

# Records and Tabulation Minutes

Date/Time of Meeting: 4/1/2012, 8pm EST (Conference call)

Present: Chris Stevenson (Chair), Greg Danner (Vice Chair), Barbara Dunbar, Laszlo Eger, Mary Sweat, Mary Beth Windrath, Walt Reid, Donna Hooe.

The meeting was called to order at 8pm EST.

## Motions Passed

- 1. Minutes from previous meeting (2-26-12) approved.**
- 2. Motion: In the Hy-Tek Meet Manager program (in regard to events), the committee requests a new designation called "split request", when creating a new event. This is similar to the other designations: time trial, swimoff, et al.**

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***Discussion on submitting large Recognized Meets with the intent on finalizing a list and possibly addressing specifics on the procedure.***

The committee discusses the fact that several of the national meets on the proposed list are not always recognized or sanctioned. The international meets on the list would be recognized automatically. Some of the meets (Y Nationals and National Senior Games) are usually run through a LMSC, who may take care of the results. The initial list of Recognized Meets that the committee will support is finalized as follows: FINA World Masters Championships, Pan American Masters Championships, Canadian Masters Nationals, World Masters Games, and Y Masters Nationals. Committee members who can upload/access results across all LMSCs – currently this is Chris, Mary Beth, Jeanne and Mary – will monitor the status of these meets in terms of results upload, measurement status, and TT submission. Chris will send out this list of meets to all TTRs.

***Wording of proposed Rule change to avoid future occurrences of the recent problem with the Canadian Nationals Meet.***

Mary Beth had proposed a rule change (online, in between meetings) to address the issue:

**105.1.7 E** For events sanctioned by a FINA member federation, the pool measurement rules of that Masters National Governing Body shall be the standard for pool measurement.

Barbara wondered if this would be better in 105.1.6 (Pool Certification) rather than 105.1.7 (Pool Measurement), and there was some support from other committee members.

Walt wasn't sure that we appreciated all the ramifications of the proposed rule, and gave possible scenarios that could be problematic. For example, if Canada requires a pool be measured for their

records, but only a USMS record is broken, the meet host would not be inclined to follow the measurement procedures that they require on their own records. Or the host NGB may not require measurements for their organization's TT list; adopting Mary Beth's proposed wording means that we wouldn't require measurements for our own TT list.

Committee members agree that some flexibility is needed to apply either USMS rules or the NGB of where the meet resides, as opposed to solely that of the NGB. Committee agrees this rule needs to be re-worded. A committee member will write it out and it will be voted on later electronically. Discussion tabled.

***Discussion regarding whether or not the committee should formally recommend a request to HyTek involving split request functionality for Meet Manager.***

Walt indicates if we add this as a feature it can not only do the splits, but it can check the splits for records as well. Several committee members indicate that it is important to have the ability to produce a report that states what the splits were and make it importable for the Top Ten process.

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Unanimous approval.

***Other potential rule changes.***

***-- adding a definition for 'pool All-Star' to the Rule Book***

Chris noted that pool All-Stars are not defined anywhere in the Rule Book, unlike pool All-Americans or Long Distance All-Stars and All-Americans. He proposed adding this definition and the committee supported it.

***-- should USMS Records continue to be listed in the Rule Book?***

Records in the book are somewhat misleading because they could be obsolete at any given time. Currently, it only counts as a record if a swimmer broke the existing record, not what is in the rule book. Walt thinks the records should be removed from the rule book for this reason and also because the records are often misprinted. Barbara says that since the rule book has to be on hand at each meet, it is less likely that a record will be missed. The committee wants to make sure people submit records. The online records file is not always up to date for meet directors. The committee agrees to leave records in until the next year for rule changes.

***-- change requirement for listing of split results.***

The options are available to upload results and designate splits using the web tools. These are not readily available to everyone. Some committee members have concerns that TTRs will approve splits even if a split request was never made. No decision is made on this matter. Committee members discuss related issues and options within Meet Manager, including ways in which a split request can be manually made into a separate event. Another brief point of topic was that the online publishing of

meet results (web tools and all) will eventually be considered official results. No decision is made to change the requirement.

**-- measurement requirements for bulkhead placement: are we happy with the rule as it stands?**

In this committee's previous meeting, one member questioned why we don't we accept USA-S requirements if we allow international meets that follow their own NGB policies. Committee members seem to be split on the issue. There are concerns that USA-S does not require any measurement at bulkhead facilities. Additionally, it would be far easier for a USMS swimmer to compete at a USA-S meet where the pool is not measured, as opposed to an international meet where that may be the case. Laszlo noted that a USMS swimmer could have significant accomplishments, such as making USA-S Olympic Trials, and the time(s) would not count. Discussion on the matter will continue in a future meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.**