

USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS – 2002

Committee Name: Long Distance

Session #: (if more than one) 2

Agenda item #: 22

ACTION ITEMS

MSA on all rules except LD 4, LD 5, LD 6, and LD 22 as presented in packet.

MSA LD 4, LD 5, LD 6, LD 22 as amended (see below).

MSA budget as submitted.

Long Distance will work with Insurance, Legal, Safety, Sports Medicine Committees on requiring medical exams for OW swims 5K and above.

Committee Chair: Peter Crumbine

Vice Chair(s): Marcia Cleveland, Randy Nutt

Number of committee members present: 15

Absent: 2

Total delegates attending this meeting: 19

Committee Members present: Doug Brogan, Eric Nordlund, Dick Sidner, Dan Gray, Bruce Hopson, Randy Nutt, Peter Crumbine, Marcia Cleveland, Janet Renner, Jill Wright, Rob Copeland, David Vandam, Jim Wheeler, Steve Schofield, Barney Hungerford

MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: 2:10 pm

1. **MSA all rules except LD 4, LD 5, LD 6, LD 22 and LD 23 as in packet.**
2. **MSA LD 4, LD 5, LD 6 and LD 22 amended as follows:**
 - a. LD 4 - Safety Standards 303.1 pg. 64
303.1 - As conditions and courses vary, it is the responsibility of each swimmer to know and follow the safety standards necessary for protection from all foreseeable as many dangers as possible
 - b. LD 5 – Safety Standards 303.1 pg. 64
303.1.2 - Providing accurate maps with course descriptions and other pertinent information, including but not limited to such as anticipated water temperature, and general water conditions, and hazards with entry forms and meet information packets.
 - c. LD 6 – Safety Standards 303.1 pg. 64
303.1.10 – Gathering meteorological information and Informing swimmers of the anticipated water temperature, specific weather and general water conditions, and known hazards.
 - d. LD 22 – Protests 305.7 pg. 70
305.7.7 - Any protest arising from a competition shall be made to the Meet Director within 30 minutes after the release of results for an open water event or 14 days after the release of results for a postal event. If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing within 10 days for final adjudication to the USMS Long Distance Chair, whose decision shall then be binding on all parties.
3. Tabled for future action. LD 23 - Officials 304.3 pg. 67
304.3.2 - Each swimmer shall have a counter to record cumulative split times for every two lengths during the swim for both time-based and distance-based events. One person may serve as a counter for a maximum of two swimmers per heat.
4. Budget \$100 less than previous year due to increased use of electronic communications.
MSA budget unanimously passed as submitted.
5. Vice Chair Reports:
 - a. Marcia Cleveland
 - i. OW Clinics – 15 participants at the Cleveland OW Clinic. A manual is available online under Long Distance.
 - ii. 75% of LMSCs have responded to a survey on its OW activity.
 - iii. Pace chart created and handed out

- b. Randy Nutt--Email discussions during the year:
 - i. Time limits (carry-over from last year): Some felt that older swimmers who are unable to finish within the time limit should still be placed based on their position in the water. It was decided to make no change to the existing rule but to consider time limits in awarding championships.
 - ii. All-star selection criteria: After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to continue counting all LD Championships but to give greater point spreads between places.
 - iii. All-star awards: Another long discussion involved the adequacy of this year's award, namely a pair of goggles from Arena. The conclusion was that: a) sponsor gifts need not be costly but should commemorate the achievement; b) pool and LD lists should be combined and treated equally; and c) past and present recipients should have the ability to order at their expense additional commemorative items from a selected supplier.
 - iv. Agreed to design and issue All American patches to team winners consistent with what is already done for pool events.

- 6. LD Policy Manual: Rob Copeland
Next years objective is to establish operating guidelines for the long distance subcommittees and assemble the information into a policy manual.

- 7. Awards: Robert Zeitner
 - a. All events paid their bills on time this year.
 - b. We have enough inventory for next year's awards.

- 8. All Americans: David Vandam
 - a. So far, we have the results for the one hour, 6 mile, and 2 mile swims.
 - b. Next year we will be adding team events to the All American list.

- 9. Safety: Jim Wheeler
 - a. Was very busy with Safety in drafting articles for Swim Magazine
 - b. Will be working on a Safety guide for hosting OW swims.

- 10. Records: Jill Wright
 - a. One Hour Postal – 9 records
 - b. 2 mile cable – 7 records
 - c. 1 mile cable – 2 records
 - d. Thanks to Jim Mateysk, we are now able to post records on the USMS website directly.

- 11. All Stars: Eric Nordlund
Confirmed the importance of acknowledging All Stars per our email discussion.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 3:29 pm

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Organize and create a safety guide for OW swims
 Compile operating guidelines for Long Distance subcommittees
 Work with Insurance, Legal, Safety, and Sports Medicine on requiring medical exams for OW swims over 5K.