

Committee Name:	Long Distance Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Donn Livoni	Vice Chair:	John Traynor
Minutes recorded by:	Karen Reeder	Date/time of meeting:	May 27th, 8:00 PM EDT

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni (chair), David Diehl (EC-Ex-0), Susan Kirk, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Colleen Driscoll, Jim Sauer, Jill Wright, Heather Hagadorn, Ali Hall, Bruce Hopson, Dick Sidner, John Traynor (vice-chair), Greta Van Meeteren, Robert Zeitner,		

Called to order at 8:05 PM EDT

1. Insurance Fee Rebate Fund report: Susan Kirk reported that there have been 44 OW sanctions issued in 2013. \$20,000 was budgeted for the insurance surcharge rebates. Seven of 8 rebate applications have been approved to date and \$3,950 has been distributed.
2. Forum Questions: Emergency legislation for OW sanction insurance is only for 2013. Re: 2014 insurance: the USMS board is waiting until their July meeting for more discussion. Hopefully there will be an answer to what the insurance company will require for 2014 between the July board meeting and HOD. Forum questions/conclusions: More promotion for postal events and open water events, happy with bidding process, happy with rotation.
3. 2014 Bid Winners are all planning on hosting. The only caveat would be any additional surcharges.
4. 2015 bids have gone out - are due back by 7/20. Bids need to be received 45 days before convention. Awarding the bids needs to be completed by about March, 2014 or one-year before the first 2015 USMS OW NC event. The consensus is to keep to the existing timeline of awarding bids around Labor Day.
5. NC surcharge: Consensus is that there is no benefit to event hosts if the surcharge is increased.
6. Working groups
 - a. Rules/Legislation – Bob reported. We discussed proposed legislation and rules. We voted to approve 12 proposals to the following articles: Part 2 Title (amended), 201.1, 202.1.1A (amended), 202.1.1A (1), 202.1.1A(2), 203.3.3A, 203.3.3B, 202.3.3C, 204.1 (amended), 204.1.1, 601.2.3, and 601.3. We tabled 2 proposals to the following articles: 507.1.9 and 301.2.1. We voted not to consider 201.1F(4)&(6) and forward to the USMS Records and Tabulations Committee for their legislative consideration.
 - b. PARA (Patches, All-Americans, Records, All-Stars) – Tom reported. 6- 9 Mile individual results just came in today with AA results to follow. We are current to our timeline.
 - c. Club Assistant- Susan reported. The Club Assistant tutorial for the 2013 5K/10K PNC was held on 4.29.13. In attendance were Karin Wegner, Greta van Meeteren, Susan Ehringer, and Susan Kirk. Karin led a detailed tutorial of utilizing the Club Assistant tools for the Postal National Championships, including reminding the host that the customized Postal National Championship setup is unique and different than for pool meets, USMS registration, and other uses. The two main differences noted occur during the admin entry of paper entries ... 1) a new unique SID is created (don't search and utilize a SID from a previous postal entry) and 2) the Club Assistant service fee also applies to the paper entries entered by the host.
 - d. Safety – No report at this time

- e. Manuals – Ann reported. The OW GTO need to be updated, and suggested this be a joint effort between the OW and LD committees. The host of the 2013 OHP is going to review the Postal GTO and suggest updates.
- f. NC Selection – Susan reported. The 2015 Bid Forms and letter have been posted on the Guide to Operations page of the USMS website. The submission date of the bids is earlier this year -- July 20, 2013 -- so please help to remind all potential bidders of the submission due date to be considered as a timely bid. Additionally, the following language was added to this year's bid letter:

"Please be aware that, due to changes in its insurance premiums, USMS instituted an insurance surcharge for open water events for 2013. While that insurance surcharge was not imposed on previously contracted 2013 Long Distance National Championship events, we do not yet know whether there will be an insurance surcharge or changes to the per-swimmer surcharge for National Championship events in future years. Please take this into account when planning your bid."

7. Liaisons

- a. Lee County Gulf Coast, Ft. Myers, FL (5K) 4/27. John reported. All Host Timeline actions are complete, with one exception: reconciliation of motorized watercraft compliance with the safety plan and OW Sanction Guidelines. This will be included in the Event Evaluation Form which is expected to be submitted by the first of next week.
- b. Swim Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Las Vegas, NV (10K) Susan reported. The event hosts, Swim Las Vegas (Kara Miller and Paul Fritz) did an outstanding job of hosting an organized, safe, fun, and memorable USMS OWNC. There were 66 entries in the 10K OW NC swim. Additionally, for the non-championship swims, there were 39 entries in the 5K Category I swimwear; 14 entries in the 5K Category II swimwear; 15 entries in the 1 mile Category I swimwear; 10 entries in the 1 mile Category II swimwear. Individual results have already been submitted to the LDC and posted on USMS.org. All items are current on the LDC timeline.
- c. Tri-Valley Masters, Lake Del Valle, Livermore, CA (1-mile) Phyllis reported they are on schedule and she has been reviewing the liaison checklist with the race director.
- d. Mission Viejo Nadadores, Salt Creek State Beach, Dana Point, CA (2.4 mile) Heather reported they are meeting the timeline schedule and ready to go.
- e. 2 Mile Cable, Adirondack Masters, Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY (2-mile cable). Tom reported. They are current to our timeline. There are 12 online entries so far.
- f. OHP: Davis Aquatic Masters, Davis, CA. Event is complete. Their evaluation was submitted for full reimbursement of their bond. We encourage them to bid again.
- g. 5,000/10,000M Postal: No report at this time.
- h. 3,000/6,000 Postal: Central Illinois Masters. No report at this time.

8. Next Call – SUNDAY JUNE 30th with times of 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM EDT