

Committee Name:	Records & Tabulation	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Chris Stevenson	Vice Chair:	Greg Danner
Minutes recorded by:	Greg Danner	Date/time of meeting:	Sunday, Mar 10 2013 / 8pm EST

Motions Passed:

1. Minutes from previous meeting (1-13-13) approved unanimously.
2. Motion made to amend Kathy's suggestion that the counters in the 800/1500 LCM free events are instructed to not approach the end of the pool and officials are instructed to monitor those lap counters. The motion carries unanimously

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present: Chris Stevenson (Chair), Greg Danner (Vice Chair), Ginger Pierson, Jeanne Seidler, Mary Beth Windrath, Mary Sweat, Walt Reid, Barbara Dunbar, Hans Van Meeteren, Mike Abegg		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm.

1. Accept January 13th, 2013 minutes

A motion is made to accept. No further discussion by the committee. Motion unanimously approved.

2. Information/updates

Tabled from Jan 13th meeting – goals and issues for 2013: Hans indicates that USA-S meet information includes standard lines noting if a pool is certified. Several committee members agreed; Hans and others also think we should make swimmers aware of the pool configurations in meet info (bulkhead, wall, cross pool, etc.) as well as stating when pool measurements will occur. One committee member suggested that bulkhead measurements should be posted at the meet as they are taken. Committee members also discuss the procedure for notifying swimmers when their times have become ineligible for Top Ten due to short pool measurements. Email is okay, but maybe there could be a list of "pulled" meets online too so that people can see if their meet has been invalidated for TT purposes.

A thread will be started on this topic in the online forum, where Hans will flesh out some of his ideas and they can be discussed online and at the next meeting.

3. Automatic splits for 50 free in 800/1500 LCM free

The committee considers three options with the intent on eliminating incorrect 50 splits for distance LCM events due to lap counters hitting the pad:

- propose a rule change (this was the committee recommendation at the last meeting);
- accept or modify Kathy Casey's suggestion whereby counters are instructed by meet officials not to approach the end of the pool on the first turn; or
- accept or modify Jim Matysek's proposal where the pads are turned off at the far end of the pool for the 800/1500 races.

Committee members do not want to remove the swimmer's choice of getting a 50 split, so the option of turning off the pads is rejected. The committee prefers Kathy's proposal, with the stipulation that additional monitoring takes place. At a later date the committee may take up the idea of a rules change whereby swimmers are required to submit split requests for the first 50 of an 800/1500 LCM free, but until then we'll see how Kathy's idea works.

A motion is made to amend Kathy's suggestion that the counters are instructed to not approach the end of the pool AND officials are instructed to monitor those lap counters. The motion carries unanimously.

4. Pools with short lanes

The committee recognizes that this issue primarily belongs to the Rules Committee; Kathy has issued interpretations for several scenarios but not a situation where bulkhead measurements change during a meet and one lane is found to be short; several committee members recall such situations. A discussion takes place to determine whether or not any recommendations should be made to the Rules Committee. There are committee members that take different sides during the discussion. If a bulkhead facility is found to have

some short lanes during the post-meet measurement process, some members think that times from the proper length lanes should stand. Other members believe all times should be thrown out in that instance. There are questions regarding the measurement procedure of outside lanes plus a middle lane. If an outside lane is short, is it all thrown out or is there a purpose in measuring additional lanes? Ginger suggests that we should lay out all the possible scenarios and detail the consequences. It is noted that USA-S allows times from all “good” lanes under the scenario where some lanes are short. Committee members also talk about how meet officials should understand that it is required to re-measure the pool if there are any changes, such as lane tightening, during the course of the competition.

The committee is unsure of the current USMS rules on a facility with only some short lanes and requests additional information from the Rules Committee. This is tabled for the next meeting.

5. Should the committee recommend that USMS maintain and disseminate motivational time standards similar to those that USA-S maintains for age-groupers? If so, how should these get calculated?

The first question brought up is whether or not this issue should reside with the Fitness Committee. Since the Fitness Committee tends to shy away from addressing competitive programs, it is suggested that they would not be interested.

Some committee members find that such standards can be de-motivating and unnecessary. Other members find them to be useful and motivating. There is the option of having the standards online only, but not incorporating them with meets. Overall, there is not great committee support to have these published, but some are in favor. Mike may implement the standards at the LMSC level to see how it is received and report back to the committee. There are no motions made at this time.

6. Discussion about our policy for altering TT lists.

This topic is tabled for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm
