - o Liaison: Laurie Hug, lead; backup: Jim Davidson & Josephine Palmerin

Other business for the good of the order

Adjoined: 9:45pm EDT

Next Call – **Sunday, July16** with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT