

Committee Name:	Records & Tabulation	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Jeanne Seidler	Vice Chair:	Greg Danner
Minutes recorded by:	Greg Danner	Date/time of meeting:	Sun, Feb 16 2014 / 9:00 pm EST

Motions Passed:

1. Previous meeting minutes (1-19-14) approved unanimously.
2. Amendment to the motion from 12-15-2013 meeting: "Retain the short course yards, short course meters, and long course meters records in Appendix A of the Rule Book." Motion approved unanimously.

Number of committee members present: 7

Absent: 2

Number of other delegates present: 1

Committee members present: Jeanne Seidler (Chair), Greg Danner (Vice Chair), Ginger Pierson, Mary Beth Windrath, Mary Sweat, Barbara Dunbar, Mike Abegg, Chris Stevenson.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 pm EST.

1. Motion to approve minutes from Jan. 19th & open discussion, if discussion needed.

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Announcements: Rule Books.

All committee members should have received a rule book because it was in the budget. Some registrars may have received multiple copies, so committee members may wish to check with their registrar prior to asking for one from Jeanne. Several committee members do not have a rule book yet.

3. Summary from BOD meeting of the 1st weekend in February by Chris Stevenson. Feedback regarding two E2EEM Projects (1. Pool Measurement Database, 2. Records identification in meet results) and other information.

Per Chris, the board did not discuss E2EEM projects, so nothing in the meeting specifically touched upon Recs & Tab business. The meeting was more at the strategic level, not operational. As the Board representatives, CJ Rushman and Chris McGiffin will regularly meet with Jim Matysek and review the current list of IT projects. Chris requested protocol for committees to submit requests to them. Also, Chris notes that response times on IT projects could be a little slower due to the departure of Luke from the national office.

Committee members discussed one possible pool measurement DB requirements: rather than a simply downloadable file, a searchable database would be preferable. This committee should continue to discuss the requirements for such a DB. Mike has volunteered to gather member thoughts on those requirements.

4. Discussion about non-members swimming in Sanctioned Meets. FINA Masters Rule MSW 5.3 interpretation from Mary Beth. Feedback from Kathy Casey posted on the Forum.

The intent of the FINA rule is that unregistered swimmers will not invalidate meet results for all swimmers; rather, the intent is to have everyone on a club. Unregistered swimmers will be DQ'ed, but registered swimmers are not penalized. One event swimmers fall into the category of registered swimmers.

5. Pool Measurement documents out of date on LMSC websites. Steps to take to address this point.

Jeanne will send an email to LMSC webmasters asking them to ensure that the Pool Measurement Form links to the current one in the GTO on usms.org. The committee may want to have someone check all of the LMSCs to see if they link directly to the GTO form or if they maintain a local copy with the LMSC info on it. The advantage to linking directly to the form on usms.org is that it should update automatically each year after USMS updates it. A disadvantage is that if USMS moves the document and the link changes, it will turn into a dead link (this has happened in the past).

6. Top Ten Tools requests list: Jeanne is starting a new list and has the following items to date (members are encouraged to email Jeanne with additional requests):

- a. (from Mary Beth, paraphrased) ... when the swimmer search yields two results for the same name, the Top Ten Recorders do not know which name result to select for resolution. There needs to be additional information (perhaps the effective date) for the Top Ten to make the choice. This has impacted a recent Top Ten report where a relay was rejected for an invalid swimmer. But, the swimmer was not invalid if the correct choice could have been made by the Top Ten during name resolution.
- b. (from Jeanne) ... from Emmett Hines ... Emmett requests visibility to information current stored for Sanction Requests so that when he needs to validate items like obtaining bulkhead measurements or contacting the requestor, he can easily find out the needed information. One can usually seek out this information by going to various sources on the internet, but it would simplify the job of Top Ten Recorder to have the information available directly.
- c. (from Jeanne) ... in keeping with the Unattached or OEVT swimmer being in a "club", enforce consistency for OEVT as the team name for one event registered swimmers times uploaded to the Event Rankings and change the definition of the non-member to distinguish between OEVT members and non-registered swimmers. Right now OEVT-members are classified as non-members.

Jeanne reviewed the three requests to date and asked committee members if additional clarification was needed on any of the above. No additional discussion took place.

7. **Rule Change Proposal: Rule 105.1.7 E - This rule doesn't state that the pool bulkhead confirmation measurement is required for records set in USA events. It refers to Top Ten and to Dual Sanctioned Meets but does not specifically state USA meets. In USA rules, there is no bulkhead placement confirmation measurement for a record. It is difficult to obtain USMS measurements because the athletes and coaches are focused on the USA competition and the spectator cannot get a deck pass into the pool area to run a measurement. Proposal to eliminate bulkhead placement confirmation measurements for USMS athletes setting records in USA Championship meets, Speedo Champions, Grand Prix and other USA National level meets.**

Currently, bulkhead measurements are not required for Top Ten for USA meets. Jeanne asked the committee to consider eliminating bulkhead placement confirmation for records as well. Several committee members supported keeping those requirements for the records. Jeanne suggested adding a statement of clarification that specifies the bulkhead placement confirmation is needed for USA-S meets. No motion is proposed.

8. **Rule Change Proposal: Rule 105.2 to reflect "Top-10 list" as opposed to "10 best times."**

Jeanne questioned whether the wording in Rule 105.2 is accurate. No motion at this time.

9. **Rule Change: New Rule - for the Top Ten, there is no rule to back the one relay per swimmer per age group and type. Where does this fit in the Rule Book to propose the Rule? Motion to agree with inclusion?**

This is policy, not a rule. The reason was that there were relays occupying multiple positions in the Top Ten often with the same three swimmers and a unique fourth. No committee members recall when this was added. There will be no rule change recommendation from this committee at this time. Further discussion may be warranted in the future.

10. **Records in 2015 Rule Book: Previous motion passed to include records in 2015 Rule Book. Amend motion to specify Pool Records as opposed to LD or OW Records. Evidently the records discussion regarding out-of-date complaints arose from the perspective of LD records which are set between the publication of the Rule Book and the proofs sent to the publisher, especially for the popular 1-hour swim.**

This committee's intent is to clarify that the motion is for records SCY, SCM, and LCM. Amendment to the motion from 12-15-2013 meeting: "Retain the short course yards, short course meters, and long course meters records in Appendix A of the Rule Book." Motion approved unanimously. Jeanne will contact LD Committee regarding their responsibility to discuss the removal/inclusion of LD records.

11. **When to start E2EEM projects? Pool Measurement Integration? Records integration to Top Ten Tools for USMS records.**

Refer to the discussion that took place for agenda item #3 from this meeting. Mike and Jeanne will discuss this further on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014.

12. **New items from the committee? Or any other members want to add anything?**

No discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 pm EST
