

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Long Distance Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Donn Livoni	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	John Traynor
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Karen Reeder	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00 PM EDT

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 15	<b>Absent:</b> 3	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 0
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Donn Livoni (chair), John Traynor (vice-chair), Lynn Hazlewood (OW-Ex-O), Bruce Hopson, Tom Spence, Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Jill Wright, Greta Van Meeteren, Dave Diehl (EC-Ex-0), Robert Zeitner, Phyllis Quinn, Ali Hall, Heather Hagadorn, Bob Bruce		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM Eastern Time.

1. OW Awards Idea: Lynn Hazlewood emailed the proposal for a national awards system and reiterated that it is a "work in progress." The current plan is to define the awards system in sufficient detail so we know what data needs to be collected for the OW Events Results Database. She offered an opportunity to Long Distance Committee members to join the development effort.

### 2. Working Groups: Reports

a. Rules: We approved 50 proposals to the following articles: Glossary (Drafting & Escort Craft definitions). Article 1: 102.12.1E (which Donn Livoni will forward to the Rules Committee). Article 3: 301.2 (old 301.2.2), New 301.2.2, 301.3, 301.3.1, New 301.3.2, 302.2.1A, 302.2.1B, 302.2.2, 302.2.3, 302.3.2-3, 302.4 Reorganization, 302.4.2, 302.4.3, 303.1.1B, 303.1.3, 303.3 Reorganization, 303.3.1, 303.3.1-4, New 303.3, New 303.3.3B, New 303.4C, New 303.4.1-303.4.4, 303.6.1 Reorganization, 303.6.1, 303.7.2B & 7.3C, 303.7.3B, 303.9.5, New 303.9.6, 303.11, 303.12.2, 304.1.1, 304.1.3, 305.5, 306.8.1, 306.8.2, 307.2.2B, 307.2.3B, 307.2.3H, 307.7.2, 307.7.7B, 307.8.1F-G, 307.9.1A & C, 307.10.4, 308.1.1, 308.1.6, New 308.1.7, and New 308.1.7 Reorganization.

We did NOT approve 4 proposals to the following articles: 301.5.1-2, 302.2.1A Issue, 303.2, and 303.8.2.

We tabled 6 proposals to the following articles: 301.4, 302 Issue, 303.1.1D, New 303.1.1E, New 303.3.5, and 303.6.2 Issue.”

b. All-Americans/All-stars/Awards – Tom Spence reported that The AA's from the OHP have been added to our spreadsheets. Results from remaining championship events will come to us later in the year. We are developing a sub-committee time-line to help us stay current throughout the year as results come to us and to help us finalize the results in a timely manner at the end of the year. The timeline is attached. Robert's awards quote from Hasty was within the budget so he has entered the awards order with them.

c. Records- Jill reported these are up to date on the website and google docs.

d. Safety – Karen Reeder reported on the safety conference call with was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. All of the National Championship race directors on the call gave a short synopsis describing their course, the on water and off water safety support. Then we had a short question and answer period about different aspects of their event. One important topic was lifeguards. Race directors who paid for lifeguards were having an easier time filling positions than those who requested lifeguards as volunteers. There is also a difference in safety plans as some organizations have mainly lifeguard coverage and others rely on spotters in kayaks to notify rescue crews when an emergency occurs. Evacuation plans, in case of inclement weather, were also discussed.

e. Manuals: Ann reported no action since the last call.

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f. Officials- John Traynor reported there were no new developments.

3. Liaison Reports:

a. 3-6 Mile, Noblesville IN (5K): Tom Spence reported. 60 Swimmers are registered to date. Online registration is with Club Assistant and all timelines are on target.

b. 2 Mile Cable , Sweet Home, OR: Donn reported they are ahead of schedule.

c. 6+ Mile, Jacksonville, OR (10K): Jill reported that all timeline items are on target.

d. 1 Mile – Hickory Nut Gorge, NC. Heather reported that all timeline items are on target and online registrations is through Club Assistant.

e. 1-3 Mile, Lake Hopatcong, NJ (2 Mile) - Susan reported that All deliverables have been met and are on schedule with the timeline. Future deliverables are also anticipated to meet or exceed the timeline.

f. 10 Mile, Lake Minnetonka, MN – Ali reported the entry form draft in satisfactory condition, online sanction process complete. Susan learned that the event was posted online already, though this occurred without LDC approval or initiation. Currently checking with race director for clarification.

Review underway of online posting to identify any necessary modifications; modifications to be accomplished and updated entry details to be communicated to early (pre-approval) entrants.

g. OHP – Susan reported. All deliverables have been received from the event director on time, including the final document, the financial report. The 2012 OHP was again a very profitable event for the event hosts with net proceeds of \$15,889.92 -- slightly less than the 2011 OHP. Ann and Susan are currently reviewing an event feedback document provided by the event director.

For the 2012 OHP, the event director wanted to try to consolidate mailings of merchandise and awards to save time and money with a new approach and included a new Check off box (online and paper entries) "Check if you are willing to accept and distribute merchandise and awards for your Club," even though the LDC Liaisons were not in favor of this approach. The event director received many responses and unfortunately did not vet them thoroughly and in the end, this new approach created additional work and costs for the event director and confusion and delays in receipt of merchandise for the swimmers. Therefore, for future Postal NC events, especially the OHP, this approach will not be offered through the online and paper entry forms.

h. 5000/10,000 M Postal – Greta reported. The 5/10K postal championship is on track. The Online Tutorial for Club Assistant Online Registration is set for Thursday, May 10 at 2pm pacific time, 5pm eastern time.

4. Next Call – Rules call will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM Eastern time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM Eastern Time

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