

<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>	Lorena Sims	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>			06/27/2021 at 8pm ET

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

## Motions Passed:

1. Motion to approve minutes from May – passed without opposition.

<b>Number of committee members present: 15</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 3</b>
<b>Committee members present:</b> Ali Hall, Alana Aubin, Catherine Rust, Jill Wright, Dave Brancamp, Chuck Beatty, Robin Smith, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Sarah King, Tim Murphy, Stephen Rouch, Lorena Sims, Jenny Hodges. <b>Absent:</b> Bob Singer.		
<b>Ex-Officio members present:</b> David Miner, Donn Livoni, Jay Eckert		

## Topic: LDC Meeting June 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of any outstanding meeting minutes - Motion: Bob B. Second: Jim. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis), vice president (Donn), and national office (Jay).
  - **Donn** – Final virtual convention schedule will be released in the next week or so. August minutes will be due to NO by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion regarding convention procedures and processes.
  - **Phyllis** – Nothing to report.
  - **Ali** – Our Annual Meeting kick off is our August meeting (8/29 8p ET) and delegates will be able to attend. We will meet September 7 at 8p ET for a review of our rules proposals with delegates. September 21 has been set as an optional meeting date for us, in the event we want to revise any rules.  
Chuck is preparing another roll call PPT for us, please reply to his questions so he has the material he needs to create. Thanks!  
We will need to review and vote on any recommendations from the bid selection working group by email, since our bid deadline is 8/1 (after our July meeting). The 2023 hosts will be announced as part of our August meeting.
  - **Jay** – I suggest Dec. 1 for the bid deadline so everyone will know what happens with 2021 events well in advance of the deadline. Hosts of 2021 events impacted by the pandemic may be interested in 2023 instead. Bids can then be recruited/developed accordingly to fill in the gaps. This is the same rationale the Championship Committee used in case either 2021 pool championship was forced to cancel (though we're now all systems go for the postponed events in Greensboro and Ohio). I still think extending the deadline to Dec. 1 makes sense since the OWNCs in Boerne were postponed to September, the OWNC in Newport is still TBD, no bids have received so far, and some previously sanctioned events (and potential bidders) are just now starting to make

plans to return as the country opens up and interested in bidding if the deadline is extended. I understand the desire to have the 2023 bid cycle wrapped up by the Annual Meeting. The OWNC page and bids docs were updated a while back to reflect the August 1 date (and pause bidding on ePostal bids while we work through that transition). The August 1 deadline has been included in several emails, but if the LDC wants to extend the deadline again we'll update accordingly.

4. Working group reports.
  - a. 2021 Rules/Legislation –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve, Bob B;
    - Rules packet was sent out to all for review. Please read and submit if there are any changes needed.
  - 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
    - All results from 2021 U.S. Masters Swimming 1-Hour ePostal National Championship have been sent to our subcommittee members for purposes of compilation at the end of the year. We look forward to seeing and compiling results from upcoming events.
    - Thanks to Jessica (USMS national office staff member), 2020 Long Distance All-Americans have now been uploaded onto USMS member's records. For example: on the USMS All-American Listings page, you can now search and segment the 2020 LD individual and/or relay All-Americans for 2020. Examples: Paul (Tank) McNamara's public member page and, All-American Listings for Paul (Tank) McNamara.
  - c. Club Assistant – Robin & Steve;
    - Discussions regarding additional programming for reports are pending. This includes our requests to add all custom fields and split/interval times to either standard reports or specific custom/special reports created by Event Directors and LDC Liaisons.
  - d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead;
    - Nothing to report.
  - e. 2023 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Robin, Steve, Catherine & Jenny;
    - I have asked next year's OWNC hosts about also hosting an ultra-marathon or if they knew about one in their area. The only one so far to have come back with a positive is Santa Cruz, CA. I've asked for more details: location, length, body of water, etc. Santa Cruz is in northern/central Calif. on the coast so the water could be cold. We'll see what he says.
    - I haven't received any bids. I have contacted Wisconsin, Jackie Hering, about their bidding for 2023. I'm hoping to hear from her by 7/1/21 - DID WE CHANGE BID CUTOFF DATE TO 8/1/21? We will need to contact 2021 OWLDNCs that were cancelled about bidding for 2023 (Applegate Lake, OR and maybe Newport, CA - both of these are in the West area). 2023 could be another year of out of area hosts.
  - f. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob S, David M
    - Nothing to report.
  - g. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group: Sarah and Chuck (leads), Alana, Jim, Bob S, Dave, Catherine, Jill, Bob B, Ali
    - Nothing to report.
  - h. Goals – Alana, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S, Catherine, Tim, Chuck and Bob B;
    - Nothing to report.
  - i. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Lorena, Dave, Jenny, Ali;

- I have contacted Phyllis Quinn at Pacific LMSC to ask if they were submitting their nomination again for this year. Her comment was "I guess my question is now that I am chair of Pacific, can I be both the nominee and the nominator?"
- j. 2021 Video Clinic Working Group—Catherine, Steve, Chuck and Ali
  - Waiting on Chuck to shoot video clips of OW techniques. Delays due to Lake Erie water temp, weather and availability of video stars. Planning to try late this week.
- 5. Open Water Committee—Phyllis, Ali, Tim, Bob B.
  - Committee has voted to approve and endorse the rules changes to officially dissolve the Open Water Committee and re-absorb it into the Long Distance Committee.
- 6. Good of the order
  - A casual poll was taken of the Foster Lake swim participants and 97% of participants stated they were fully vaccinated.
  - Don't forget the "Try Masters Swimming" campaign in July.
  - Boise did get final approval for the money to start building the Idaho Competitive Aquatics pool – will be used by several USA teams and a masters team.
  - Next meeting – July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **2021 Long Distance National Championships:**

- **Sprint – Masters of South Texas, September 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Long Distance – Masters of South Texas, September 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - Catherine/Tim
  - Event Information and art work waiting for approval from NO. Host has set up with CA for registrations. All other tasks by the host for opening registration have been completed.
  - Getting ready to open event registration – just cleaning up the logo and registration pages. There is a 200-person event limit.
- **Cable Swim – Foster Lake, June 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Ali/Jenny
  - Host has done a masterful job preparing for the event with safety and event information shared with all the participants. 100 swimmers are expected for this Saturday. I will share the success of the event on Sunday evenings call.
  - Event was kept small by people being reluctant to travel by air. Overall, there were 64 entries, 60 swam, 7 people were one-event registrations, and there were a number of category 2 participants. Water was flat, there was very little powerboat action, and the water temperature was in the 70s. Racing was good, there was a lot of tactical racing, but there were no individual USMS records set but 7 USMS relay records were set. Many thanks to the support crew and volunteers. Provisional results are posted on comaswim.org
  - Results are now posted on the USMS website. All individual results are finalized. Relay Results are currently listed as preliminary results until July 26<sup>th</sup> at which time any corrections will be made and results will be finalized. Final individual results and relay results, in addition to records set during the event will be sent to the PARA subcommittee after the preliminary period for relay results ends. The link to results can be found here: <https://www.usms.org/events/national-championships/open-water-national-championships/2021-open-water-national-championships>
- **Middle Distance – Newport Pier to Pier, July 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - Robin/Phyllis
  - Event host is going to have to cancel due to budget cuts for lifeguards – they don't have enough lifeguards to safely host.
- **Marathon – Applegate Lake 10k, July 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Jill/Bob B.
- Event is cancelled.
  
- **Ultra-Marathon – 10 mile New England Masters, July 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Steve/Dave
  - Cancelled; sanction was pulled.
  
- **OHeP – Oregon Masters**
  - Sarah/Robin
  - All souvenirs and awards have been mailed. The host and liaisons are currently in the process of completing and finalizing the championship packet from the event.
  
- **5/10k – Kentucky Masters**
  - Jim/Jenny
  - 12 entries so far – ten 5K and two 10K
  
- **3/6k – Loveland Masters**
  - Chuck/Bob S.
  - Host has sent event artwork (and revision) to the NO. NO has approved artwork.