

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida. 2011

Committee Name:	Records & Tabulation	Session #:	1	Report #:	8
Committee Chair:	Chris Stevenson	Vice Chair:	Emmett Hines		
Minutes recorded by:	Chris Stevenson	Date/time of meeting:	9/16/11, 10:30am		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. No actions require approval by the HOD

Motions Passed:

1. MSA approval of minutes of 6/20/11 meeting

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 24
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Chris Stevenson (Chair), Emmett Hines (VC), Cav Cavanaugh, Greg Danner, Laszlo Eger, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Donna Hooe, Walt Reid, Jeanne Seidler, Mary Beth Windrath, Ed Tsuzuki (Ex-O)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:40am

1. Introductions of committee members and new delegates.
2. MSA approval of minutes for the meeting on June 20, 2011.
3. Informational: proposal L25 changes the description of the Records and Tabulation committee to include annual publication of the All-Star roster. The chair noted that pool All-Stars are mentioned in no other place in the Rule Book.
4. The chair presented the current rules and policies that the committee operates under and invited questions and feedback from the audience. There were many questions and comments from the floor; the rest of the meeting was devoted to answering them. Some key items of discussion are listed below.
 - a. Some meets are recognized without the need for a formal application for recognition: events sanctioned by a FINA member organization, and USA-S meets (article 202.2). The rule further states that it is the swimmer's responsibility to submit times to the "appropriate LMSC officer." The committee policy has been that it is the Top Ten recorder of the swimmer's LMSC who is the appropriate person to alert, even if the event occurs outside of the LMSC. But the new electronic tools for submitting results to the national database do not allow one to create/edit meets outside of one's LMSC.
 - b. There is a rules requirement to verify the placement of a movable bulkhead after each session of a meet. But sometimes sessions run into one another without a suitable break: for example, there can be a distance event, followed by another 30 minute warm-up, followed by the next session. Kathy Casey, chair of the Rules Committee, was in attendance and issued the following rules interpretation: when there are multiple sessions and no break between them to allow measurements, they can be regarded as a single long session and that it is permissible to measure after that session (applying to the previous combined sessions).
 - c. The rule book specifies what is designated as a USMS Record but does not mention awarding certificates. Previously committee policy was to award certificates to anyone who broke a record that was published annually in the rule book, even if a faster record had been done before the swim but after publication. This policy was changed this year: certificates are now only awarded to swimmers who have held a national record at some point during the year. Ninety days after the end of a season, the National Records Administrator will designate those swimmers who held a USMS record at some point in the season, and certificates shall be mailed to them. There was an extended discussion about under what circumstances a record applications should be submitted for a swim, how to spread awareness of the new policy (it was published in Streamlines and in an email to all LMSC Top Ten Recorders and their Chairs), and related topics. National Records Administrator Walt Reid noted that FINA policy now matches our policy on this regarding the awarding of certificates for breaking world records.

- d. Article 105.1.8 specifies that USMS records are to be published annually in the rule book. In the coming year the committee may consider submitting a proposal to change or eliminate this rule, and the chair sought feedback from the floor. Several people noted that they refer to the online version of the records because it is convenient and more current; two people noted the convenience of having the records in published, hardcopy form to refer to at meets where there may be no internet access; another noted that the published copy is not necessarily accurate even at the time of publication.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am
