

## RECORDS AND TABULATION MINUTES

Date/Time of meeting: May 30, 2010, 7pm EDT (Conference Call)

Present: Vicki Buccino, Cav Cavanaugh, Barbara Dunbar, Laszlo Eger, Donna Hooe, Walt Reid, Chris Stevenson (chair), Mary Sweat, Mary Beth Windrath.

### MOTIONS PASSED

1. MSA (unanimous) to accept the minutes from the Mar 14, 2010, meeting.
2. MSA (unanimous) to accept Walt's suggestion for the new Record Application form, adding the phrase "...including the use of Legal Swim Suits" at the end of item 16 on the form.
3. MSA (unanimous) that USMS will charge \$10 for printed formatted copies of the Top Ten results for any one course. Complimentary copies will be provided to Walt Reid and Mary Beth Windrath, and a copy will also be sent to the Swimming Hall of Fame for archival purposes.
4. MSA (1 dissenting vote) that requests for splits other than for backstroke and relay leadoff events will be accepted up to 30 days after a meet, or no later than the end of the season.
5. MSA (unanimous) to implement the new Declaration of Intent form for Dual Sanctioned meets as a USMS member.

### MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7pm EDT.

#### *RECORD APPLICATION FORMS*

Walt modified the form to be consistent with the FINA record application. Specifically, item 16 on the application now reads:

**REFEREE:** I certify that the required number of personnel officiated during the above performance and were properly qualified officials, and the described performance complied with the rules of United States Masters Swimming including the use of Legal Swim Suits.

The underlined portion is Walt's addition.

**MSA to approve the new Record Application form.** The chair will send the form to the appropriate people so that the latest version is available on the USMS website.

The Committee then considered an old request from Jim Matysek (forwarded by Ed Tsuzuki) to add Club Affiliation to individual swims (item #7 on the form). It is already required for relay swims (item #8). Walt was concerned that there were no tools to check the team name or abbreviation against the Club Assistant database of registered teams. The chair will request that such a tool be used on the online form that Walt uses, for relay applications; once Walt is satisfied with how the tool works then the committee will take up once again the question of whether to add Club Affiliation to individual swims.

#### *CURRENT STATUS OF E2EEM PROJECT*

Ed could not attend the call but sent an update by email. Mary Beth, as a member of the E2EEM Task Force, also commented. Currently E2EEM has meet results upload capability and swimmer auditing and validation tools, and is tied into the "Current Event Rankings" database. Validation for relays is generally lagging behind those of individual swims. E2EEM can generate Top Ten reports

for individual and relay swims, and can generate a reader-friendly preview of the Top Ten report for individual swims.

Emphasis of the Task Force right now is to develop the “front end” side of E2EEM, especially the Sanctioning process and tying in to the USMS Calendar of Events. The “back end” (results) side of E2EEM is useful in its current form, though significant development is still needed (and some progress has been made). The R&T Committee will maintain and refine the list of items needed for meet results, records, rankings and Top Ten integration. The chair will see if he can get a list of the pilot group members using the tools and keep tabs on their most pressing needs.

#### *CURRENT STATUS OF PRE-1993 TOP TEN TIMES*

Jim Matysek could not attend the call but he sent a report by email. He estimates that, beginning around June 21, this project will be one of his two main development projects. However, maintenance, support and training will still take up the majority of his time.

#### *PRINTED COPIES OF TOP TEN LISTINGS*

At our previous meeting, the committee voted to allow free download of an electronic copy of the formatted TT listing and requested that a link to this file be placed on the USMS website. The committee also approved the continued sale of a printed formatted TT booklet to anyone who wishes to receive it by mail.

**MSA to charge \$10 for per copy of the formatted TT booklet for a given course. Details of the printing (in-house or third party) are left to the discretion of the national office.**

#### *INITIAL SPLITS*

The committee first took up a request from Barbara Dunbar. The issue is whether to include initial splits or relay leadoffs as official times even if the event itself is not defined as an official event in 102.5. An example would be a 400 breast relay, where the leadoff swimmer could request that his time would be submitted for Top Ten consideration. Barbara discovered that Kathy Casey has been interpreting our rules that this situation is allowed; we should clarify it in the splits section of the rules, probably as a new article 105.2.2F.

The committee decided we would work out the wording of such a rule electronically and vote on it at the next meeting.

The next issue the committee considered was the nature of split requests. The current rule is that requests for backstroke splits and all relay leadoffs must be submitted to the referee prior to the swim, and that requests for non-backstroke individual event splits must be submitted to the referee by the end of the meet. There was discussion about whether the request needs to be made at all, and there was mostly consensus that unless there were automatic tools to process these splits, it would unduly burden Top Ten Recorders.

The committee was more receptive to the idea that non-backstroke individual event split requests could be made to Top Ten Recorders after the meet had concluded.

**MSA that non-backstroke individual event split requests will be accepted by Top Ten Recorders of the host LMSC up to 30 days after the conclusion of the meet, or no later than the end of the season, whichever comes first.**

The committee will work on specific modifications of the Rule Book electronically, and vote on them at the next meeting.

## *DUAL SANCTION REQUESTS*

A meet can now be sanctioned by both USA-S and USMS. Some swimmers are members of both organizations; these swimmers need to declare before the meet whether they intend to compete as a USA-S member or as a USMS member. There are two issues:

- FINA only accepts records that are set in USMS-sanctioned meets.
- If a masters swimmer competes in a USA-S meet, his times are eligible for Top Ten consideration but the swimmer has the burden of making sure the Top Ten Recorder is aware of the meet and of ensuring that the proper pool length certification is done. For swimmers competing at USMS meets, the burden for these things falls on the TT Recorder, who might not always be aware that a particular meet is dual sanctioned.

The Committee commented that Sanctions officers need to keep TT Recorders in the loop about the existence of dual sanction meets. Walt and others have designed a "Declaration of Intent" form for swimmers who intend to compete in dual sanction meets as a USMS member. The Committee agreed that the burden should be on the swimmer to get these forms signed and delivered to the proper officials. One copy goes to the meet director, who files it with the meet paperwork; the other copy is mailed to the Top Ten Recorder of the sanctioning LMSC.

**MSA to implement the new Declaration of Intent to swim Dual Sanction meet as a USMS swimmer form.**

The meeting ended at 8:10pm EDT.