

RT Committee Minutes Conf. Call #1 — 10/29/2017

Committee Name: Records & Tabulation	Session #: #1
Committee Chair: Jeanne Seidler	Vice Chair: MJ Caswell
Minutes recorded by: MJ Caswell	Date/time of meeting: Sun., 10/29/2017 @ 7pm CDT

Actions:

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Motions Passed:

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Number of committee members present: Six (8)	Absent: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeanne Seidler (Chair), MJ Caswell (Vice Chair), Cheryl Gettlefinger, Walt Reid, Mary Sweat, Kim Thornton, Mary Beth Windrath (National Swims Coordinator), Chris Colburn (EC)	
Committee Members Absent: Ginger Pearson, Steve Hall (USMS Office)	

Minutes

The purpose of this meeting was to finish some items that we did not have time to discuss during the meeting at Convention 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM CDT.

Introduction of overall goals of the conference calls: This meeting is a discussion about several points to establish direction for potential rules/legislation proposals for the upcoming convention. Projects are another discussion item. Defining the function of the RT Committee is another item. The deadline for rules/legislation proposals is July 10, but the rules committee has requested that proposals be submitted in advance of the deadline to give the committees time to work with the proposals. Specific agenda items follow below:

1. Attendance List Confirmation (Kim Thornton was officiating and called in toward the very end of the meeting.)
2. Minutes from last meeting (Normally we would need a motion to approve minutes from last meeting and then open discussion, if discussion needed. The last meeting minutes are those from the meeting at the convention, which were approved during the HOD session.)
See <http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/records-2017-9-14-1.pdf> for the minutes.
3. Announcements
 - a) It's too early for the list of Committee assignments
 - b) We've been asked to define functions of RT Committee (Jeanne to send out starter document through Forum)
 - c) Who needs a rule book for 2018 that will not be receiving a rule book from another source?
Answer: MJ, Mary Beth, Mary Sweat, Walt Reid and Cheryl requested Rule books.

4. Summary from BOD meetings by VP Chris Colburn (no minutes posted from any BOD meetings at this time) – nothing to report. They just recently met for the first time since convention and those minutes have to be approved before posting.
5. For the 2018 Rule Book, revisions have been made to the Record Application, Pool Measurement Form and Split Notification Form. For the future, think about using .3 as allowance for touchpad. The case presented on the RT Forum regarding the too short pool was resolved by discussion with Rules Committee. The meet was rejected for Top 10 consideration. The rejection rationale that we discussed was confirmed by Rules. The initial bulkhead confirmation measurement and end of first day session had a middle lane that was too short to accommodate a touchpad. Since the first day end of session was the last measurement, it became the default for Day #2. Rules questioned the .25 inch tolerance for a touchpad. We agreed that the .25 tolerance should be reviewed in light of the USA pool measurement rules that require a specific length of the pool if measured without touchpads or a measurement with touchpads installed. (Need to add Rule # of USA Rule).
6. Revisions to the RT Committee Responsibilities in Article 507.1.11 in the Rule Book was approved at the convention. Jeanne will be able to review the published rule change when the proof of the 2018 Rule Book is made available.
7. Possible rules changes or updates to Article 202.1.1 (3) for the next convention. This section contains the verbose sentences about pool measurement to be incorporated into the meet information. Indication was that there was going to be a re-write of the legislation sections 201 and 202. The legislation committee was planning to streamline this section.
8. Projects List for Prioritization for IT Committee (more discussion planned 12/17/2017)
Note on Methodology ... from individual discussions at convention, project prioritization and new requests should be forwarded from the committee to the VPLO who will shepherd the requests through the overall prioritization process. Projects to add are noted below.
 - a) Pool Measurement Database to replace spreadsheet and interface to sanction/calendar
 - b) ** High Priority Request ** USMS Records identification in meet results uploaded via top ten tools
 - c) Two Records web display changes from Mary Beth (alphabetize and club anomaly on All-Americans) (More information from Mary Beth: Club anomaly is that the club in the display is the one that the swimmer is associated with at the time the Top 10 is loaded rather than the club at the date of the record swim. Alphabetization is for the names of the All-Americans.)
 - d) ** Update & Resolution ** Re: problem identified previously about USMS Calendar not displaying names entered as Director, Entries Person and instead displaying no contact info at all if there is more than the single contact. Also, if only a single contact, displaying it as “Other Contact”.
Follow-up ... this problem was corrected as a bug fix by Jim last spring.
 - e) This projects list is a year old, need a new list.

Jeanne’s understanding from Convention was that the highest priority of the IT department currently is a website redesign to support cross-platform presentation and accessibility. She would not expect much movement on IT projects until the new website redesign is launched.

9. Possible Rule/Legislation Proposals for 2018 Convention

Note: This was not discussed. It is scheduled for the 12/17/2017 agenda for pros & cons)

- a) Consider accepting USMS records set at USA Nationals Championships without further bulkhead confirmation requirements. Alternatively, accept any lane measurement as

sufficient proof of bulkhead placement, if available. Unless it is an extremely cooperative host, it's impossible for swimmers to get measurements. Not recognizing swimmers achievements because of impossible requirements is alienating the next generation of USMS members whom are needed to keep USMS membership growing.

- b) Consider proposal to eliminate bulkhead confirmation measurement for Top 10 consideration, retaining bulkhead confirmation measurement for records.
- c) Consider proposal to accept Top 10 only with automatic timing, like records. Or with semi-automatic timing as primary but no watches allowed as primary. (One LMSC purchased semi-automatic system for their meets as hosts would not let them use electronic.)
- d) Tolerance for touchpad in pool measurement.
- e) Other?

10. Any new documentation needed in the GTO other than what is already there (to be updated)?

Note new topic covered in #11 below.

11. Possible workshop at next convention built on 2009 convention workshop run by Walt on how to get one's times to count for Top 10. (See GTO document). We had a long discussion on holding a workshop of the 2018 convention. The current GTO document should be removed from the website and updated. The most popular idea was sanctioning and admin rules for getting meet times to count for Top 10 and records at a meet. We should discuss this further. All agreed that holding a workshop would help LMSC Top 10 Recorders, meet directors and others learn how to head off potential problems. Jeanne to contact LMSC Development Committee about scheduling a workshop.

12. Last Call for any remarks? Chris Colburn will sent an email to Jeanne that will be forwarded to the board, updating what is happening on the BOD and other issues that he is privy to and can share with us.

13. Summarize this meeting and any action items.

- 1) Jeanne to request copies of Active.com Meet Manager for all the LMSC top ten chairs.
- 2) Jeanne to order rule books for MJ, Mary Beth, Mary Sweat, Walt Reid and Cheryl.
- 3) Jeanne to request the portion of the GTO that came from the 2009 convention workshop to be removed from the web while it is updated.

14. Next conference call will be Sunday, Dec 17th. Look for a Doodle Poll to vote on the time.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 PM Central Daylight Time.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

- 1. Under discussion at the 12/17/2017 Conference Call

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM Central Daylight Time.
