

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #: 7	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Catherine Rust	Vice Chair:	David Brancamp
Minutes recorded by:	Tim Murphy	Date/time of meeting:	08/24/2025 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Actions Passed:

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 3
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Committee members present: Catherine Rust, Dave Brancamp, Tim Murphy, Bob Kolonkowski, Jim Davidson, Stephen Rouch, Phyllis Quinn , Christie Ciraulo,, Nicki Phillips, John Fox, Marnie Whitley, Vesna Shelnut

Absent: N/A

Ex-Officio Members Present: Robin Smith, Jay Eckert, Colton Martin.

Ex-Officio Absent: David Miner, Onshalee Promchitmart

Other: + 50 Guests

Topic: LDC Forum Meeting – August 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm ET:

Welcome and opening remarks: Catherine Rust

Roll call

For the forum tonight we will go through the proposed amendments in numerical order at the House of Delegates we will be using the consent agenda. The proposals will be divided into 2 parts; 1) Amendments to be deleted

from the rule book either obsolete or those considered procedures or processes 2) Amendments which clarify existing rules.

List of Long Distance Committee Amendments and summary of discussion:

- **LD1: Questions about where the eliminated Guidelines will be housed, and if/how members can access.**
- **LD2: Question about open water coordinator**
- **LD3: no questions**
- **LD4: no questions**
- **LD5: no questions**
- **LD6: Who from the national office will be involved? Per Catherine, Colton is the contact now and will contact the swimmer. The National Office collects data, provide to the committee to make decisions.**
- **LD7: no questions**
- **LD8: no questions**
- **LD9: (for LD9 and 10): The bond is no longer required by the National Office. is no longer required. The LDC no longer requires the Financial Statement from hosts and trying to eliminate paperwork and make it easier for the hosts.**
- **LD10: (comment in with 9)**
- **LD11A and LD11B: Comment that this looks to be guidelines/procedures, putting in specific language about timely manner for protests. Makes it difficult to vote one way or the other. Although can be considered process, the LDC would like to remain in rule book to give a timeline for protests**
- **LD12: 3rd part of proposal: name as on USMS card. It is easier for the meet host to use the entry name for the swimmer. If there is a question of the name in results, the LDC can use the USMS # to verify.**
- **LD13: are meet hosts/LD committee ok with divisions assigned on a virtual event? Per Catherine yes the LDC is OK with NO deciding on divisions of teams. National Office has all the relevant information and is in charge of the Virtual National Championships.**
- **LD14: Request information removed from rule book needs to be placed on the USMS website**
- **LD15: no questions**

- LD16: no questions.
- LD17: no questions
- LD18: bolded language should be a new bullet?
- LD19: E should say, “a relay may use a split time,” rather than an individual. Per Jim: we’ll look at this.
- Both say individual, but 2nd one should say relay

At the end, before the forum wrap-up:

Kathy Casey: Question on reasoning for the protest response to be 7 days. Protest with 7 day response time from each party. Why was 7 days chosen? Per Phyllis chosen to give people time to do paperwork, but not endless time (not 6 months).

Long Distance Committee meeting (after others had dropped):

Dropbox:

- Internal committee procedures
- How events are run: should be on the public website
- There is a possibility of making part of the DropBox public.

Committee discussed all suggestions. Jim will work on incorporating many into revised amendments.

Notes for our upcoming House of Delegates Meeting:

The assent agenda will be divided into 2 categories those proposed amendments to be eliminated from the rule book and the proposed amendments which are clarifying existing rules.

- Obsolete
- Processes/procedures
- Clarifying rules, already in rulebook

LDC Presentation at USMS Relay Oct. 24-26 , Kansas City, MO. Theme is Coach Support and Development. LDC presentation on Coaching Open Water Swimming

- **Catherine, Dave, and Bob K will work on this.**

Adjournment

LDC 2025 Meeting Dates 8:00 pm Eastern Time as needed

USMS Annual Meeting September 12, 2025

September 29, 2025

October 26, 2025