

# USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas 2010

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Records & Tabulations	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	6
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Chris Stevenson	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Emmett Hines		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Chris Stevenson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	9/17/10 10:30am		

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA to withdraw R49.

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<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 6	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 25
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Cav Cavanaugh, Barbara Dunbar, Laszlo Eger, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Emmett Hines, Walt Reid, Chris Stevenson, Ed Tsuzuki, Mary Beth Windrath		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:30pm

1. Introductions of Committee members and new delegates attending the meeting.
2. Jim Matysek reported on R&T-related IT projects that are in the pipeline. These include adding a Preview function for relays for report-generation from the E2EEM web tools. He also reported progress on an alternative Walt Reid-like file format for uploading meet results to the Meet Results Database (MRDB). Registration member history is in the works too, so that a swimmer audit in E2EEM will check if the swimmer was a member at the time of the swim. Jim warned that the comparison will probably be rather strict: if a swimmer submits a paper registration at the meet and the Registrar doesn't back-date it when s/he enters it, then the swimmer audit will NOT connect to the current member info in the registration database. It will be up to the TT recorder to check with the Registrar about the swimmer, who can go into the registration DB and fix the registration date. The TT recorder could also manually override and change the swimmer status to "member."
3. The chair reported that HyTek has agreed to distribute a slightly-disabled (but free) copy of the latest version of its Meet Manager software to any and all TT Recorders who need it. The software could not be used to run a meet, but all its results-processing capabilities would be intact. Distribution will be handled by Anna Lea Matysek, USMS Membership Coordinator).
4. Ed Tsuzuki (VP of Local Operations) gave a report on the current status of the E2EEM project. Most of the past year was spent on the pre-meet processes: Sanctions and Calendar of Events. It has been challenging to standardize the sanctioning process across LMSCs while still allowing them some flexibility (eg to charge different fees). **VERY** tentatively, the program will be available for pilot testing by the end of the year, and may be online by February 2011.
5. The committee went through some current Rules Proposals that would impact its work.
  - a. **R12/R13**, changing relays to cumulative ages. If this proposal is passed, the Committee would recommend that the relay records would have to be "reset," starting from scratch beginning with the 2011-2012 SCY season.
  - b. **R48**, allowing split to be submitted for Top 10 purposes when recorded by two buttons or two watches. The Committee recommends that the proposal be altered to make it clear that, when automatic timing is available, it shall be used for split requests. In other words, a swimmer could not request that a split be collected manually when automatic timing is being used for the meet. The Committee is also concerned about the logistics of the proposal: can a meet host provide enough timers in the event when several swimmers in a single heat request splits? The Committee notes that it is against the rules for a single timer to start two watches simultaneously.
  - c. **R49**. There was a long discussion about this proposal. While the Committee recognizes that the proposed change would be a help to swimmers in some circumstances, there are many logistical problems. Top 10 recorders cannot serve as Timing Judges, to pronounce a split an Official Time. The Committee felt that, to ensure accuracy, this would be best handled by the Meet Referee at the meet. **MSA to withdraw R49.**

- d. **R52.** This is the Committee proposal to set a deadline of 90 days from the end of the season for USMS record applications. The Committee strongly favors the proposal and feels that the deadline is very generous, much more so than FINA's deadline of 60 days from the day of the swim. In order for an individual swim to "slip through the cracks," the following would have to occur: (a) record is missed by swimmer, meet director and LMSC TT recorder; (b) the swim would have to NOT be part of the Top Ten submission to the National Swims Administrator. Furthermore, record-checking is scheduled to be part of the E2EEM system, after which point the meet would also have to NOT be uploaded into the MRDB. The Committee feels like this are sufficient safeguards. It should be noted that when the Records Administrator receives an incomplete application, he notifies the parties about what items are missing (almost always it is age verification). The Committee does NOT intend this rule to be retroactive; current record applications that are incomplete will be kept "alive" indefinitely.
  - e. **R54-55.** The Committee is against this proposal because it lessens the value of All-American status. It was predicted that a fairly high percentage of swimmers in the Top Ten listings would become All-Americans if this proposal passed. Thus, being an All-American would not be much different than being a Top 10 swimmer. It was also noted that an adjustment would have to be made to USMS' budget in order to pay for the additional patches. There followed a speculative discussion about the fate of the Top 10 listings once E2EEM is completed, since the plan would be to make a "Top N" listing available to the general membership.
6. The Committee and attending delegates enthusiastically recognized the great contributions of John Baumann and Barbara Dunbar in making available the pre-1993 Top Ten listings to the USMS membership.
  7. Anticipated Committee projects for the upcoming year:
    - a. Mentoring Top 10 recorders. Anna Lea Matysek noted that mentoring of LMSC officers in general is not always sufficient. This will be a Committee priority in the coming year, since as E2EEM comes online it will be even moer important. A list of Top 10 resources was printed and passed around the room.
    - b. Expanding the E2EEM pilot group. This will be done once Jim Matysek finishes some critical improvements in results processing, mostly relating to relays.
    - c. Increasing E2EEM results reporting. Who should manage the data stream? How can we increase submission rates to the MRDB?
    - d. State of the pool length certification database. This will need to be upgraded as E2EEM comes online. The Committee also needs to review the certification process.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm

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