

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Ali Hall	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Phyllis Quinn
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Joanne Wainwright	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	3/29/2020

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 17	<b>Absent:</b> 0	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 3
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (V. Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Alana Aubin, Chuck Beatty, David Brancamp, Jim Davidson, Jenny Hodges, Laurie Hug, Sarah King, Stephen Rouch, Catherine Rust, Lorena Sims, Bob Singer, Robin Smith, Joanne Wainwright, Jill Wright. Ex-Officio/Other: Jay Eckert, Kim Elsbach, David Miner		

**Motions Passed:**

1. MSA to accept February 23rd meeting minutes
2. MSA All Housekeeping items not pulled by the committee.
3. MSA to accept 301.1.1 as amended.
4. MSA to accept 308 as written.
5. MSA to accept 302.3B as written.
6. MSA to accept 302.4.2 and 302.4.3 as written.
7. MSA to accept 303.4.2 as written.
8. MSA to accept 303.7.3 as written.
9. MSA to accept 303.10.3A as written.

**Action Items:**

1. Jill add some type of statement in bid packet.
2. Bill to rewrite 308.1.6

The meeting was called to order at: 8 p.m.

1. Attendance was taken and a quorum was determined.
  2. Approval of February 23, 2020 meeting minutes Motion: Joanne 2nd: Jenny
  3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn) - Donn reported that events have either been canceled or postponed. Ali mentioned the email Jay sent to the committee and asked if any members had questions. Jim Davidson asked if we were able to track any open pools; this information may be available from the Coaches Committee's Peer-to-Peer conference. David Miner discussed sanctioned events and postponements or cancellations. It was suggested that LMSCs help event hosts financially with costs incurred, etc. Laurie Hug stated that the host for the Ultra Marathon National Championships will let swimmers defer to next year but are unable to give refunds.
1. Working groups – reports
    - a. Ex-Officio from OWC report: Kim Elsbach will post a summary of the 11 2020 OWC projects on the Forum.
    - b. 2020 Rules/Legislation –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve; Since we didn't get to Rules last month, our objective for this month is the same. We'll start to review proposals for changes. Since we have a number of Housekeeping changes I want to go through those first,

then start to look at substantive changes as time permits. I'll go through the list of proposals in the score sheet (also attached) and ask for holds. If you have a question or comment, ask for a hold. I've attached the working copy and score sheet from last month here.

The chairman of the Rules Committee, Charlie Cockrell, has proposed a reorganization of the rulebook that would modify Part 2 by moving or eliminating its sections. Most relevant to the LDC is the proposal to move Section 203, which deals with sanctioning of Open Water events, into part 3. I think that Section 2043 could be dropped into Part 3 as written and would only cause a few housekeeping changes. I wanted to discuss and get a sense of the LDC on the proposal.

### 1. Housekeeping Items:

LDC to approve all housekeeping items not pulled. Motion: Lorena 2nd: Robin **MSA**  
Pulled items: 301.1.1 and 308. Robin moved to amend 301.1.1 as follows: *The conduct and organization of open water and long distance swimming for Masters shall be governed by USMS through its Long Distance Committee, Open Water Committee, and LMSCs. The chair and committee members shall be appointed as provided in articles 507.1, 507.1.8, and 507.1.11.* 2nd: Joanne **MSA** Alana moved to accept 308 as written. 2nd. Laurie **MSA**

### 2. Non-Housekeeping Items:

- 302.3B (Cable Swim Measurement Requirement) Joanne moved to accept 302.3B as written. 2nd: Alana **MSA**
- 302.4.2 and 302.4.3 - (Allowing Ties in Cumulative Relays). Joanne moved to accept 302.4.2 and 302.4.3 as written 2nd: Robin **MSA**
- 303.4.2 (Chin Strap) - Joanne moved to accept 303.4.2 as written. 2nd: Robin **MSA**
- 303.7.3 (Timing) - Alana moved to accept 303.7.3 as written 2nd: Joanne **MSA**
- 303.10.3A (Request for accommodation for a disability to race director) Joanne moved to accept 303.10.3A as written. 2nd: Alana **MSA**
- 308.1.6 - There was much discussion within the committee regarding the topic of relays and records. Bob will rewrite this proposal and bring to the committee at the next meeting.

- c. **PARA** – Jim and Sarah; OHEP preliminary results have posted. Participants have until March 30th to send the revisions or corrections to the host for individual results and until April 6th to send revisions and corrections to the host for relay results. The link to preliminary results can be found here: <https://www.usms.org/events/national...-championships> **Patches & Awards** – Dave; Please make sure all your event hosts know to send their request for awards to: Dave Brancamp, 580 Luciana Drive, Reno, NV 89521 [dbrancamp@doe.nv.gov](mailto:dbrancamp@doe.nv.gov) **ePostal Recognitions** – Catherine; **All-Americans (AA)** - Men – Lorena, Chuck; **(AA) Women** – Joanne, Jenny; **(AA) Relays** – Phyllis, Dave; **Records** – Jill, Joanne, **All-Stars** – Laurie, Alana; **Postal Series** – Alana, Laurie; The FINIS bags for All-Stars were ordered since the pool All-Stars were finalized recently. Given the COVID situation, processing the order through their embroidery shop may take longer than usual, but we'll get these out to All-Stars as soon as possible.
- d. **Club Assistant** – Robin & Steve; For cancelled events, CA will still be charging their services fees as if the meet/event occurred. In addition, if there are greater than 15 refunds being processed, an additional service fee of \$0.50 per refund will also be charged. Not sure how this works if the LMSC has opted-in to the Unified Fee and USMS is paying for the initial CA service fees for open water events.
- e. **LD NC Host Tutorial Working Group:** Sarah, Robin, Lorena; - Sarah - No update.
- f. **Safety** (as needed) – David Miner - No Update.
- g. **Documents** – Bob, lead; & Jim (ePostal Guide – Bob & Jill; OW Champs Guide – Bob & \_\_\_);
- h. **LD NC Event Final Evaluation Revision:** Catherine, Alana, Bob, Jim; - The OW evaluation form is pending for final approval and any other revisions needed. Wishing all well during these

difficult times. Please be careful. We had a team member diagnosed last week with the Corona Virus. He has no underlying conditions and will come through the ordeal.2022

- i. **NC Recruitment/Selection** – Jill, lead; Robin, Matt, Steve, Catherine & Jenny; No update.
- j. **Communications** — Laurie, lead; Chuck, back up; Laurie reached out to the National Office in regards to informing members about the details of any rescheduled/canceled OWNC events.
- k. **NC Oversight** - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob, David M; - Ali asked the National Office for any news related to rescheduling or other back up plans for the OWNC season.
- l. **Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group:** Sarah, Alana, Jim, Bob, Dave, Chuck, Catherine, Jill, Ali - No Update.
- m. **Goals** – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob, Catherine, Joanne and Chuck. We will be looking at the make up of the committee and responsibilities of the committee members. One resource we will look at will be the Volunteer task force report presented at convention last year.
- n. **LDNC Award** – Jill, lead; Laurie, Joanne, Dave, Ali, Jenny; - Jill - No Update.
- o. **2020 Clinic Working Group**—Catherine and Steve; - Catherine reported the venue for the clinic is at a public high school. Currently all schools are closed and there is no date set for reopening. We will keep monitoring this too.
- p. **2020 Convention Presentation Workgroup:** Sarah, Dave, Jim and Bob. - No Update.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Jill - motion David - 2nd

Below is a list of the 2020 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

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### **2020 Long Distance National Championships:**

- USMS Long Distance OWNC
- Lake Del Valle, CA (5k) June 13
- o Liaison: Dave Backup: Phyllis
- o Registration is open and currently 46 entries for the event are posted. Host has been working with the local Park and Recreation and Team to investigate possible alternative dates if the COVID-19 crisis continues into their dates. All other duties are on schedule.
  
- USMS Sprint Distance OWNC
- Semana Nautica, Santa Barbara, CA (1 mile) June 20
- o Liaison: Robin Backup: Jill
- o Event Host has a new Event Director. Due to concerns with COVID-19 pandemic closures and cancellations, and after consulting with the USMS NO
- o **2020 USMS Sprint-Distance OWNC Event will be proactively postponed from June 20th to Aug/Sep 2020.** Right now it looks like the last weekend in August (29th) might work best and does not conflict with the other USMS OWNCs or Summer Nationals. The Host is also planning to postpone the LCM Masters Pool Meet to the same weekend as the Sprint-Distance OWNC to keep the "Championship Weekend" schedule intact. Will need to update the event timelines and championship packet when the new date has been confirmed.

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC
- Brogan OW Classic, Lake Erie, OH (2 miles) July 18
  - Liaison: Catherine Backup: Steve
  - Event is on track. Currently 60 entries with no new entries since 3/9/20. Host is monitoring all aspects closely. Ohio is currently on complete lockdown.
  - **Open Water Clinic Cleveland 7/17/20** The venue for the clinic is at a public high school. Currently all schools are closed and there is no date set for reopening. We will keep monitoring this too.
- USMS Ultra Marathon Distance OWNC
- Lake Memphremagog, VT (10 miles) July 25
  - Liaison: Laurie Back Up: Steve
  - there are 31 entries. On 5/1, and again on 6/1, if need be, the host will be evaluating the ability to hold the race. The host will be offering the athletes the option to participate in an equivalent event in 2021 or 2022 if it is canceled or if they just wish to defer. USMS Cable OWNC
- Lake Placid, NY (2 miles) August 15
  - Liaison: Donn Back Up: Bob S.
  - We currently have 19 registrants. Everything is up and running smoothly. They are concerned about the Covid-19 virus and its impact on their event and other NC events.
- USMS Long Distance OWNC
- Lake George, NY (10k) August 22
  - Liaison: Ali Back Up: Bob S.
  - Host is working on the entry form and other timeline items.
- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters
- Liaisons: Sarah Back Up: Lorena
- Event completed February 29th. Preliminary Individual and Relay Results have been posted to the national website. The host is waiting until results are finalized after April 6th to send out awards. Merchandise has been ordered and awards will be coming, but the host is concerned about how the logistics of award packing and merchandise sending will look given the shelter in place orders. They are confident that they can figure out a way to get it done, they simply ask for patience. It will be helpful to us, if you utilize the link above and let us know if there are errors to the preliminary results from your club, because being able to publish final results on March 31st and April 7th will be a great way to celebrate all the success of this event. I know and I also speak for the host in this, that it is incredibly beneficial to us to have this normalcy of finishing the results of this event and continuing to move forward with our remaining tasks at this time. Congrats to all who participated in the 2020 OHEP!!!
- 5,000m/10,000m: Southern Oregon Masters
  - Liaison: Jim Back Up: Jenny
  - the logo has been designed and approved, the entry form and merchandise design are in work. We will have to see how the Corona Virus will affect the event.
- 3,000y/6,000y: Palm Beach Masters
  - Liaison: Joanne Back Up: Chuck
  - No Update

Other business for the good of the order

Next meeting: **April 26, 2020 8 p.m. EDT**

## **Projected List of Dates for 2020 LDC Calls:**

Jan 26  
Feb 23  
Mar 29  
April 26  
May 24  
June 28  
July 26  
Aug 30  
Sept 27  
Oct 25  
Nov 29  
Dec 27

## **LDC Approximate High-Level Timeline Items by Month: A work in progress**

### **January:**

New OWNC season registrations open  
prepare bid letters and documents  
initiate work on new goals

### **February:**

send out bid letters and post documents  
send out award nomination requests  
begin to consider rules changes

### **March through May:**

consider rules changes  
begin recruiting bids  
updates on LD NC events progress

### **June:**

Prepare next year's events  
finalize rules proposals  
finalize award nominations  
finalize bid recruitment  
thick of the competition season

### **July:**

award working group meets  
bid selection working group meets

### **August:**

finalize all LDC details to prepare for convention

### **September:**

Convention

### **October-December:**

Request to next season's details

Conclude remaining event details

Open registration for next season's OWNCs that would like

Wrap-up year's business