



VP Local Ops Report to the BOD

July 17, 2013

• History and Archives

- **The committee is scanning missing, previously published Top Ten booklets for posting on the USMS website.** Current Top Ten booklets continue to be posted for member access by the Records and Tabulation Committee.
- **The committee helped the Recognition and Awards Committee fact check and verify award submissions.**
- Writing and editing of stories continues. Since the committee can no longer post new stories or edit and update existing ones in the H&A section, it is a more difficult process and progress is slower. Stories and updates must now be sent to the National Office and it has been observed that these submissions have not been handled in a timely manner.
- The committee has received several document donations this year that are in the process of being inventoried, scanned, and archived.

• Records and Tabulation

- Since the last BOD report (May), the committee has met once by conference call on May 19.
 - **The committee finalized its recommended measurements statements on meet information forms and has submitted a rule proposal to the Legislation Committee. The committee recommends that a requirement of granting a sanction is that the measurement status of the competition pool is present in the meet information by including one of the following statements** (currently the rules only require a measurements statement if the pool is known to be short, as in the 2nd statement below).
 - The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1
 - The length of the competition course has been measured and is NOT in compliance with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1: times achieved in the meet will NOT be eligible for USMS Top 10 and Records.
 - The length of the competition course is not on file with USMS. Eligibility of times achieved in this meet will be contingent upon pool length measurement and approval with USMS; if bulkheads are present, their placement must also be confirmed by measurements at the meet. (USMS articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1).
 - The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 107.2.1, but as a bulkhead course is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and Records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.



- **The committee finalized its policy on altering Top 10 lists after publication:**
 - Top 10 lists can be altered for "trivial" corrections that don't affect times or standings. Examples include (but are not limited to) correcting names or club affiliation.
 - If official times that were submitted for Top 10 were changed, then the Top 10 list should be changed to reflect those times. Examples include (but are not limited to) incorrect age, falsified age discovered, or touchpad found to be incorrect.
 - All-American and All-Star lists should be altered as needed to be consistent with Top 10 lists.
 - All Top 10, All-American and All-Star non-trivial changes need to be documented.
- **The committee has heard back from the Rules Committee about additional scenarios involving pools in which bulkhead confirmation measurements reveal one lane short (but not the others).** First scenario: three lanes are measured -- the outside lanes and one middle lane -- and one of those lanes is short. Do we assume that the unmeasured lanes are okay? Short answer: yes. Times achieved in the short lane in that session are not eligible for Top 10 consideration but all others are, even in the unmeasured lanes. Second scenario is easier: when all lanes are measured for bulkhead verification, times from that session that were achieved in lanes that measure short are not eligible for TT, but the other times may be submitted for TT consideration.
- **The committee has heard back from the Rules Committee about its new policy to better ensure accuracy of initial (50m) splits in 800/1500m events at nationals and other meets with "blanket split request" submissions for TT consideration.** Rules has agreed to add a sentence to their policy for running those meets. The relevant statement now reads:

"The meet host and officials agree to instruct counters not to put the lap counters in the water or stand on top of the touch pads for the first 50 of a long course meter 800/1500 freestyle race and to note if a counter does interfere with the touchpad."

- **Recognition and Awards**

- **The 2013 Capt. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award recipient is Patricia (Patty) Miller.** Patty received her award in May at the USMS Spring Nationals, which were held in Indianapolis, Indiana. A formal recognition will take place at the upcoming convention in Anaheim. Five other outstanding contributors to USMS were nominated: John Bauman (Wisconsin), Hill Carrow (North Carolina), Michael Heather (Southern Pacific), Michael Moore (Pacific), and Skip Thompson (Michigan). All past recipients of the award (who are registered with USMS) and the entire R & A Committee participated in the selection of the recipient.



- **Ransom Arthur and Dorothy Donnelly service pins re-designed and ordered.** With a relatively new USMS logo and a diminished supply of pins, it was determined that new pins were necessary. The R&A Committee approved designs for new RJA and DDSA pins at last year's convention along with a second vote on a revision taking place by email this past spring. A subcommittee solicited bids and accepted the proposal from Optimum Graphics, Inc. A number of bidders reported that they were unable to fill the order for the 10K gold RJA pins. Previous recipients of the RJA award were offered the opportunity to purchase the newly designed pin at their own cost. The newly designed pins will be presented for the first time at convention.
 - **Ted Haartz was nominated for IMSHOF "Honor Contributor" – and selected!** The committee submitted Ted as the nominee and we are thrilled that Ted has been selected. He will be honored along with the other inductees in Anaheim. Thanks for Walt Reid and Lori Payne for helping with the nomination process.
- **LMSC Development**
 - **The Education Subcommittee hosted its first webinar on May 30 and June 23 with Dr. Jim Miller and Patty Miller presenting Conflict of Interest information.** We invited everyone in an LMSC volunteer role to attend. Approximately 25 people attended: 8 at the first session and 17 at the second. Wrap up notes and a conflict of interest policy template are in process.
 - **The next webinar will be a Guide To Operations "tour" by Anna Lea Matysek to be held in late July and late August.**
 - **The Mentoring Subcommittee has recruited Ed Saltzman as the facilitator of the next Peer-to-Peer teleconference for Sanction Chairs.** Working on a date and invitation, likely at the end of July.
 - **The USMS Discussion Forums effort to have online conversations focused on least successful LMSC Standards has been underwhelming.** Mentoring is monitoring these forum threads, which have a nice number of views but almost no discussion. Two ideas to encourage participation: 1) beat the drum more on getting LMSC volunteers to subscribe to the LMSC Administration forum, and 2) schedule a webinar on navigating and using the discussion forum tools.
 - Tom Moore has agreed to serve as the chair of the Research Subcommittee which will be renamed as the Practices and Standards Subcommittee. **Zone Chairs are actively contacting the LMSCs to find out if there are changes to their Standards scores from 2012 and will channel that information to the Practices and Standards Subcommittee to be rolled up for a USMS-wide status.**
 - **The Mentoring subcommittee and the Zone Chairs are working on finding candidates for awarding convention grants to LMSCs with a financial need and a possibility of sending more volunteers to receive the information and education benefits of attending convention. Candidates to be identified by August 1.**



- **The LMSC “Summit” speaker has been researching our organization and asking questions of our committee to better prepare her talk and workshop at convention.** No changes to the workshop line-up for the other four topics.
 - Working with Your Aquatic Facility – Jim Wheeler
 - USMS Marketing Resources – Kyle Deery
 - Dual-Sanctioning Events – Leo Letendre
 - USMS Club Development – Bill Brenner