

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn		
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	12/02/18 8:00 EST		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. Motion to approve long distance national committee award – Motion: Phyllis Quinn. Second: Robin Smith. Motion carried without opposition.

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present: Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (Vice Chair), Lorena Sims, Robin Smith, Sarah King, Laurie Hug, Stephen Rouch, Alana Aubin, Catherine Rust, Jim Davidson, Bob Singer, and Jill Wright. Ex-Officio Members Present: Jay Eckert, Casey Keiber. Absent: Bob Bruce, Bill Brenner, Josie Palmerin, Donn Livoni (Vice President), David Brancamp, Matt Miller. Others: None.		

The meeting was called to order at 08:00pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call.
2. Approval of any outstanding meeting minutes – none.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis) and vice president (Donn)
 - Chair:** Nothing to report.
 - Vice Chair:** Please read open water task force report regarding increasing participation in open water events.
 - Vice President:** None.
4. LD NC Award Proposal (Ali)
 - Reviewed updated doc. Thanks Catherine, Jill, Phyllis, and Dave. Determined that there was an opening to recognize those who make LDNC stronger. Please review proposal and determine if this is something we want to do. Motion to Approve: Phyllis. Second: Robin. Discussion: Good idea, especially to increase participation in the LDNC events and promote them. Motion carried without opposition.
5. Update on possible OW clinic (Ali)
 - Options are being considered for an open water clinic in conjunction with a national championship, perhaps in the later part of the year.
6. Working groups – reports (please send your report to all in advance)
 - a. 2019 Rules/Legislation – Bob B./Jim; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Matt, Stephen. All will be involved during the spring.
 - Rules & legislation -

--I've done two rounds of proofreading Part 3 of the 2019 Rulebook. Things seem to be in good shape. One round to go before the final full document goes to print.

--I've started compiling topics for rules and legislation discussion for the coming year. If you have topics/proposals for our ongoing dialogue, please send them to me.

--According to Ali, Jim Davidson has agreed to back me up in rules matters. Jim, welcome aboard this crazy project. I hope (for everyone's sake) that we'll have a quiet year in this department.

- b. PARA – Sarah/Jim: Patches & Awards – Dave; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, _____, Alana; (AA) Women – _____, Dave, Sarah; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Sarah, Dave; Records – Jill, Dave, All-Stars – Laurie, Alana; Postal Series – Alana & _____
Waiting on 3000/6000 results to complete posting of all NC event results for 2018 and begin work on All Americans, All Stars and ePostal awards.
- c. Club Assistant – Lorena and Stephen
Nothing to report.
- d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead; _____, _____
Nothing to report.
- e. Documents – Matt, lead; & Bob S. (ePostal Guide – Matt, Bob S., Jill & ____). (OW Champs Guide – Matt, Bob S. & ____).
Timelines and packets for OWNCs and ePostal NCs have been updated and distributed to liaisons and event directors.
- f. 2021 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Robin, Matt, Stephen & _____
Nothing to report.
- g. Communications – Laurie, lead; Matt & _____
Nothing to report.
- h. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Matt, David M.
A gentle reminder for LDC members and especially liaisons/back-ups communicating with the NO: for any events-related questions/correspondence, please make sure you send/copy to events@usmastersswimming.org
- i. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S., Matt, Catherine.
I am asking everyone to come up with at least one goal each. Especially think of something we can improve on how it has been done before.

2019 LD NC Event Liaison Reports:

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC
- Davis Aquatics Masters, Lake Berryessa CA (2 miles) June 1
 - Liaison: Dave Backup: Phyllis

Hosts have been forwarded the championship packet and timeline. Contract that was signed was recently reviewed. Communication with the hosts have been very positive and excitement in moving forward for a great race on June 1st. All good at this time.

- USMS Cable OWNC
- Indianapolis, IN (2 miles) June 15/15
 - Liaison: Donn Back Up: _____

Hosts have been forwarded Champs packet and timeline. They are reviewing both. I have communicated with hosts via email and phone. They are on board.

- USMS Ultra-Marathon Distance OWNC
- Portland Bridges, Portland, OR July 7
 - Liaison: Ali Back Up: Jill

Host has received championship packet and timeline, all items moving ahead of schedule, expect to open registration 1/1/19.

The host seek a waiver of 307.7.6B, and I will raise that on the call for our consideration. Rationale: The purpose of the separate start time is to prevent swimmers in the championship category from gaining advantage through drafting from swimmers in the non-championship category. Since drafting is already prohibited in the event under current 303.3.6, this is a moot issue. The host's Safety Plan, in which swimmers are started in waves slow to fast strictly by swimming speed regardless of the swimwear category, is a stronger structure as it keeps the swimming pack much closer throughout the swim.

- USMS Sprint and Long Distance OWNC Festival
- Lake Willoughby, VT August 15/16
 - Liaison: Alana Back Up: Laurie

Host has champs packet and timeline and we have been in communication by phone and email. He is anxious to open registration so I'm trying to move things along as best I can. They originally submitted 2 separate sanctions but are resubmitting under a single sanction. I've reached out the Casey and Jay about logo and sponsorship but haven't heard back yet. We are all good!

- USMS Marathon Distance OWNC
- Knoxville, TN September 22
 - Liaison: Catherine Back Up: Stephen

Host has Championship Packet and Timeline. Timeline is being met. Communication through email and phone has been positive and a good working relationship. wanting to post registration by April.

- OHeP: Central Illinois Masters
 - Liaison: Lorena Back Up: Sarah

Host is once again ahead of schedule and raring to go when registration opens. All is on time and all set.

- 5,000M/10,000M ePostal: MEMO (Oakland, CA)
 - Liaison: Robin Back Up: _____

Championship packet and timeline have been forwarded to host. Sent follow-up email, awaiting a response.

- 3,000/6,000 ePostal: Sawtooth Masters
 - Liaison: Jim Back Up: Bob S.

Nothing to report.

UPDATE:

- 2018 3,000/6,000 ePostal: MEMO (Oakland, CA)
 - Liaison: Lorena Back Up: Stephen

Looks like 300+ entrants at this time.

Other business for the good of the order: **Nothing to report.**