

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:			05/30/2021 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. Motion to approve minutes from April – passed without opposition.

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present: Ali Hall, Alana Aubin, Catherine Rust, Jill Wright, Dave Brancamp, Chuck Beatty, Robin Smith, Jim Davidson, Phyllis Quinn, Bob Bruce, Sarah King, Bob Singer, Tim Murphy, Stephen Rouch, Lorena Sims Absent: Jenny Hodges.		
Ex-Officio members present: David Miner, Donn Livoni		

Topic: LDC Meeting May 30, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5pm ET:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of any outstanding meeting minutes - Motion: Bob B. Second: Alana. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Reports from the chair (Ali) and vice chair (Phyllis), vice president (Donn), and national office (Jay).
 - **Donn** – National Office has increased communication regarding reopening and national guidelines. Entries are open for short course pool nationals. House of Delegates will be end of September. There will be an EC meeting to discuss convention schedules in the upcoming week.
 - **Phyllis** – Nothing to report.
 - **Ali** – They will be shifting the convention to a day earlier to prevent days becoming too long. They will be announcing hosts for 2023 as well. If you have recommendations for awards, please submit to Jill. Meeting last Sunday of August will also be open to delegates for attendance. The rules discussion will be September 7th. Need volunteers for organizing and running the convention meetings – team set up. Discussion regarding the goals subcommittee’s technology group. Discussion regarding All-Stars.
 - **Jay** – USMS published updated guidance to reflect CDC’s revised/relaxed recommendations. Here is an email you all should’ve received on this topic (sent to volunteers and event directors last Friday). The May events newsletter was sent on Monday, May 24 with versions to current members and unrenewed members with event results in the database. It promoted the 5K/10K ePostal, 2-Mile Cable OWNC, and USMS events in general.
4. Working group reports.
 - a. 2021 Rules/Legislation –Jim and Alana; Donn, Lorena, Bob S., Robin, Steve, Bob B;
 - Rules package has been submitted to legislation.
 - b. PARA – Jim and Sarah; Patches & Awards – Dave; All-Americans (AA) – Men – Lorena, Chuck; (AA) Women – Jenny, Tim; (AA) Relays – Phyllis, Dave; Records – Jill, Tim, All-

Stars – Lorena, Alana; Postal Series – Alana, Lorena; ePostal Series Recognition: Catherine, Jenny

- All-Stars discussion – Overall committee feeling is that swimmers want the All Stars and are motivated by the awards. Determination to announce the resumption of both the ePostal series and the All Stars. Motion to make qualification for ePostal series only 3 events for the 2021 year – Bob B. Second – Alana. Motion carries without opposition.
 - Results from the 2021 U.S.Masters Swimming 1-Hour ePostal National Championship were emailed to all PARA subcommittee members in preparation for All American, All Star, and ePostal Series Challenge results compilation at the end of the year.
 - c. Club Assistant – Robin & Steve;
 - Nothing to report.
 - d. Safety (as needed) – David M., lead;
 - Nothing to report.
 - e. 2023 NC Recruitment/Selection – Jill, lead; Robin, Steve, Catherine & Jenny;
 - Nothing to report.
 - f. NC Oversight - Ali, lead; Phyllis, Jim, Bob S, David M
 - Nothing to report.
 - g. Nose to Tail LD NC Working Group: Sarah and Chuck (leads), Alana, Jim, Bob S, Dave, Catherine, Jill, Bob B, Ali
 - Nothing to report.
 - h. Goals – Alana, lead; Lorena, Robin, Bob S, Catherine, Tim, Chuck and Bob B;
 - Tech group –looking at a number of ways tech items could assist with swims and therefore a flow chart has been created to help hosts evaluate items. Can present at next meeting.
 - i. LDNC Award – Jill, lead; Lorena, Dave, Jenny, Ali;
 - Nothing to report.
 - j. 2021 Video Clinic Working Group—Catherine, Steve, Chuck and Ali
 - The presentation is almost complete. This will be an instructive tool for USMS swimmers ready to try an OW swim, beginners that want to improve and even experienced OW swimmers can learn something new.
5. Open Water Committee—Phyllis, Ali, Tim, Bob B.
- I have sent emails to the people who submitted nominations for the Open Water Service award in previous years for individuals who were not chosen. One person will resubmit his nomination. I would like to ask all members of the LDC and OWC to think about persons within your LMSC who deserve consideration for this award. Let me know if you have any questions on this.
6. Good of the order
- Discussion regarding the 3000/6000 and some changes for the test concept for the ePostals. Suggestion that rules working group clarify lines with NO.
 - IT has gotten some feedback regarding the mobile website and its formatting and is working on it.
 - Seeking a new ultramarathon host for 2022.
 - Next meeting – June 27th.

2021 Long Distance National Championships:

- **Sprint – Masters of South Texas, May 15th**
- **Long Distance – Masters of South Texas, May 16th**
 - Catherine/Tim

- Projected date to open registration is June 15. Working with the host to make sure all tasks are completed to open registration.
- **Cable Swim – Foster Lake, June 26th**
 - Ali/Jenny
 - The host is doing a terrific job keeping all items on track and moving forward, currently at least 31 entrants.
- **Middle Distance – Newport Pier to Pier, July 10th**
 - Robin/Phyllis
 - This Event is now "Postponed TBD." Even though the State of CA is re-opening, the City is still not scheduling special events or accepting special event permit applications at this time. The Host is looking into possible dates in late August. Event status has been updated on the USMS OWNC landing page and reply to initial inquiry has been posted to the USMS Community Forum thread. We should hopefully have more information after June 15th.
- **Marathon – Applegate Lake 10k, July 17th or 18th**
 - Jill/Bob B.
 - Nothing to report.
- **Ultra-Marathon – 10 mile New England Masters, July 24th**
 - Steve/Dave
 - USMS participation cancelled.
- **OHeP – Oregon Masters**
 - Sarah/Robin
 - A link to the published event results was included in the email sent out promoting the 2021 USMS 5K/10K National Championships. All results are finalized and posted on the USMS national website.
- **5/10k – Kentucky Masters**
 - Jim/Jenny
 - Registration is live. Two entries so far.
- **3/6k – Loveland Masters**
 - Chuck/Bob S.
 - Club Assistant is working on custom programming to start the ePostal transition we've discussed, with the goal of opening entries for this event by late July. We will publish event information on usms.org prior to that and start marketing the event once entries are open.
 - Chuck and host (Doug Garcia) met with Jay and Onshalee on 5/10 to discuss the new processes for the ePostal NCs. The 3000/6000 will be the first event that the NO will run.
 - NO plans to open reg early and have people register before they swim
 - Registration will be standardized on Club Assistant
 - NO will handle all marketing emails and social media
 - Event timeline will be compressed—will need to update the timeline docs
 - Doug questioned the advantage of early reg, as 75% of entries come in the last 2 weeks
 - NO hopes that revived ePostals will encourage membership growth
 - NO will coordinate with Sarah and her working group for all post-swim processes
 - Doug expressed concern that we will lose the human connection that he has had in past events
 - NO will include personal stories in their event communications

- Doug would like to create the logo and tee art for his event (he's a graphic designer). This type of art may be standardized by the NO for future events.
- Plan to touch base again in early July