

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	2	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn		
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	1/28/18		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. Item 2 – Motion to approve minutes as posted. Motion: Phyllis Quinn. Second: David Brancamp. Motion carried without opposition.
2. Item 4.j – Motion to accept 2018 Goal #4 as written. Motion: Phyllis Quinn. Second: Jill Wright. Motion carried without opposition.

Number of committee members present:	17	Absent:	0	Number of other delegates present:	3
Committee members present: 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, Josie Palmerin, and Jill Wright. Ex-Officio Members Present: Casey Keiber, Jay Eckert, and David Miner. Absent: Bob Bruce, Bill Brenner. Others: None.					

Minutes

Long Distance Committee

The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Approval of 12/28/17 meeting minutes:
Motion to Approve – Phyllis. Second – Dave Brancamp. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn)
Donn – New website to roll out soon, starting at the beginning of February. BOD meeting second weekend in February. If anything is needed to be brought to the board, please notify Donn ASAP.
Phyllis – Liaison guidelines have been posted. If you have ideas to add or things that need edited, please say so.
Ali – Nothing other than what has been contained in the working group reports.
4. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all in advance)
 - a. 2017 3000/6000 ePostal Update
Relay results were finally finalized yesterday. Event director is working on wrapping up everything in the championship packet this week.
 - b. 2018 Rules/Legislation – Bob B. lead; Donn, Lorena, Janine. Bob S., Robin, Matt, Stephen. All will be involved during the spring.
--We will begin our consideration of rules & legislation issues & proposals soon. As preparation, please review the Long Distance/Open Water Rules (a.k.a. Part 3 of the Rule Book). As the Committee that oversees these rules, we need to be intimately familiar with them. I have attached a copy of the 2018 rules update in Word format.

--I will soon send a copy of the 2018 rules proposals—such as they are, mostly small or housekeeping items—to members of the joint subcommittee for review. I'd like to start the first consideration of rules starting with the Open Water Committee on Saturday, February 11.

--Last year the LDC proposed LD 44, which strove to substitute "virtual" for "Postal" throughout part 3 of the rules. After an attempt to amend on the floor of the HOD, it was defeated on the procedural grounds that it wasn't presented in the proper format. Fair enough. Before I start what looks to be hours rewriting this proposal article by article, we need to answer the basic question: should we pursue this proposal again? I'm ambivalent because it seems to me to be a lot of work for little gain, but I'll do what the LDC deems appropriate.

--I have asked Rule Book Editor Elaine Hawley to update the Bid Rotation page of the online Rule Book (alas, missed during the proofreading) so that it lists the 2020 rotation. Ali has promised to update the bid package soon with the same information so that we can move forward with bidding.

- c. 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
ePostal awards are complete.

Individual and relay AA's have been compiled and are out for check.

All Stars should be compiled early next week.

Records are waiting for the record report from the 3000/6000.

There is a current issue with changing USMS numbers with USMS re-registration prior to completion of an event – Jay and Casey to look into the issue and provide follow-up.

Consideration is given to whether or not dropping the middle initial on these files would be appropriate or acceptable.

- d. Club Assistant – Lorena, & Stephen.

Nothing new to report.

- e. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead; Bob B., Jim, Josie

13 Sanctioned events to date with three events currently pending sanctioning.

- f. Documents – Matt, lead; & ____ (ePostal Guide – Matt, Bob B., Jill & ____). (OW Champs Guide – Matt, ____ & ____)

The 2020 OWNC and ePostal NC Bid Forms have been updated and I believe they are ready for use. Here are links to the 2020 bid forms:

Open Water: <https://goo.gl/forms/DBb5MxqjZXnvmmQ93>

ePostals: <https://goo.gl/forms/UBm9bCQSoBsHPqWa2>

The 2020 Bid Letter has also been updated:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18ILvPtywmWaMy98JEi8ckeduFgwTX7HcRu-NIUsao9k/>

Note that I wasn't sure which region of the country if any we're targeting in 2020 for a venue to host a 3-day festival. Based on the table in section 307.3.4 of the 2018 USMS rule book, I'm guessing we'll be looking for a West Venue in 2020. But if I am mistaken, or if we're not pursuing a 3-day festival in 2020, please tell me and I'll amend the Bid Letter.

- g. 2020 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Josie, Janine, Robin, Matt, Stephen

2020 bid letters and packets will go out on February 1st as per schedule. Many thanks to Matt for his hard work compiling the packets.

h. Communications — Laurie, lead; Matt
Nice write-up about the open water championship events in the Swimmer magazine this month.

i. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Bob B., Matt, David M.
Phyllis and Ali participated in a productive and collaborative call with National Office representatives. Ali will provide specific information helpful to different working groups as appropriate, for optimal coordination with the NO and our shared mission.
Important highlights for now:

***Working group leads, when communicating with the NO, please begin sending to the following address: events@usmastersswimming.org. From there, the inquiry or request will be routed to the appropriate person.

***OW liaisons and back-ups, when communicating with the NO and your host(s), please include the approved event category associated (Sprint Distance, Middle Distance, Long Distance, Marathon Distance, Ultra-Marathon Distance or Cable). This facilitates a common language and increases mutual, accurate understandings between stakeholders.

j. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S., Matt, Catherine **ACTION ITEM: Discuss and Identify 2018 LDC Goals**

I have gotten a few replies for developing FAQ's for bidding. Please review the last of the proposed goals so we can discuss and finalize the committee goals for this year.

Discussion included suggestions to create an FAQ of the various reasons and recognitions available through the LD championship events and to consider reaching out to LMSCs to include unattached swimmers in ePostal events.

Goal #4: Educate and inform USMS membership of possible long distance recognitions and honors. Motion - Phyllis Quinn. Second - Jill Wright. Motion carried without opposition.

Below is a list of the 2018 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC -
- Jim McDonnell Lake Swim, Reston VA (2 miles) May 27
 - o Liaison: Josie Backup: Alana

Jim McDonnell Lake Swim is on track per timeline. Online registration opened on Jan. 1st - they currently have 90 registrants.
- USMS Sprint Distance OWNC
- Eclipse Cross Roads, Makanda, IL (1 mile) June 9
 - o Liaison: Donn Backup: Catherine

The timeline is up to date and all information, forms, etc have been completed on time. The entry information and entries going live is due 2/9. This is almost complete and should have no problem meeting the deadline.
The next item due is the awards order on 5/10.
The OW National Championship Sponsorship and Shipping Information spread sheet is up to date. Final numbers will be due 2 weeks prior to date of event.

- USMS Long Distance OWNC
- Fire Island Charity Swim, Fire Island, NY (5k) July 7
 - Liaison: Laurie Back Up: Janine

Registration form has been drafted and Club Assistant is working on the online entry set-up. Everything is on track based on the timeline.
- USMS Ultra-Marathon Distance OWNC
- Portland Bridges, Portland, OR (10.7 miles) July 8
 - Liaison: Ali Back Up: Matt

All timeline items met to date, Event is now full (100 entrants) and aspirants are joining the wait list. host is doing an excellent job!
- USMS 2-mile Cable OWNC
- Foster Lake Cable Swim, Sweet Home, OR (2 miles) July 12
 - Liaison: Phyllis Back Up: Robin

The on-line entry is open and there are 22 swimmers entered. Sponsorship information was received. Race Director is doing a great job.
- USMS Marathon Distance OWNC
- Applegate Lake, Jacksonville, OR (10k) July 14
 - Liaison: Jill Back Up: Dave B.

There are now 18 swimmers registered. Their entry form is online making all of the Oregon week-long Festival in July ready for entries. They have been in contact with the NO about sponsors and goodies.
- OHeP: Indy Aquatic Masters
 - Liaisons: Lorena, Jill Back Up: Sarah

There are now 130 swimmers entered. They are now in compliance with their timeline. They have sent out one promotional email and plan on sending another soon. Group entry instructions have been received from ClubAssistant. Group entry reps must contact CA prior to February 20th to arrange for group entry, which must be completed on February 25th, 26th, and 27th. Event director is requesting suggestions for promoting the OHeP.
- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: Chicago Smelts
 - Liaison: Jim Back Up: Bob S.

Contracts have been signed and performance bond received at the NO. Draft entry is due 2/15.
- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: MEMO (Oakland, CA)
 - Liaison: Lorena Back Up: Stephen

Nothing new to report. Next action item due in May.

Other business for the good of the order.

Next Call – **February 25, 2018 (if needed)** with times of 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT