

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:			Phyllis Quinn
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:			3/28/2021; 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Motion to approve rules changes in 203.1.1, 507.1.11, 507.1.8, 301.1.2, 303.4.2.c – approved.

Motions Passed:

1. Motion to approve minutes from February 2021 – approved.
2. Motion to work with 2021 and 2022 ePostal hosts to trial new ideas to increase ePostal participation – approved.
3. Motion to approve rules as discussed and submit to legislation for consideration as an indivisible package – approved.

Number of committee members present: 16 **Absent: 0** **Number of other delegates present: 3**

Committee members present: Dave Brancamp, Phyllis Quinn, Jill Wright, Catherine Rust, Bob Bruce, Chuck Beatty, Alana Aubin, Robin Smith, Sarah King, Bob Singer, Jenny Hodges, Jim Davidson, Tim Murphy, Stephen Rouch, Ali Hall, Lorena Sims

Ex-Officio members present: Jay Eckert, David Miner, Donn Livoni

Topic: LDC Meeting March 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of any outstanding meeting minutes - Motion: Bob B. Second: Alanna. Approved without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn)
 - **Donn** – Nationally trending positively with 35000 renewed members which puts us on target to meet our budget. There are updated sanctioning guidelines which will be distributed shortly. SSL grants have been decided and distributed - \$42k. Reminder: if you are interested in running for office, April 30th is the deadline to get your nomination in. Convention this year will again be virtual – format is still pending but approximate dates are unchanged.
 - **Phyllis** – Nothing new to report at this time.
 - **Ali** – If you are interested in participating in a virtual convention working group, please reach out. Thank you so much for getting your reports in so we can see/hear the good stuff you're up to.
4. National Office Updates.
 - Community/forum revamp is going to roll out soon. It will be similar to the forums but we won't have to rely on email threads going forward. Please be aware that national

office isn't recommending requiring vaccines to participate in events. Phase two of our reopening events plan will begin shortly.

5. ePostal Working Group Update/Discussion.
 - The board is on board with increasing participation and satisfaction with the ePostals for both participants and event hosts. The goal from the working group is to increase participation for these events. Ideas included opening registration for events prior to the event start date. Other changes may include NO managing registration through CA in order to smooth the registration process and save time for CA. This way the event timeline can tie in with the NO marketing calendar as well. The host will still have access to the reports but hopefully this will streamline the administrative work/time for the hosts. Also considered: additional marketing, possible price increases to encourage earlier registration, including merch in registration fees, etc. Motion to work with '21 3000/6000 and '22 OHeP hosts to commence trial of some new ideas in upcoming events –Bob B. Second – Phyllis. Motion carried without opposition.
6. Working group reports.
 - a. 2021 Rules/Legislation –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve, Bob B;
 - Changes related to elimination of the Open Water Committee:
 - 203.1.1, 507.1.11, 507.1.8 – Motion to approve: Bob B. Second: Alanna. Discussion: [Move to amend to move lines in 507.1.8 as written – Alana. Second: Bob B. Motion carried without opposition.] Motion carried without opposition.
 - 301.1.2 – Motion to approve. Bob B. Second: Alana. Discussion: None. Motion carried without opposition.
 - 303.4.2.c – Motion to approve: Bob B. Second: Alana. Discussion: [Motion to correct missed exchange, Alana. Second: Bob B. No discussion. Motion carried without opposition.] Motion carried without opposition.
 - Motion to submit rule changes made today as an indivisible package to the legislation committee: Bob B. Second: Alana. Discussion: will include the rationale in the package. Motion carried without opposition.
 - b. PARA – Jim and Sarah; Patches & Awards – Dave; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, Chuck; (AA) Women –Jenny, Tim; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Dave; Records – Jill, Tim, All-Stars – Lorena, Alana; Postal Series –Alana, Lorena; ePostal Series Recognition: Catherine, Jenny
 - Nothing to report.
 - c. Club Assistant – Robin & Steve;
 - LDC NC Liaisons should continue to lead and facilitate communications between Event Host/Event Director and Club Assistant throughout the timeline of the National Championship Event.
 - d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead;
 - Nothing to report.
 - e. 2023 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Robin, Steve, Catherine & Jenny;
 - Nothing to report.
 - f. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob S, David M
 - 2022 OWNC contracts have been signed; awaiting ePostal contract signing processes; liaison teams have been associated with all 2022 LD NC events; as the Applegate Lake 2021 Marathon Distance OWNC has been cancelled, I am going ahead with VP Donn's okay to identify a possible alternate host/venue. More to follow.

- g. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group: Sarah and Chuck (leads), Alana, Jim, Bob S, Dave, Catherine, Jill, Bob B, Ali
 - The ePostal National Championship Host Guidelines have been updated on the USMS national website and can be found here:
 - <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/guide-to-local-operations/event-management/long-distance-administration>
 - https://www.usms.org/-/media/usms/pdfs/guide%20to%20operations%20-%20gto/ow%20and%20long%20distance/ldgto_epostal_guidelines.pdf
- h. Goals – Alana, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S, Catherine, Tim, Chuck and Bob B;
 - In progress. I expect a few of the goal groups to have discussion items or proposals in April and May.
- i. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Lorena, Dave, Jenny, Ali;
 - Nothing to report.
- j. 2021 Video Clinic Working Group—Catherine, Steve, Chuck and Ali
 - Chuck is putting together slides using photos from USMS OW events for part 1 of the clinic. Part 1 focuses on venues, courses, experience and length of swims.
- 7. Open Water Committee—Phyllis, Ali, Tim, Bob B.
 - OWC integration into LDC, need to look at the rules that need to be changed or eliminated.
 - New name for ePostals that are not National championships and are mainly fund raising events. Look at rules to be added for these events.
- 8. Good of the order
 - 608 registrations for the OHeP to date, extension has proven to be a good thing!

2021 Long Distance National Championships:

- **Sprint – Masters of South Texas, May 15th**
- **Long Distance – Masters of South Texas, May 16th**
 - Catherine/Tim
 - Events have been postponed. Times considered are mid-September through October due to water temperature. No date has been submitted for consideration.
- **Cable Swim – Foster Lake, June 26th**
 - Ali/Jenny
 - Host is optimistic that the event will go forward and is putting timeline items into place with that hopeful attitude.
- **Middle Distance – Newport Pier to Pier, July 10th**
 - Robin/Phyllis
 - Host is currently looking into contingency plans and additional potential dates. There is no decision yet by the local authorities on whether or not the OWNC Event will be able to proceed in July.
- **Marathon – Applegate Lake 10k, July 17th or 18th**
 - Jill/Bob B.
 - Event has been cancelled. The club hasn't been together in the water for the past year and they feel they can't manage putting on an OWNC without a lot of help.

- **Ultra-Marathon – 10 mile New England Masters, July 24th**
 - Steve/Dave
 - 96 people registered, Phil wants to maintain his requirement of all being vaccinated. Elevated this issue to the national office, hopefully will be resolved with a regional exception for the swim (requiring vaccines for all participants)

- **OHeP – Oregon Masters**
 - Sarah/Robin
 - At the time of writing this report there are 549 swimmers registered for the event. March 31st is the last day to swim the event. Individual Registration closes on April 6th. Please remind those within your workout groups, clubs, and LMSC's to participate in this event!!

- **5/10k – Kentucky Masters**
 - Jim/Jenny
 - The event logo has been approved. The entry form is ready for final approval pending completion of the final merchandise designs.

- **3/6k – Loveland Masters**
 - Chuck/Bob S.
 - No new activity to report. At the ePostal Improvement Working Group Meeting there was discussion of new plans for registration and marketing that may be initiated with this event.