

Committee Name:	Long Distance Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	John Traynor
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Reeder	Date/time of meeting:	Dec 16 th , 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 16	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni (chair), John Traynor (vice-chair), Lynn Hazlewood (OW-Ex-O), Bruce Hopson, Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Jill Wright, Greta Van Meeteren, Dave Diehl (EC-Ex-0), Phyllis Quinn, Ali Hall, Heather Hagadorn, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Jim Sauer, Dick Sidner,		

Motions Passed:

1. Revise the OWCCS Collaboration Concept Document to read as follows. 3. The OWCSS representative will present a safety webinar(s) in a timely fashion. Attendance at this webinar shall be mandatory for the event liaison, director, referee and safety coordinator, and optional for other event safety officials.
2. Accept USMS Open Water National Championship Safety Collaboration Document between the LDC and OW Committees.

Minutes

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

1. Legal Topics: Patty Miller gave a quick briefing about legal topics in light of litigation pending against USMS.
2. Integration of OW Safety Review Expertise. Document was reviewed and approved.
 - a. Document was revised to include liaisons in the webinars and the last sentence regarding power point presentation was deleted. Motion: Bob Bruce. Second: Phyllis Quinn. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Accept the OWSCCS Collaboration Document as revised. Motion: Bob Bruce. Second: Karen Reeder. Passed unanimously.
3. Clinic grant opportunities: Lynn reported that there are six grants of \$500 each for open water clinics which can be run in conjunction with the National Open Water Championship. Liaisons need to contact their event director to find out if they have an interest in applying and let John Traynor know by January 1st.
4. Disband Officials Working Group. John Traynor said that the open water committee is handing this topic and our committee is a duplication of effort.
5. Open Water 101. Elaine Howley at USMS headquarters is looking for original content about open water swimming for the new website. Elaine will be writing a series of basic articles entitled "Open Water Swimming 101" and that will lead to more advanced articles. Please send her your ideas and feedback.
6. Working Groups: Reports
 - a. Rules/Legislation. 2013 is a legislation year. In 2012, the LDC submitted 11 proposed changes and three questions to the Legislation Committee. The questions were unanswered, and the proposals were deemed non-emergency and not passed by the House of Delegates. We plan to review those questions & proposals and consider new ones, share discussion with the OWC & LDC, and forward approved results to the Legislation committee. 2013 is not a rules year. The subcommittee will plan to review the 2013 rulebook carefully and solicit, gather, & discuss proposed changes. We will then forward them the LDC as a whole for discussion and approval. If the LDC approves any proposals as emergency items, we will submit them to the HOD.

b. All-Americans/All-stars/: Tom Spence reported. At this time, we have received the AA Reports from all Championship events with the exception of the 3000/6000 postal. Hurricane Sandy has impacted the timeline for the 3000/6000 results. Otherwise, our master spreadsheet is current. Our goal this year is to produce the AA and All-Star Results in a more timely fashion than in prior years. We are aiming to have this done in January. In order to do this, we may have to lift 3000/6000 AA's off the individual results rather than wait for the AA Report.

c. Awards: All 2012 events awards have been ordered, shipped, returns and payment received except for 3000/6000 postal.

d. Records: Jill reported. All records are posted on google.docs and the web. She reviewed/proofed the yearbook OW/LD records for Susan Ehringer.

e. Club Assistant: Club Assistant worked closely with the LDC to make the necessary software changes due to the extension of the swim date for the 2012 3000/6000 Postal National Championship. This included adjustments so that age calculations for any swims completed during the extension, November 16th - November 25th, would be calculated as of November 15th.

f. Safety – Karen Reeder reported that review process of safety plans has begun. Two safety calls for the upcoming year are planned since the first 2 championships are in early spring. The first will be scheduled for late January.

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

h. NC Selection: The 2015 Postal and Open Water National Championship bid packets will be reviewed and updated if necessary in January 2013 and then submitted to the LDC Chair for distribution by the LDC Chair to prior Postal and Open Water National Championship event hosts, BOD, EC, LMSC Chairs, LMSC Long Distance Chairs, and any other interested parties.

7. Liaison Reports:

a. Lee County Gulf Coast, Ft Myers, FL (5K) 4/27. Liaison John Traynor, backup Colleen Driscoll. On schedule. Online event registration entries opened November 30, 2012.

b. Swim Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Las Vegas, NV. (10K) 5/18. Liaison Susan Kirk, back-up Jill Wright. On schedule. The event venue has been changed from the original bid venue ~ from Lake Las Vegas to Lake Mead. The new venue, Lake Mead, is the preferred site and will offer an enhanced open water swimming experience for the participants.

c. Tri-Valley Masters, Lake Del Valle, Livermore, CA (1 Mile) 6/9. Liaison Phyllis Quinn, backup Bob Bruce. Contract sent on 12/12/12

d. IROC/NEWKOWSA, Lake Memphremagog, Prouty Beach, Newport, VT. (10 Mile) 7/6. Liaison Ali Hall, backup Jim Sauer. Entry form is posted, 25 swimmers already entered.

e. Mission Viejo Nadadores, Salt creek State Beach, Dana Point, CA (2.4 Mile) 8/4. Liaison Heather Hagadorn, backup Ali Hall. Contract has been sent.

f. Adirondack Masters, Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY (2-mile cable) 8/17. Liaison: Tom Spence, backup Karen Reeder. This event is on schedule. The draft entry is due January 1st, 2013

g. OHP: Davis Aquatic Masters, Davis, CA. Liaison Ann Svenson/Susan Kirk co-lead; backup Jill Wright. On schedule. 2013 entry form is submitted and should be posted this week.

h. 5000/10,000M Postal: Swim Louisville, Masters. Liaison: Greta van Meeteren, backup Karen Reeder. 2012 5K/10K postal championships are just about completed.

i. 3000/6000 Postal: Central Illinois Masters Liaison: Dick Sidner, Lead; backup, Bruce Hopson. Prelim results for the 2012 3000/6000 have been submitted but are being reviewed for accuracy and formatted for the web. Preliminary results are posted for individuals and relays. Corrections are being made daily. The surcharge has been paid and the awards order has been submitted.

8. Other Business: Logo will likely be a combination of the Open Water Swimming and USMS logos.

9. Next Call – Next LDC conference call will be on February 10th at 8:00 PM Eastern time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM Eastern Time
