

Date/Time of Meeting: 2/26/2012, 8pm EST (Conference call)

Present: Chris Stevenson (Chair), Greg Danner (Vice Chair), Barbara Dunbar, Jeanne Seidler, Ginger Pierson, Emmett Hines, Ed Tsuzuki, Mary Beth Windrath, Walt Reid

The meeting was called to order at 8pm EST.

Motions Passed

1. ***Minutes from previous meeting (1-15-12) approved.***
2. ***Times submitted for USMS Top Ten and USMS National Records from international meets shall be accepted for USMS Top Ten Times and USMS National Records if the pool measurement standards of the National Governing Body in which the meet took place are met.***
3. ***Expunge the current USMS National Record that was accepted from the 2011 Canadian SCM National meet.***

Motions Failed

4. ***Accept the 2011 Canadian SCM National meet results retroactively for USMS Record and Top Ten inclusion.***

Meeting Minutes

Discussion of future protocol for uploading results and submitting times for "major" international meets.

The standard process would be to upload meet results, find the pool measurements, and submit times for Top Ten. If we were to implement a policy, it should cover international meets and large domestic recognized meets that usually contain many USMS members. This would include the publication of a list that certain meets will be taken care of. Some domestic meets that could be included: Y Nationals and Senior Games. Some committee members voice a concern about how can we guarantee that these meets will be acceptable. Other concerns revolve around getting the results in the right format. Many countries hosting World Championships are not using Hy-Tek or a convertible format. Can we ask Jim to handle non-Hy-Tek formats for us? The discussion turns to whether we should offer to handle any of these meets? A list of approved meets could be emailed out and eventually listed in the GTO, plus streamlines for volunteers. That list will be developed electronically and reviewed via email or forums by the committee.

It was resolved that the Records and Tabulation Committee would have responsibility for uploading the results and submitting for Top Ten consideration (when appropriate) for a list of "major" International and domestic recognized meets. The list will be determined by the committee and distributed to all Top Ten Recorders, and included in future editions of the Guide

to Operations. The initial list will be similar to the meets already being submitted and may expand to include other meets.

Some committee members expressed concern that swimmers would expect all such meets to be submitted for them, without them needing to notify their Top Ten Recorder (as currently required in the Rules). It was determined that this list and procedures is largely for the benefit of *Top Ten Recorders*; as always, USMS members should not assume anything outside the US, or in a domestic recognized meet, will be automatically included in the results database or submitted for TT consideration.

If a swimmer notifies his TTR about a meet (as required by USMS Rules), and it is one of the meets on the list, then the TTR simply doesn't need to worry about uploading those results or submitting them for TT consideration. The results might not be eligible for TT consideration; in event rankings, there should be some way to distinguish times that are ineligible for TT.

Discussion of measurement requirements for international meets

Walt's previous policy: if the measurement meets the FINA standard, then the record is good enough for a USMS record. FINA leaves the measurements up to the federation that the meet is located in. FINA requires no measurements for Top Ten.

What policy does the committee want in place going forward? The following motion is proposed:

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The committee votes and most are in favor. There is one dissenting vote. The motion carries. A rule proposal will be crafted along these lines; the exact wording will be worked out in the online forum and subject to a final vote before being submitted to the Rules Committee.

Discussion shifts to USA-S being a NGB but those times not accepted. Due to FINA Masters not recognizing USA-S as a Masters body, USA-S meets are not considered part of this motion and must still follow the standard USMS protocol for records and Top Ten inclusion.

Discussion on whether to apply for a Rules Exemption to include Canadian 2011 SCM Nationals in the SCM 2011 Top Ten lists

There are three reasons these times were not included:

1. The submission deadline was missed (violates Article 105.1.2).

2. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to submit times with complete documentation to the appropriate LMSC Top 10 recorder (violates Article 202.2).
3. Pool measurement requirements were not met (violates Article 105.1.7C-D).

Typically, there would not be any discussion for a meet that has been excluded for these reasons. However, there are previous instances where meets have still been included (Stanford World Masters) and Canadian National meets have a history of being submitted by USMS/LMSC officers. The committee is curious as to why Jim submitted the times to ERDB, but no TTR's knew to submit times for Top Ten.

A motion is proposed to accept 2011 Canadian SCM National results. Walt seconds the motion by proxy.

If the motion passes, the committee would apply for an exception to the USMS rule with the Rules Committee, where they would vote on the matter. The motion fails by a vote of 4-3.

Subsequently, the next motion is to expunge the USMS National Record from the Canadian short course meet. The motion is seconded and carries unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm EST.