

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Phyllis Quinn	Vice Chair:			Catherine Rust
Minutes recorded by:	Tim Murphy	Date/time of meeting:			01/28/2024 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present: Phyllis Quinn, Jim Davidson, Catherine Rust, Tim Murphy, Bob Bruce, John Fox		
Absent: Nicki Phillips, Jenny Hodges, John Dussliere, Stephen Rouch.		
Ex-Officio members present: Robin Smith, David Miner, Jay Eckert		

Topic: LDC Meeting – January 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Review of committee members and contact info; everyone on the call agreed that Phyllis can share with the group. Will happen by email.
3. Thank Jim Davidson and his group for checking through and verification of results and posting the All-Stars and All Americans.
4. Changes in committee; new positions within the committee. Some assignments still to be determined.
5. Changes in Long Distance and open water service awards: Jay to make adjustments to USMS website. Bob Bruce to assume the contact for this.
6. Minutes to Robin/Catherine/Phyllis after meeting. Should be approved about a week after each meeting. Approved by email. Then posted on USMS website.
7. Reports from the chair (Phyllis), vice chair (Catherine), vice president (Robin), and NO representative (Jay).
 - **Phyllis** – Review of championship packets, along with other miscellaneous documents that are used for open water events. These will need to be updated, some haven't been updated for a few years. Phyllis and Catherine to work on packets.
 - **Catherine** – Rules, timing of posting individual results and allowing entries of relays in virtual events. Per Jay: look at 5k/10k/3000/6000 and see where the dates fall, committee to approve before being published. Relays open after the regular events finish (both can't be open for submission at the same time).
 - **Robin** – Happy New Year! Thanks for coming to the committee. Board meeting in Houston in early March. Let Robin know if there is information to pass onto the BOD.
 - **Jay** – Virtual championships: 1 hour ends on 1/13. Tracking ahead of last year (982).

- **Dave Miner** – Already have 17 sanctioned events for 2024 (last year 7 at this point). Seems to be earlier, and there are 2 new events so far this year. Ensure that course maps, safety plan applications are included.
8. Working group reports.
- a. 2024 Rules/Legislation – Jim and Tim, Steve, Bob B, John.
 - Rules need to reflect possible changes to the OWNC bidding and events. Making sure the rules are “substance” rather than process. Bob B and Jim feel that current rules are basically not a process.
 - Some discussion about when to open registration for events (some open on 1/1, others later). Easier to market when the event opens early.
 - PARA – Jim and his crew did a great job doing all of the awards in a timely manner for 2023.
 - Results will be published as events happen throughout the year.
 - b. 2025 NC Recruitment/Selection/Bids –
 - 2025 OWNC the 1 mile, 2 mile and 5K will be run by the NO with all events being one weekend at a easy to access destination. This is in the planning stages and more concrete information will be given as plans are developed. Partnering with USA Swimming, OW Clinic, fun ½ mile swim are all being considered to make a “festival atmosphere” .
 - A long weekend with multiple events is, similar to the USA Swimming model.
 - c. Goals – Catherine, lead; Lorena, Bob, Catherine, John.
 - Nothing to report. This Subcommittee may be deleted.
 - d. LDNC and OW Awards – Bob has volunteered to take the lead on the awards requesting volunteers for the subcommittee.
 - e. 2024 Clinic Working Group – Catherine
 - f. Documents – Catherine, John Fox
 - Update of Virtual Championships Operating procedures; 2024 OWNC Packet; Open water Clinic Manual
9. New Business/Good of the Order – Bob advised problems with permits for Foster Lake Cable OWNC. Will know in a few days if the event can be run.

2024 Long Distance National Championships:

- **June 1: USMS Middle Distance Open Water Nationals: Lake Berryessa, CA**
- Liaison: Phyllis Quinn and Nicki Phillips
- **June 8: USMS Marathon Distance Open Water Nationals: Lake Del Valle, CA**
- Liaison: Tim Murphy and Phyllis Quinn
- **July 20: USMS Sprint Distance Open Water Nationals: Stillwater, MN**
- Liaison: TBD
- **July 21: USMS Long Distance Open Water Nationals: Stillwater, MN**
- Liaison: TBD

Next meeting is Feb 25, at the same time (8pm Eastern / 5pm Pacific)