

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn
Minutes recorded by:	Phyllis Quinn	Date/time of meeting:	05/31/2020

Number of committee members present: 16	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present:3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ali Hall (Chair), Phyllis Quinn (V. Chair), Donn Livoni (Vice President), Alana Aubin, Chuck Beatty, David Brancamp, Jim Davidson, Jenny Hodges, Laurie Hug, Sarah King, Stephen Rouch, Catherine Rust, Bob Singer, Lorena Sims, Robin Smith, Jill Wright. Ex-Officio/Other: Jay Eckert, Kim Elsbach, David Miner; Absent: Joanne Wainwright		

Motions Passed:

1. MSA To approve the LDC April 26, 2020 minutes.

The meeting was called to order at: 8 p.m. ET.

1. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.
2. Approval of April 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion: NA 2nd: NA Motion carried.
3. Reports
 - a. **Chair Ali** Joanne Wainwright has submitted her resignation from the LDC for personal reasons. Ali is looking for others on the committee to take over the roles that were assigned to Joanne.
 - b. **Vice Chair Phyllis** Nothing to report
 - c. **Vice President Donn** BOD discussing virtual convention. Detail will be communicated soon.
 - d. **Jay Eckert** New Volunteer central on website. Year plus membership launched. Discussion forums are on an old server, so attachments seem to be causing problems. Will move to community at end of the summer.
 - e. Kim Elsbach Discussed with LDC the proposal to disband the OWC, move functions to National Office and the LDC. The OWC voted to try this as a pilot program for one year starting January 2021.
4. **5k/10k ePostal NC Discussion: Led by Jim and Jenny** There was a proposal made and seconded to allow this ePostal swim be conducted in long course and short course pools this year because of the lack of long course pools. The discussion was whether to allow the swims in short course pools that would change the nature of this ePostal, or to allow more swimmers to participate and then be eligible for the “Swim them all” ePostal patch. After discussion with event host, it was motioned, seconded and approve to allow swimmers who use a short course pool to swim the 5/10k distance to participate in a separate “just for fun” category from the Championship category. The host will work on the details for registration and participation.
5. **Working groups** – reports (please send your report to all in advance)
 - a. Ex-Officio from OWC report: Kim Elsbach -.
 - b. **2020 Rules/Legislation** –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve; Rules Proposals. We have a few housekeeping changes to consider. One is a blanket change from “postal” to “ePostal” when referring to ePostal events. **MSA** The other is to reorder the paragraphs in 303.9 to a more logical order. **MSA** The one suit rule was withdrawn. Rule 303.7.6 is about who sets fees for NC events. This rule is okay as written and the LDC approves the fee

that the host requests. The final rule proposal will be sent to the LDC for an email vote before the June 10 deadline.

PARA – Jim and Sarah; All results from the 2020 U.S. Masters Swimming 1-Hour ePostal National Championship have been published to the USMS national website. Patches & Awards – Dave; Our Inventory has been updated from Hasty Awards. Unfortunately, with the four cancellations to our OWNC we should have enough supplies for 2021 year as well to assist with planning for next year.– Catherine; All-Americans (AA) - Men – Lorena, Chuck; (AA) Women – Joanne, Jenny; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Dave; Records – Jill, Joanne, All-Stars – Laurie, Alana; Postal Series –Alana, Laurie;

- c. **Club Assistant** – Robin & Steve -.No Report.
- d. **LD NC Host Tutorial Working Group:** Sarah, Robin, Lorena - see Nose to Tail report below
- e. **Safety** (as needed) – David M. -.
- f. **Documents** – Bob, lead; & Jim (ePostal Guide – Bob & Jill; OW NC Guide – Bob & Chuck) -.
- g. **LD NC Event Final Evaluation Revision:** Catherine, Alana, Bob, Jim -.
- h. **2022 NC Recruitment/Selection** – Jill, lead; Robin, Steve, Catherine & Jenny; 2022 LD OWNC: Jill, Catherine, Stephen, Robin, Jenny: We still have only 2 bids for 2022 with 7/1/20 being the bid cutoff date. I sent out another letter to 2020 hosts only asking if they would please bid for 2022 and offering help to them if needed. Liaisons please check with your 2020 host to have them resubmit their bids for 2022. Also need to have bids for 2022 ePostals.
- i. Communications — Laurie, lead; Chuck, back up – Nothing to report
- j. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob, David M;
- k. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group: Sarah, Alana, Jim, Bob, Dave, Chuck, Catherine, Jill, Ali Nothing to report at this time.
- l. Goals – Phyllis, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob, Catherine, Joanne and Chuck. No report
- m. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Laurie, Joanne, Dave, Ali, Jenny. We have received one nomination.
- n. 2020 Clinic Working Group—Catherine and Steve -
 - o. 2020 Convention Presentation Workgroup: Sarah, Dave, Jim and Bob. From Ali: We await guidance from the NO about platforms to be used, meeting structures and so on, and are ready to begin working for a streamlined and effective virtual convention. From Sarah: We have completed a draft of our presentation. At this point in time we are awaiting more information on the 2020 USMS virtual convention. Once we have that information, we will move forward on any finalization/ fine tuning of our presentation.

Below is a list of the 2020 LD NC events and the liaisons assigned.

Each lead liaison will please give a brief written report on the status of their event (sent to the full committee prior to the conference call – THURSDAY at latest for SUNDAY calls). LIAISONS—PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL EARLY AND OFTEN FOR MESSAGES.

2020 Long Distance National Championships:

- USMS Long Distance OWNC--CANCELLED
- Lake Del Valle, CA (5k)
 - o Liaison: Dave Backup: Phyllis
- USMS Sprint Distance OWNC
- Santa Barbara, CA (1 mile) August 29
 - o Liaison: Robin Backup: Jill
 - o Host is watching the progress of the CA State and Santa Barbara County/City re-openings over these next several weeks. Beaches have been open for active use only, with parking

limitations and no large gatherings allowed. Additional considerations will include travel and hotel availability, and if/when special event permits will start to be issued again. Event Host has been encouraged to submit an OWNC bid for 2022.

- USMS Middle Distance OWNC--CANCELLED
- Brogan OW Classic, Lake Erie, OH (2 miles) July 18
 - Liaison: Catherine Backup: Steve

- USMS Ultra Marathon Distance OWNC--CANCELLED
- Lake Memphremagog, VT (10 miles) July 25
 - Liaison: Laurie Back Up: Steve
 - canceled for 2020. The 2021 OWNC Ultra Marathon Distance was already scheduled to be held at the same venue but as a 25k. It will be held as a 10 miler in 2021 instead.

- USMS Cable OWNC--CANCELLED
- Lake Placid, NY (2 miles) August 15
 - Liaison: Donn Back Up: Bob S.

- USMS Long Distance OWNC--CANCELLED
- Lake George, NY (10k) August 22
 - Liaison: Ali Back Up: Bob S.
 - **2020 OWNC Marathon Distance (Hague, NY--August 22): Event is cancelled.** The Town of Hague has closed their beach (the event location) for the summer. Host has been asked to bid for 2022 event(s). Our gratitude goes out to them--we value their contributions to USMS and especially OW swimming. We look forward to returning to Lake George and enjoying events there again as soon as possible.

- OHeP: Tamalpais Masters
- Liaisons: Sarah Back Up: Lorena
- Championship packet is finalized and was submitted to the LDC. All financial reports have been completed. Host has received performance bond from USMS.
- 5,000m/10,000m: Southern Oregon Masters
- Liaison: Jim Back Up: Jenny
- Registration is open. A proposal has been made to make a one-time exception to the LCM requirement and allow SCY/SCM this year. See the separate thread to provide comments. Consensus is that this is a good idea and will hopefully encourage participation. See report above.
- 3,000y/6,000y: Palm Beach Masters
- Liaison: Jill Back Up: Chuck

Other business for the good of the order
Next Call: June 28, **8pm ET**

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m. EDT

Projected List of Dates for 2020 LDC Calls:

Jan 26
Feb 23
Mar 29
April 26
May 24
Jun 28
July 26
Aug 30
Sept 27
Oct 25
Nov 29
Dec 27

LDC Approximate High-Level Timeline Items by Month: A work in progress

January:

New OWNC season registrations open
prepare bid letters and documents
initiate work on new goals

February:

send out bid letters and post documents
send out award nomination requests
begin to consider rules changes

March through May:

consider rules changes
begin recruiting bids
updates on LD NC events progress

June:

Prepare next year's events
finalize rules proposals
finalize award nominations
finalize bid recruitment
think of the competition season

July:

award working group meets
bid selection working group meets

August:

finalize all LDC details to prepare for convention

September:

Convention

October-December:

Request to next season's details
Conclude remaining event details
Open registration for next season's OWNCs that would like
Wrap-up year's business