

USMS Convention—Chicago, Illinois 2009

Committee Name: Open Water & Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 17
Committee Chair: Marcia Cleveland	Vice Chair: Ann Svenson	
Minutes recorded by: Janet Renner & Susan Kirk	Date/time of meeting: 091709 3:30-4:45pm	

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

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Number of committee members present: <u>13</u>	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present: 46
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Ann Svenson (Vice Chair), Bob Bruce, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Randy Nutt, Jennie Quill, Janet Renner, Dick Sidner, Laura Winslow, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner,		
Absent: Christie Ciraulo, Suzanne Heim-Bowen, Tom Spence, Marcia Benjamin, Donn Livoni, Susan Ehringer (ExO)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and attendance was taken.

- I. The minutes of 2008 Convention were approved.
- II. Reports of each subcommittee:
 - a. All-Americans – Tom Spence, Jennie Quill, Robert Zeitner will work together for 2010. Club Assistant will assist.
 - b. All-Stars – Marcia Benjamin handles this seamlessly.
 - c. On-Line Entries – This new capability has made the 5/10K Postal so easy for entrants and race organizers. The only complaint was mailing in split sheet. Club Assistant has been extremely helpful and responsive.
 - d. Administration Details – Using Goggle Docs, Susan Kirk has made a good thing much better. All of the event timelines, bids, and soon records are now available to members of the committee for viewing; certain members have editing capabilities. Each and every edit is made with a time and signature stamp and previous versions may be reinstated at any time. This is a big help to the organization of so many tedious details for our committee.
 - e. Awards – The new logo has been incorporated into our newest supply: 1000 pounds of medals in stock, and bill is paid. Supply should last through 2011.
 - f. NoBoundaries OW Series (This is a working title since this series will be called something else). Bob Bruce and Marcia C. were part of the Task Force to create this series. The National Office will run these events.
 - g. Bids – We received a total of 24 bids (10 OW, 14 Postals). By having the bids submitted in Excel, the process is more streamlined and cuts down on potential errors of transcription.
- III. Evaluators were assigned for the 2010 Championship OW/LD Events
 - a. OHP Tamapais Masters: (Bruce Hopson)
 - b. 5-10K Twin Rivers Masters, NC (Marcia Cleveland)
 - c. 3000-6000 Masters South Texas (Jill Wright)
 - d. 6 Mile Noblesville, IN 7/17: (Marcia Cleveland)
 - e. 1 Mile Charlotte, North Carolina 5/29 (Susan Kirk)
 - f. 2 Mile Cable Charlottesville, VA 7/10 (Tom Spence)
 - g. 1-3 Mile Del Valle, CA 1st/2nd wkend June (Suzanne Heim-Bowen, Jill Wright)
 - h. 3-6 Mile Colorado 6/19 (Kristy King)
- IV. Review of 2010 Championship Bids. After the bids were presented, a private tally vote was conducted and the winners will be announced at our 2nd meeting, on Friday.

A. Open water Bidders for 2011

1. 25K: Noblesville, IN (GRIN)
2. >6 Mile: Kingdom/Newport, VT (Lake Memphremagog/NEM); Huntington, NY (METRO); Ft.Myers, FL (FLA)
3. 3-6 Mile: Coney Island, NY (METRO); Huntington, NY (METRO).
4. 1 Mile: Coney Island, NY (METRO); COMA (Oregon)
5. 2 M. Cable: Lake Placid, NY (Adiron)
6. 1-3 Mile: Lake Monona, Madison, WI

B. Postal Bidders for 2011

1. OHP: Federal Way Masters (PNW); Tri-Valley Masters (PMS), Tualatin Hills (OREG), YMCA Indy SwimFit
2. 5-10K: Chicago Smelts (IL); Federal Way Masters(PNW); Tri-Valley Masters (PMS), Tualatin Hills (OREG), YMCA Indy SwimFit
3. 3-6K: Chicago Smelts (IL); Federal Way Masters(PNW); Tri-Valley Masters (PMS), Tualatin Hills (OREG), YMCA Indy SwimFit

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Committee Name: Open Water & Long Distance	Session #: 2	Report #: 17
Committee Chair: Marcia Cleveland	Vice Chair: Ann Svenson	
Minutes recorded by: Janet Renner & Susan Kirk	Date/time of meeting: 091809 4:45-6:15pm	

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. Budget item: \$500 for cable swim course development certification seed money for measurements – 5370 is the budget line item

Action Items:

Accepted bids:

1. 25K: **Noblesville, IN (GRIN) 7/16**
2. >6 Mile: **Ft.Myers, FL (FLA) 4/30 or 5/1**
3. 3-6 Mile: **Coney Island, NY (METRO) 6/25;**
4. 1 Mile: **COMA (Oregon) 7/3**
5. 2 M. Cable: **Lake Placid, NY (Adiron) 8/13**
6. 1-3 Mile: **Lake Monona, Madison, WI 8/20**
7. OHP: **Tualatin Hills (OREG)**
8. 5-10K: **YMCA Indy SwimFit**
9. 3000-6000: **Chicago Smelts (IL);**
10. Motion: The OWLDC fully supports the Legislative Proposals L70 and L71.
MSA to approve proposal by Bob Bruce, Jennie Quill, passed unanimously.
11. Motion: To allocate the funds to Budget item 5370 in support of developing cable swims.
MSA to approve proposal by Bruce Hopson, Donn Livoni, passed unanimously.

Number of committee members present: 15

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 35

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Marcia Cleveland (Chair), Ann Svenson (Vice Chair), Bob Bruce, Bruce Hopson, Susan Kirk, Donn Livoni, Randy Nutt, Jennie Quill, Janet Renner, Dick Sidner, Laura Winslow, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner,

Absent: Christie Ciraulo, Suzanne Heim-Bowen, Tom Spence, Marcia Benjamin, Susan Ehringer (Ex-Officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 pm and attendance was taken.

(Note: The HOD of delegates session ran late hence our meeting start time was delayed.)

- I. Accepted Bids for the 2011 National Championships (awarded bid is in **BOLD**)

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II. Old Business:

- A. New High Tech suits. Where can they be worn? We are still waiting for the word from USMS who is still waiting for the word from FINA.

III. New Business:

- A. The OWLDC was made aware in June 2009 that the committee had been under examination by the Governance Committee of the EC to be split into two committees. It is felt that the division of the workload is equitable. Two committees will allow more USMS members to become involved and for USMS. L70 designates the administration of the rules and events and L71 promotes OW swimming. This latter legislation will allow USMS to tap into its talented OW swimmers who will help to educate other USMS members towards being better, safer OW swimmers.
 - a. Motion: The OWLDC fully supports the Legislative Proposals L70 and L71.
 - b. MSA to approve proposal by Bob Bruce, Jennie Quill, passed unanimously.
- B. Development of Open Water Clinics – Our committee conducted nearly 30 clinics this year in several different locations, with all members partaking in instruction at some point in the national series. This one of the steps our committee is taking in the charge from the EC to grow Open Water swimming.
- C. Development of OW Cable Courses: The committee requests a \$500 allocation for development of cable swim venues. This will cover the required measurement, certification, and installation expenses.
 - a. A motion was MSA (Bruce Hopson, Donn Livoni) to allocate the funds to Budget item 5370 in support of developing cable swims.
 - b. Currently, the event hosts must fund a costly measurement certification in order to validate records set on their course. Per USMS 302.3.1A and 2009 USMS Rule Book: Appendix B p. 134, the survey must be done either annually (for a course with temporary buoys) or every 5 years (for a course with fixed buoys). It is hoped that with the support from USMS, more event hosts would partake in cable events.
- D. Google Docs and Calendars is an easy and effective way to communicate, keep records, as well as keep tabs on any changes made to the documents. This will minimize the errors for instance when working on rule changes. It is also easily accessible. This has been implemented for our committee use by Susan Kirk.
- E. Club Assistant Presentation: Minuteman Masters – 5/10K online entries Sue Sotir.
 - a. Postal events: MMM is the first to use online entries in a USMS Postal national championship. 90% of participants are scanning and emailing their split sheets and this has worked best. The hardest part is chasing down people who have sent in a paper entry. Feedback has been that it is very easy to confirm the entries and is done in an extremely timely manner. They have 200+ entries; it takes 4 minutes per entry with legible split sheets. Sorting fields is extremely easy, such as for t-shirts, or required entry fields, verify cumulative splits to ensure they are correct/legitimate times submitted. Club Assistant's response time has been less than a day when there has been a question. Minuteman Masters would definitely use Club Assistant again. Benefits include less work for the meet host in processing entries with greater accuracy and correct results. Complaint is the split sheet must be sent in via mail or fax;
 - b. Open Water events: No complaints and tremendous thanks to CA for their extraordinary service and hands-on responsiveness to all inquiries.
 - c. Cost per entrant is approximately \$1-2 per entry.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm..

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

Split the committee into two separate units and get both up and running.
