

<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>	Bruce Hopson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	5/10/2015, 8:00 pm EDT		

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

## Motions Passed:

1. MSA minutes of March 29, 2015, conference call.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 14	<b>Absent:</b> 6	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 0
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**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Donn Livoni, Ali Hall, James Biles, Denise Brown, Robert Copland, Colleen Driscoll, Bruce Hopson, Phyllis Quinn, Jill Wright and Robert Zeitner; Lynn Hazelwood, Chris McGiffin, Jim Miller, and Bill Roach, all *ex officio*

## Minutes

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

1. Welcome and roll call
2. **Approval of March 29, 2015, meeting minutes** MSA
3. **OHeP** – The committee discussed further Mel Goldstein’s suggestions regarding expanding the One Hour to a one-half and the time : addressed the committee regarding ideas to increase participation. The committee liked the idea of extending the OHeP to February 28 had two suggestions: (1) Offer a one-half postal to run concurrent with the One Hour. Committee felt this would be best run by the fitness committee; and (2) Have a military division, i.e., those swimmers who swim with a team run out of or sponsored by a branch of the military. Donn will ask Mel for more clarification.
4. **Vice-Presidents Report** – Chris McGiffin reported that the BOD was meeting on May 11, 2015. Jim Miller announced that the Open Water Task Force of the BOD would be presenting to the BOD. Chris also reported that he and Donn would meet with Jim Matysek about updating the Open Water Database results.
5. **Open Water Safety Clinic** – Bill Roach reported that he and Donn Livonii attended the USA Swimming Open Water Safety Clinic April 23, 2015 in Fort Myers, FL. Additionally, they assisted with the USA Open Water National Championships. The objective was for USMS and USA to work closer together to make our open water events even safer.
6. **Legislative Proposals:** Bob Bruce was unable to attend because of personal reasons, and the chair tabled it to the next meeting.
7. **LDC Goals** — Ali reported things the subcommittee was still working.
8. **National Office at OWNC events** — Elaine was not on the call to give a report.
9. **Promotional items at OWNC events** – Rob Copeland reported that the National Office will work with vendors on buoys if the Committee knows the specifics for them. Also the NO will produce whatever items the event wants. Donn will follow up with that.
10. **OWC Report** – No report was given other than what Jim Miller previously reported.
11. **Working groups** – reports (please send your report to all)

- a. **Rules/Legislation** – Bob submitted nothing in addition to his agenda item on Rules.
- b. **PARA** - Greta, Lead:
  - (Patches & Awards) –
  - All-Americans (AA) - Men - Rob & Greta/Denise;
  - (AA) Women - Greta & Rob/Denise;
  - (AA) Relays - Phyllis & Jill/Denise;
  - Records -
  - All-Stars - Rob & Rendy/Michael);
  - Postal Series
- c. **Club Assistant** – Colleen reported that she and Phyllis are working with Karin Wegner and will be testing the entries for the 5K and 10K. If all is well the entries should be up on May 15. She is just waiting for the t-shirt picture for the entry and successful testing.
- d. **Safety** – Presented as an agenda item.
- e. **Documents** – James reported he had nothing to report.
- f. **2017 NC Selection** – Ali reported that the group hopes to hear more from the Championship Committee, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts with possible OWNCs, and we encourage all LDC members to cultivate timely and interesting bids.
- g. **Communications** — Ali reported the subgroup continues to be available to collaborate with Elaine as needed; they did reach out to hosts/liaisons for possible publicity for remaining 2015 ePostals and hope to receive some short pieces to offer to Elaine.
- h. **NC Oversight** - Donn, lead; James, Ali, Bob (ePostals): no report submitted

Below is a list of the 2015 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned along with their reports, if any.

- Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 10K (6.2 miles) 6/13
    - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
  - Del Valle Open Water Festival (Livermore, CA) 1 mile 6/14
    - o Liaison: Bob Bruce backups: Phyllis Quinn & Rendy Opdycke
  - Morse Reservoir Open Water Swim (Noblesville, IN) 15K (9.3 miles) 6/20
    - o Liaison: Ali reported that all timeline items are on track
  - Central Oregon Masters (Foster Lake, OR) 2-mile cable 6/27
    - o Liaison: Jill Wright reported everything is up to date and thanked Donn for his help.
  - Green Leaf Racing (Lake George, NY) 2,5K (2.55 mile) 8/29
    - Liaison: Colleen Driscoll reported that entries are open and everything is up to date.
  - Big Shoulders Open Water Swim (Chicago, IL) 5K (3.1 miles) 9/12
    - Liaison: Ali reported that all timeline items are on track.
  - OHeP: Chicago Smelts
    - o Liaison: James Biles reported that the event is completed except for the liaison evaluation, which he expects to complete later in the week. The total net profit for the host was just over \$14,000.
  - 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Central Oregon Masters
    - o Liaison:
  - 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Davis Aquatic Masters
    - o Liaison: James reported he had nothing to report.
- 12. New Business**—Chris McGiffin reported that the NO is working on getting a sponsor for the OWNC. The contracts are currently being reviewed to make sure they are consistent with the ones used for poll national championships.

There being no other business for the good of the order, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. EDT

Next Call – SUNDAY, June 28 with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.