

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b>	2	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Ali Hall	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Phyllis Quinn		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Lorena Sims	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	12/28/17		

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

## Motions Passed:

1. Item 4.c. – Motion to approve waiver of 307.7.7.B for Portland Bridge Swim due to safety plan. Motion: Bob Bruce. Second: Phyllis Quinn. Motion Carried.
2. Item 4.d. – Motion to approve purchase recommendations for awards. Motion: Jim Davidson. Second: Lorena Sims. Motion Carried.
3. Item 4.k. – Motion to approve Goals 1-3 and 5 as discussed. Motion: Phyllis Quinn. Second: Jim Davidson. Motion Carried.

**Number of committee members present: 16**

**Absent: 1**

**Number of other delegates present: 1**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (Vice Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Lorena Sims, Catherine Rust, Robin Smith, David Brancamp, Jim Davidson, Janine Serell, Matt Miller, Stephen Rouch, Sarah King, Laurie Hug, Alana Aubin, Bob Singer, and Jill Wright. Ex-Officio Members Present: Bob Bruce. Absent: Josie Palmerin, Bill Brenner, Casey Keiber, Jay Eckert, David Miner. Others: None.**

## Agenda

Long Distance Committee

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

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of 12/03/17 meeting minutes – Phyllis motion. Dave B. second. Motion carried.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn)
  - **Chair: Nothing to report at this time.**
  - **Vice Chair: Nothing to report at this time.**
  - **Vice President: Winter BOD meeting is in February with more information at that time. It looks as though we are developing a new and stronger relationship with USA Swimming.**
4. Working groups – reports
  - a. 2017 5k/10k ePostal Update  
**Evaluation has been completed and performance bond has been requested for return.**
  - b. 2017 3000/6000 ePostal Update  
**Preliminary individual results were posted 12/19 after review and corrections. Preliminary relay results have been compiled and forwarded to Jim Davidson for approval before being sent to the NO. Corrections have been noted and are in progress. Congratulations to many of the 2018 LDNC committee members for their All-American performances.**
  - c. 2018 Rules/Legislation – Bob B. lead; Donn, Lorena, Janine. Bob S., Robin, Matt, Stephen. All will be involved during the spring. **ACTION ITEM: consideration of 2018 Rules/Legislation Joint Subcommittee Operating Plan LDC/OWC**

Review of 2018 Rules/Legislation Joint Subcommittee Operating Plan for LDC/OWC.

Portland Bridge Swim's safety plan waiver request - 307.7.7.B indicates that category II suits need to start separately from category I swimmers for LD events. They are essentially seeking a waiver for this requirement to as they are prohibiting drafting in this event. Motion to Approve Waiver of Final Sentence of 307.7.7.B – Bob Bruce. Second – Phyllis Quinn. Discussion noted that the event is limited to 80 swimmers only and there may not have a large number of category II swimmers. This is a safety plan issue in order to prevent the field from spreading too far in this marathon-distance event. Motion carried with no opposition.

- d. PARA – Jim, lead; Patches & Awards – Dave & \_\_\_\_; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, Josie, Alana; (AA) Women – Josie, Dave, Sarah; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Sarah, Dave; Records – Jill, Jim, Dave, All-Stars – Laurie, Jim, Alana; Postal Series – Jim, Sarah, Alana  
PARA is working to compile results for All American, All Stars, Records, and Awards for 2017. We are still waiting for final results from the 3000 and 6000. James has put together a recommendation for restocking our Awards inventory. His recommendation is attached for LDC review and approval. Motion to Approve – Jim Davidson. Second – Lorena Sims. No discussion. Motion carried with no opposition.
- e. Club Assistant – Lorena, Stephen & \_\_\_\_.  
Contact has been made with Karin with request for inclusion in all CA tutorials. Nothing else to report at this time.  
Discussion of OHeP Host question regarding relay awards: Relay swimmers should be sent their medals individually unless the club representative specifically requests otherwise. Discussion should be started with Club Assistant in order to allow for relay labels.
- f. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead; Bob B., Jim, Josie  
Currently 8 sanctioned open water events for 2018. Nothing else to report.
- g. Documents – Matt, lead; \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (ePostal Guide – Matt, Bob B., Jill & \_\_\_\_). (OW Champs Guide - Matt & \_\_\_\_)  
Discussion: Creating a document with description of each task – championship liaisons, committees, etc. – and “how to” guide.
- h. 2020 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Josie, Janine, Robin, Matt, Stephen  
Nothing to report at this time.
- i. Communications — Laurie, lead; Matt  
Reached out to Laura Hamel to see if there are still plans to promote the OHeP with the 30 Minute Fitness Challenge by encouraging coaches to run both events.
- j. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Bob B., Matt, David M.  
All contracts are signed. Liaisons and Back Ups are connected to events. Championship Packets and Timelines have been reviewed, corrected as needed and redistributed. OWNC liaisons will be identifying their expected travel expenses by 12/28/17. Thank you to those who have already completed this request.
- k. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S., Matt, Catherine  
Discussion of LDC Goals as identified: 1. Develop an FAQ for bidding on OWNC events – no discussion. 2. Develop an FAQ for OWNC hosts – no discussion. 3. Develop ideas for improving the host experience and survey past hosts for ideas – discussion involved a survey, immediate-response feedback at the time of events. 4. Consider a sponsor through NO for a “swim-them-all” prize for the postal events – discussion noted that perhaps something beyond

the patch might be appreciated. 5. Encourage event hosts to include relays in OWNC events – discussion noted that either sequential or cumulative relays may be helpful for increasing excitement and participation. Motion to approve LDC Goals 1-3 and 5 and Table the Remaining – Phyllis Quinn. Second – Jim Davidson. Motion carried without opposition.

#### 2018 LD NC Event Liaison Reports:

- Jim McDonnell Lake Swim, Reston VA (2 miles) May 27
  - o Liaison: Josie Backup: AlanaContact made with host and things are moving along. There was some transition within the host contact we originally had so I resubmitted the champ packet and timeline to the new host and updated our timeline with his correct contact info. We are still waiting for the bond to be submitted. Otherwise, signed contract, sponsorship information and draft entry have all been submitted timely.
  
- Eclipse Cross Roads, Makanda, IL (1 mile) June 9
  - o Liaison: Donn Backup: CatherineEclipse Crossroads Open Water is doing a great job. They have been in communication with Jay at the NO regarding swag and sponsorship. They have submitted a draft entry for review. Contract and bond are complete. They have their permit from US F & W. They have a rough draft of their safety plan and have created a placeholder webpage. They have also confirmed an event referee and safety director.
  
- Fire Island Charity Swim, Fire Island, NY (5k) July 7
  - o Liaison: Laurie Back Up: JanineEvent is on track. Championship packet has been sent. The performance bond has been submitted and the RD has been in touch with Jay Eckert about sponsorship.
  
- Portland Bridges, Portland, OR (10.7 miles) July 8
  - o Liaison: Ali Back Up: MattBond, sanction, entry form and testing all complete. Soon, we anticipate asking the NO to post the information and entry links. The host is considering opening entry in conjunction with the other two Oregon 'swim-cation" OWNC events. The event will open 1/5/18, link is posted on the USMS site. The host has sought and received a separate start waiver for category II entrants. This will facilitate wave designation and enhance safety coverage overall on the course.
  
- Foster Lake Cable Swim, Sweet Home, OR (2 miles) July 12
  - o Liaison: Phyllis Back Up: RobinFoster Lake 2 Mile Cable is ahead of the timeline. Sponsorship information sent to NO. Entry form, safety plan, performance bond, and sanctioning all completed. Championship packet sent to Race Director.
  
- Applegate Lake, Jacksonville, OR (10k) July 14
  - o Liaison: Jill Back Up: Dave B.Host is current with timeline and ready to go live on 1/1/18. He is already sanctioned and has obtained sponsorship with help of NO.
  
- OHeP: Indy Aquatic Masters
  - o Liaisons: Lorena, Jill Back Up: SarahHost is current with timeline and ready to go live. CA Tutorial will be on Thursday AM, 12/18/17. Both liaisons and back-up liaison will be on the call.

- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Chicago Smelts
  - o Liaison: Jim Back Up: Bob S.  
According to the Timeline I received from James, contracts have been sent and signed. I reached out to the listed point of contact to discuss the next items on the timeline about 2 weeks ago and again today and have not received a response.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: MEMO (Oakland, CA)
  - o Liaison: Lorena Back Up: Stephen  
Contact with host has been made, championship packet has been emailed, host has acknowledged receipt. Nothing else to report at this time.

Other business for the good of the order:

Next Call – **January 28, 2018** with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT