

<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>	March 24th, 8:00 PM EDT

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 16	<b>Absent:</b> 5	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 1
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Donn Livoni (chair), John Traynor (vice-chair), Nadine Day (USMS President), David Diehl (EC-Ex-O), Lynn Hazelwood (OW-Ex-O), Karen Reeder, Susan Kirk, Greta Van Meeteren, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Jim Sauer, Tom Spence, Robert Zeitner, Jill Wright, Heather Hagadorn, Bruce Hopson		

## Motions Passed:

1. National Championship Event Directors are strongly encouraged to attend the Open Water Safety Webinar.
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## Minutes

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

1. Recognition. Congratulations to Susan Kirk who was written up in Swimmer Magazine in the volunteer section.
2. Open Water Safety Review: Karen reported that the safety calls have been completed and all of the safety plans reviewed by the LD and OW committees except for the Minnetonka 10 Mile swim which may host the 10-Mile championship.
3. USMS Open Water Insurance Surcharge Rebate Program. Susan Kirk is a member of this sub-committee which will to help open swims pay for the insurance surcharge. They will be meeting once a week to review applications. No completed applications have been submitted at the time.
4. Working groups – reports
  - a. Rules/Legislation. Rules/Legislation – Bob Bruce reported. Donn (LDC) and Lynn (OWC) decided that the separate Rules & Legislation Subcommittees would be combined, then work forwarded to the full Committees for action. In addition to the reconsideration of legislation proposals that the LDC approved last year, I have also received several new legislation proposals. I anticipate more as the year progresses.
  - b. PARA: Tom reported. 2012 is complete. We received the results from the 2013 OHP. I am developing a Timeline for 2013 and will post it at Google Drive/Docs when it is complete.
  - c. Club Assistant: Susan reported. Greta will schedule a Postal National Championship tutorial with Club Assistant and the 2013 5K/10K event host at a mutually agreeable time in April. 2013 OHP final results corrections have been submitted to Club Assistant for updating the CA database
  - d. Safety: Karen reported that the process for reviewing the NC safety plans needs to be reviewed and changed.
  - e. NC Selection – Susan reported. Work is on hold until the BOD decides how to address both 2014 bid winners and 2015 bid solicitations. Nadine reported that the BOD is reviewing the insurance surcharge

question as it relates to OW NC events and will give us direction ASAP. Donn will communicate with Patty Miller, USMS legal counsel, regarding wording for 2014 & 2015.

f. Awards: Robert reported. All 2012 events are completed. 2013 OHP award order was received and shipped. Waiting for returns and payment which are not yet due. 2013 5K OW award order was received. Robert will deliver the order since he is an alternate liaison and will be attending the event. 2012 postal patch - completed results and shipped the patches to Tracy Grilli for distribution. Robert is working on updating procedures. He forwarded the championship event award procedure for review and updated the postal patch recipient's procedure.

## 5. Liaisons

a. Miromar Lakes, FL (5K) 4/27. Sanction approval reconfirmed on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Event director attended February safety call and the final safety plan was posted March 13<sup>th</sup>. Awards order has been submitted. There are 45 registered entries as of March 24<sup>th</sup>.

b. Swim Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Las Vegas, NV (10K) 5/18. Susan Kirk reported: Event director redesigned the non-championship swims of the event (dropped the 1.2 mile and 2.4 mile; added a 1 mile; retained the 5K) to streamline event operational costs to help to defray the new unexpected insurance surcharge for the non-championship swims. SPMS will be charging the event hosts \$6.00 per swimmer to recoup most of the \$1000 insurance surcharge. Sanction was approved by the OWCC on March 1st and online event registration opened immediately thereafter. The paper entry form was submitted and has been posted on the USMS website. To date, 33 swimmers have registered for the 10K OW NC swim. The event host is current with the timeline -- next task is the awards order due April 18<sup>th</sup>

c. Tri-Valley Masters, Lake Del Valle, Livermore, CA (1-mile) 6/9. Phyllis Quinn reported. The Sanction was approved LDC/OWC safety conference call attended. The final safety plan was approved on March 8 by the OWCC.

d. Minnetonka, MN. (10 mile) 7/27. Ali reported that they are moving forward in the process to host this event.

e. Mission Viejo Nadadores, Salt Creek State Beach, Dana Point, CA (2.4 mile) Heather reported the event director attended both safety call. The safety plan has been submitted and approved. Currently getting sanction set up and forms finalized for web. Bond has been submitted. No issues/concerns.

f. Adirondack Masters, Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY (2-mile cable) 8/17 Liaison: Tom Spence reported that they have a sanction and are working to get the event set up on Club Assistant.

g. OHP: Susan reported. All timeline tasks have been on-time or early and are current. The event host has done a superb job with all aspects of hosting the 2013 One Hour Postal National Championship. There were 2,493 individual entries ~ 2,368 online and 125 paper entries.

h. 5,000/10,000M Postal: Greta reported The online registration and paper registration forms are on the Website. The result forms and the financial report form have been sent to the host with another copy of the timeline. Next, the awards order form needs to be sent.

i. 3,000/6,000 Postal: Dick reported that 2012 postal is complete. The 2013 host has received the forms, timeline and entry form template. Contract is signed.

6. Lynn Hazelwood reported that the Open Water Safety Webinars will occur on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Originally the NC Event Directors were required to attend these webinars. Committee member felt this should change because of the extensive safety review which has already occurred. A motion was made to make the webinars voluntary for the NC Event Directors.

Motion: John Traynor Second: Bob Bruce. Passed Unanimously

7. David Diehl requested information about what support LMSC's are providing for open water events hosts to help pay for the insurance surcharge. He asked that committee members forward to him any information about fees structures within their LMSC.
8. Next Call – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM EST.