

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

Committee Name: Long Distance

Session #: 2

Committee Chair: Donn Livoni

Vice Chair: Ali Hall

Minutes recorded by: Bruce Hopson

Date/time of meeting: 10/01/2015 3:30 PM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes of the 9/20/2015 conference call;
2. MSA to support L3.

Number of committee members present: 16

Absent: 1

Number of other delegates present: 39

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Donn Livoni, Ali Hall, James Biles, Denise Brown, Robert Bruce, Rob Copeland, Colleen Driscoll, Michael Fanelli, Bruce Hopson, Rendy Opdycke, Phyllis Quinn, Greta van Meeteren, and Jill Wright; Lynn Hazlewood, Chris McGiffin, and Bill Roach, all *ex officio*.

Committee Members Absent: Robert Zeitner; Tracy Grilli, Elaine Howley, and Jim Miller, the last 3 *ex officio*

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM CDT

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. MSA to approve the minutes of the 9/20/2015 conference call.
3. The Event Hosts for the 2016 OW and ePostal National Championships or someone on their behalf introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their upcoming event.
4. The Event Hosts for the 2017 OW and ePostal National Championships or someone on their behalf introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their upcoming event. See below for winning bids.
5. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Open Water Task Force.
 - a. Bob Bruce addressed the Committee and urged the Committee and the audience to vote in favor of L11 because it would give USMS the flexibility of changing its business model. He pointed out that the sanction fee proposal was something different.
 - b. He also spoke on L3 about changing "National Records to USMS Records". He urged the Committee to support the motion. MSA (unanimously) to support L3.
 - c. He also spoke on L14, the adoption of Proposed Amendments. He gave two rationales:
 - i. With the every other year plan for introducing rules and legislation, it can take quite a while for something to be implemented. For example, if something became a concern in 2014 but too late to be considered at convention, it could not be taken up until 2016 and then implemented in 2017.
 - ii. It would spread out the workload more evenly as there typically are more rules proposals than legislation proposals.
 - iii. Open Water Chair Lynn Hazelwood addressed the Committee regarding L12 to explain why it was necessary sometimes to have an event accept entries before a sanction is complete, e.g., long lag times in obtaining permits.
 - d. Discussion and possible changes to LDC 2016 budget. The Chair announced the Finance Committee had accepted all of the LD Committees budget items.

- e. Review of 2012 – 2015 LD NC participation numbers.
 - i. The Chair passed out a spread sheet comparing the number of entries for the OWNC and ePostal events from 2012 through 2015, although 2015 is incomplete
 - ii. The numbers show that the number of entries have increased since 2012, even if one were to subtract out the 650 entries from the 5K OWNC (Big Shoulders), which sold out.
 - iii. The numbers also showed that the biggest increase, Big Shoulders notwithstanding, occurred in the 1-mile swim.
 - iv. Not only did Big Shoulders sell out, but so did the 9.6-mile race in Noblesville, IN, which was the longest race.
- f. Discussion and possible action on NC merchandise.
 - i. Kyle Deering Deering addressed the committee regarding what the National Office has to offer in terms of marketing and merchandising.
 - ii. He also emphasized the point of using the proper stylistic requirements for the names of the events (e.g., 1-mile) and to be sure to include Speedo in the name of the event and in the logo.

2017 Long Distance National Championship bid Winners

EVENT	HOST	LOCATION	DATE(S)	LIAISON	BACKUP
OHeP	Ohio Masters Swim Club	ePostal	1/01/17-1/31/17	TBD	TBD
5K/10K	Swim Fort Lauderdale	ePostal	5/15/17-5/31/17	TBD	TBD
3000/6000	Loveland Masters Swim Club	ePostal	9/15/-11/15/17	TBD	TBD
>6/<9 (7 miles)	Swim Around Lido Key	Sarasota, FL	4/22/2017	TBD	TBD
>9 mile (10 mile)	Chattanooga Open Water Swim Team	Chattanooga, TN	6/03/2017	TBD	TBD
>1/<3 mile (2.4 mi)	Chattanooga Open Water Swim Team	Chattanooga, TN	6/04/2017	TBD	TBD
2-mile Cable	COMA	Foster Lake, OR	6/24/2017	TBD	TBD
>3/<6 mile (5k)	COMA	Elk Lake, OR	7/30/2017	TBD	TBD
1-mile	Blue Wave Aquatics	Angle Lake, WA	9/23/2017	TBD	TBD

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

- 1. None discussed at this meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM CDT
