

Committee Report - Records/Tabulations

Sept 26, 1997 8:30am to 10:15am Room 3052

Committee Members present: Walt Reid, Joan Smith, Mary Beth Windrath, Betsy Durrant, Ceil Blackwell, Carl House, Ginger Pierson, and Barbara Protzman.

Kim Shaw was not able to attend due to a commitment on the Finance Committee and Pieter Cath was unable to attend this year due to a family commitment. I did not hear from the 2 other members.

Welcome - Meeting was called to order by chairman Walt Reid and each member of the committee was introduced.

Review of last year's work:

Records:

The quality of the Record Applications being submitted has improved. Fewer applications are being returned due to incomplete documentation. All record documentation from both nationals were received on time and they were complete. My thanks to the recorders that performed that task. The records are updated quarterly and are available on the Web.

Some changes have been made to the Hy-Tek Meet Manager software 8.1 that allows for the checking of results against USMS and World records. It even includes an option that allows the age calculation to be changed during the meet for identifying World records using the "FINA" age rule. I worked with Tom Taylor of Hy-Tek on this feature and served as the pilot test at the USMS SCY National Championships this year. I again used it at the Pan Pacific Meet in Maui where the meet was run using the FINA age rule but I wanted the records and results using both methods of age calculation. It works. I will work with Jim Matysek to make sure we have a copy of these 2 record sets on the Web in the correct format for LMSC's to download.

There are still too many "NV" (not verified as a record) swim making it to the final copy of the Top10. I send a notice to each LMSC Top10 person requesting record documentation or verification of the swim. We need to be more aggressive on getting the records documented at the meet.

Top10 Tabulations

This year's Long Course Meters and Short Course Meters were compiled by Pieter Cath. The Short Course Yards was compiled by Walt Reid.

Betsy Durrant who handles the tabulation's subscription process reported that the membership has been maintain at about the 600-650 level. We are currently below that but it was felt that this was due to renewal notices not being sent out this year. We do not believe there has been a reduction because of the availability of this on the Web.

Carl House reported that he now has the Top 10 list for individual events from 1993 on

the Web. A variety of selecting and reporting options are available and we encourage everyone to investigate this site.

All Americans:

The Individual All American list was produced and prepared for SWIM magazine. The Relay All American list was prepared and sent to each USMS registered club that had achieved this status. This list is also available on the Web.

Ginger Pierson reported on the status of the Relay All Americans. Although only about 150-200 swimmers take advantage of this award, it was felt that it is very important as it often reaches the swimmer that is not eligible for Individual All American status.

Carl House reported on his new project to put all USMS Individual All Americans for pool events and the Long Distance All Americans since the beginning on the Web. He asked for and got volunteers for proof reading the information to make sure it is correct. This should be completed in the next few months.

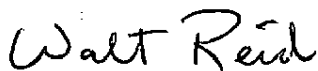
Top10 Proof Reading Process:

The continuing problem of missing the deadline with complete and accurate Top10 information was discussed. Carl House presented an idea of putting the tabulation on the Web as it is being built so the swimmer can look for problems before the deadline. The committee felt this had merit and Carl was asked to write up this proposed process for review by the new committee. Walt presented a concept that "getting it correct on time" is a team effort with many players in addition to the LMSC Top 10 recorder and presented a handout that identifies those players and what their responsibilities are. The committee felt this also had merit and should be worked on to prepare it for SWIM magazine.

FINA Age Rule:

Walt discussed the recent results of a meeting at the Pan Pacific Meet in Maui attended by representatives of the Pacific rim countries. It was apparent that since these countries have shifted to the FINA age rule they were not interested in supporting a USMS proposal to change it back to the method we use for our meets. A straw vote was made of this Records/Tabulations committee and no one was in favor of changing the way USMS calculates age.

Respectively submitted,



Walt Reid

USMS Records & Tabulations Chairman

GETTING IT CORRECT AND ON TIME IS A TEAM EFFORT

- Swimmer
- Enter meet with your name as it appears on your USMS Registration card.
 - Check meet results for correct swims and times.
- Meet Lane Timer
- Check the name of the swimmer including the lead off swimmer on relays for correct splits.
- Meet Director
- Make sure only properly registered swimmers are allowed to swim.
 - Make sure the swimmer has entered with the name as it appears on the USMS Registration card.
 - Submit meet results on time and in the proper format to LMSC Top10 Tabulator.
 - Submit Record Applications on time with complete documentation .
 - Save all meet timing tapes/cards for at least 1 year.
- Sanctions Chairman
- Inform LMSC Records/Top10 Tabulator of all Sanctioned and Recognized Meets.
- LMSC Records
/Top10 Tabulator
- Remove all non-registered and foreign swimmers.
 - Compile and submit on time all records/Top10 tabulations to USMS Records/Top10 Chairman.
- LMSC Registration
Chairman
- Assist Meet Director and LMSC Records/Top10 person in making sure only USMS Registered swimmers are allowed to swim.
- LMSC Chairman
- Check with Records/Top10 Chairman on progress as deadlines approach.