

## RECORDS AND TABULATION MINUTES

Date/Time of meeting: June 27, 2010, 7pm EDT (Conference Call)

Present: Vicki Buccino, Cav Cavanaugh, Barbara Dunbar, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Emmett Hines, Donna Hooe, Chris Stevenson (chair), Mary Sweat, Ed Tsuzuki, Mary Beth Windrath.

Also attending: Jim Matysek.

### MOTIONS PASSED

1. MSA (unanimous) to accept the minutes from the May 30, 2010, meeting.
2. MSA (unanimous) to recommend charging \$25 for a subscription to one copy from each of the three courses (ie, one year's worth) of printed formatted Top Ten results.
3. MSA (unanimous) to recommend add (see below) Rule **105.2.2F** to be consistent with 202.1.1F(3).
4. MSA (unanimous) to recommend modifications (see below) in Rules **103.13.1B** and **105.2.2B** to allow swimmers up to 30 days, or to the end of the season, to submit split requests for non-backstroke individual events.
5. MSA (unanimous) to recommend modifications (see below) in **105.3.8** to impose a time limit of 90 days after the end of the season for submission of USMS Record applications.

### MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7pm EDT.

#### *PREVIOUS MINUTES*

**MSA (unanimous) to approve minutes for the May 30 conference call.** There was no discussion.

#### *SUBSCRIPTION TO RECEIVE FORMATTED PRINTED TOP TEN BOOKLETS*

Previously the committee voted to allow free download of electronic copies (PDF) of formatted list of Top Ten times from the USMS web site. We also voted to allow people to continue to order printed copies of this list from the National Office at a price of \$10 per copy. In the past, subscriptions have also been sold; these allow easier planning to distribute printed lists and the committee was asked to recommend a price for subscriptions.

**MSA (unanimous) to recommend a price of \$25 for one year's worth of printed formatted Top Ten lists, one copy from each of three courses.**

The committee declined to consider longer subscriptions at this time, since it wasn't clear how printing costs might change over a longer period of time. If there were many requests from members for longer subscriptions then we might revisit the issue.

#### *SPLITS AND LEADOFFS FOR NONCONFORMING EVENTS*

Barbara asked us to clarify the rule about split requests from nonconforming events. Rule 202.1.1F(3) states that "Top 10 times shall not be maintained in nonconforming events except for initial distances and relay leadoff split times for distances that are also events defined in article 102.5." But there is no corresponding statement in 105.2.2, which describes when split times are to

be considered for Top 10 times. The committee worked on the wording of an addition to this rule to be consistent with 202.1.1F.

**MSA (unanimous) to recommend the following addition to 105.2.2.**

**105.2.2** Split times shall be considered for Top 10 times if:

F Relay leadoff split times and initial distance times from individual events conform to articles 103.13.1 and 105.2.2A for events listed in article 102.5. The relay event itself and the individual event itself need not conform to article 102.5 as long as the distance and stroke are clearly defined.

#### *DEADLINE FOR SPLIT REQUESTS*

At the last meeting, the Committee approved in principle to allowing swimmers extra time for split requests for non-backstroke individual events: 30 days, or until the end of the season, whichever is first. Adoption of this policy requires changes in 103.13.1B, which describes when splits can be considered Official Times, and 105.2.2, which describes when splits are considered for Top 10 times. The committee worked on the wording of the rule changes to implement this policy.

**MSA (unanimous) to recommend the following changes in 103.13.1 and 105.2.2**

**103.13.1** An official time shall be achieved in a USMS-sanctioned competition or a USMS-recognized event in accordance with all applicable rules. It may be achieved in:

**B** An initial distance within a longer event or relay, provided ~~the swimmer that:~~

- (1) For relay leadoff splits and initial backstroke distances in individual backstroke events, the swimmer ~~Notifies the meet referee in writing of the intent to record an initial split time prior to the event the conclusion of the meet,~~
- (2) ~~Makes the written request prior to the swim for relay leadoff splits and for initial backstroke distances in individual backstroke events~~ For other swims, the swimmer notifies the meet director prior to the conclusion of the meet, or the top ten recorder of the meet host LMSC within 30 days of the conclusion of the meet or by the end of the appropriate season as stated in 105.1.2, whichever comes first,
- (3) The swimmer ~~completes~~ the initial distance with a legal finish, and
- (4) The swimmer ~~completes~~ the event without being disqualified.

**105.2.2** Split times shall be considered for Top 10 times if:

**B** In an individual event other than backstroke, the request to have a split time recorded is brought ~~in writing~~ to the attention of the meet ~~referee~~ director prior to the conclusion of the meet, or to the attention of the meet host LMSC top ten recorder within 30 days of the conclusion of the meet or by the end of the appropriate season as stated in 105.1.2, whichever comes first,

#### *DEADLINE FOR USMS RECORD APPLICATIONS*

The Committee considered the issue of deadlines for USMS Record Applications. There was a consensus that USMS should have a deadline for Record Applications so that the Records Administrator wouldn't have to hold onto stalled applications indefinitely. FINA has adopted a 60-day deadline, but the Committee felt that was a little too harsh, since there are cases where a new potential record is discovered only after times are submitted for Top 10 consideration.

A 90-day limit was considered adequate according to the following reasoning: 30 days after the season ends to discover that a record has been broken, and 60 days to gather the required supporting documents for the application. This policy requires modification of Rule 105.3.8.

**MSA (unanimous) to set a deadline of 90 days after the end of the season to receive applications for new USMS Records set during that season.**

The recommended rule change reads as follows:

**105.3.8** When a record is claimed, an official USMS record application form (Appendix B) shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials and transmitted immediately following performance with all supporting data, including official meet results, the timing system printout and/or copy of the entry card with timers' signatures to the records and tabulation chair for the LMSC in which the event was sanctioned or recognized. Responsibility for this lies with either the LMSC records chair or the official scorer of the meet. The LMSC records and tabulation chair shall send the supporting data to the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee or designee ~~for verification~~ within 90 days of the end of the season as stated in 105.1.2. Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee or designee shall promptly publish the new record on the USMS website.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm EDT.