

2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #:	2
Committee Chair:	Ali Hall	Vice Chair:	Phyllis Quinn
Minutes recorded by:	Lorena Sims	Date/time of meeting:	09/16/2020 at 8:00pm EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. None.

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 75
Committee members present: Ali Hall, Phyllis Quinn, Lorena Sims, Robin Smith, Jill Wright, Jim Davidson, Catherine Rust, Dave Brancamp, Sarah King, Alana Aubin, Chuck Beatty, Stephen Rouch, Bob Singer, Donn Livioni, Jenny Hodges, Laurie Hug.		
Ex-Officio members present: David Miner, Kimberly Elsbach.		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 EDT.

Minutes:

1. Welcome: Ali Hall.
 - Thank you to all the LDC members who have worked tirelessly throughout this strange year.
2. Rules Discussion: Jim Davidson and Alana Aubin.
 - LD 1
 - No questions or comments.
 - LD 2
 - Hugh Moore (Pacific NW): Concern regarding the cost of requiring hosts to eliminate hazards. Consider amending to “feasible” instead of “possible”.
 - Chris Ottatti (Pacific): If host cannot address known hazards on the course they should reconsider the event course.
 - LD 3
 - Bill Sive (Southern Pacific): How does this address climate change and potential sea level rise.
 - Bob Bruce (Oregon): Rule 302.3B addresses cable courses which must be set up, by definition, in stationary water.
 - Bill Tingley (Kentucky): Also refer to LD13, which requires records be set in stationary and fresh water. The two rules, while independent of one another, say the same thing in two different ways.
 - Bob Bruce (Oregon): While it is possible to hold a cable competition in a still, saline body of water, records would not count. Hesitate to link the two.
 - LD 4
 - No questions or comments.
 - LD 5

- No questions or comments.
- LD 6
 - Kathy Casey (Pacific NW): Suggest adding a subtitle to this proposal as the rest of the section has folded subtitles, for consistency.
- LD 7
 - No questions or comments.
- LD 8
 - No questions or comments.
- LD 9
 - Barbara Dunbar (San Diego-Imperial): Could a single adult be referee, starter, and adult for two swimmers? (Answer: Yes)
 - Bob Anderson (Pacific): Is it required that all events must have all these roles? (Answer: For postal swims, that is within the definition.)
 - Bill Tingley (Kentucky): These are rules that have been in place for sanctioned long-distance events for a long time. Anything in this event class must be sanctioned.
 - Kimberly Elsbach: The intention is to have an adult on deck when someone is doing a sanctioned postal event.
 - Bob Bruce (Oregon): This only applies to sanctioned events but there is a work around. For the postals like 400 pull etc., sanction as a non-complying event.
- LD 10
 - Steve Peterson (Pacific NW): Would like to see only moved to after required in the rationale.
 - Rob Copeland (Georgia): People don't register with their known first and last name when signing for masters. Why remove the requirement for making people's name match the card? (Answer: USMS numbers will match regardless.)
 - Leo Letendre (New England): What is to prevent someone from using someone else's registration number and putting in an arbitrary name? This registration is to maintain the integrity of the meet results. (Answer: Trying to reduce onus on hosts to make sure that things MUST match.)
 - Bill Tingley (Kentucky): USMS is attempting to be able to upload open water results into the database and USMS number could resolve the issues.
 - Sally Dillon (Pacific NW): How would a swimmer know their membership number and not remember the name on the card? Suggest changing wording.
 - Jeff Strahota (Potomac Valley): Feel that the entry, not the results should be where swimmers are double-checking their name matches their card. QA could be done ahead of time by email or phone. (Answer: If one must register for an event with the name on your card, then we should address that elsewhere as right now we do not have a requirement for people to register with the name on their card.)
 - Sally Dillon (Pacific NW): Removing the place where names must match the entry card but the USMS card number is required is opposite of what is helpful to event hosts. (Answer: This is results not entries.)
 - Kathy Casey (Pacific NW): Pool swimming has a Top 10 and if one enters a meet as two different things, one may turn up in the Top 10 twice.
 - Bill McCracken (Pacific): If you don't register with your correct name, the event host must validate your USMS number and will therefore get your name as it appears on your card and will therefore be able to validate the record.
 - Doug Sayles (New England): From a member value perspective, if we ever get to the point where the open water swims are shown on a member profile as pool swimmers are, having the correct name is important.
 - Chris Ottati (Pacific): If you're uploading names to the database on the pool side and the names do not match, it turns up as an exception.
- LD 11
 - No questions or comments.
- LD 12

- No questions or comments.
- LD 13
 - Kathy Casey (Pacific NW): In E4, a stopwatch is required and it isn't clear whether the split needs a separate stopwatch. In 308.1.6D, recommend changing "their" to "a".
 - Meg Smath (Kentucky): Kathy is totally correct, "a" should be used and is consistent with the style guide.
 - Steve Peterson (Pacific NW): 308.1.5a and 308.1.6a – suggest moving "only" as it is a misplaced modifier.
 - Barbara Dunbar (San Diego-Imperial): Could utilize the word "one's" instead of "their" as well.
 - Arni Litt (Pacific NW): Is stationary water defined in the rule book? Lakes have wind and seiches. (Answer: consider changing to "still water" instead of stationary.)
- LD 14
 - Doug Sayles (New England): What is the purpose of specifying open water or pool? (Answer: wanted to clarify that it could be either-or).
 - Bill Tingley (Kentucky): If the glossary is being changed, we should probably change to include "long distance" in front of pool to avoid affecting issues in part 1 of the rule book.
 - Kathy Casey (Pacific NW): As "event" in the glossary affects a number of issues, agree with Bill to add "long distance" in front of pool events or make it "other long-distance events".
- LDHK 1-26
 - Marilyn Fink (San Diego-Imperial): LDHK-3 should meters be plural in this situation?
 - Meg Smath (Kentucky): LDHK-3, meters should not be plural. LDHK-2, should the degrees be spelled out or a symbol? Will check the style guide to find out.
 - Steve Peterson (Pacific NW): LDHK-3, recommend correcting to "0.75" instead of ".75"
 - Arni Litt (Pacific NW): If we're going to use the degree symbol in LDHK-2, we need to abbreviate Celsius or Fahrenheit.
 - Kathy Casey (Pacific NW): On page 46 of the rule book, 106.6, degrees, Celsius, and Fahrenheit are spelled out.

3. Open Discussion

- Jeanne Ensign (Montana) – request information regarding L22, the omnibus proposal. (Answer: We did not include it in our HOD packet as our understanding was that it was only a Legislative proposal.)
- Donn Livoni (Montana) – Discussion regarding the L22 issue.
- Bob Anderson (Pacific) – Are we willing to let legislation move our sanctioning to section 3? (Answer: we would consider that.)
- Meg Smath (Kentucky) – There is no proposal to modify anything in part 6. It would have to be considered an emergency rule change at this time and would require 90% to pass.
- Donn Livoni (Montana) – If someone were to recommend disengaging the omnibus proposal from the floor, would that be correct by parliamentary procedure?
- Bill Tingley (Kentucky) – Requires 2/3 vote for an amendment from the floor in order for the amendment to proceed. If the three committees decided to consider an amendment, it still goes forward as not recommended. At this time, all three committees would have to act before the house of delegates in order to possibly proceed.
- Meg Smath (Kentucky) – Charlie is considering proposing an amendment on the floor of the house and there is no current plan for all three committees to get together prior to the HOD.
- Bob Anderson (Pacific) – Modifications to article 601 are in L22.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm EDT.