Top Ten Peer-to-Peer Teleconference

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Attendees: Kenny Brisbane (SP), Bruce Rollins (GU), Kim Thornton (SP), Cheryl Gettelfinger (IN), Walt Reid (PN), Jerry Clark (NC), MJ Caswell (OR), Michael Moore (PC), Ed Saltzman (GA), Skip Thompson (MI), Phil Luebke (MT), Helen Naylor (SE), Paige Buehler (IW)

Keeping Local LMSC Records

Issues with pulling data from HyTek to populate records. In Gulf they are mostly kept by hand and pulled from HyTek. In the South Central Zone they passed rules that zone records can only be set at South Central Zone meets which encourages participation in the zone meets and keeps the tabulation easier. Michigan keeps a running tabulation of people who set a record so those who broke the record and had it re-broken before the file was updated get some credit. Michigan only allows members of LMSC to set records. Kim in Southern Pacific is creating a records file for each course from results kept typewritten back since 1972. She is manually entering results into HyTek Team Manager to create the records file.

The USMS tool only goes back as far as results have been put into the swim database. Records on the books from the 80s don't come up. Finding a way to get those older record setting swims into the database is on the IT projects list.

How are duties divided?

Is there an LMSC Top 10 Committee or are most recorders working on their own? Mike (IL) does the Top 10 and a former Top 10 recorder is keeping track of the records because that is what he enjoys doing. Skip (MI) said the MI Webmaster would like to help more and Skip is figuring out how to engage him. M.J. (OR) said duties are divided similarly to IL where MJ handles Top 10 and Steve Darnell keeps the LMSC and the NW Zone records.

Individual top 10 goes back to 1970s but Relay top 10 only go back to 1998. History and Archives have the project to add in the relay top 10 results.

Pool measurement on bulkhead pools

USA Swimming meets vs. USMS meets. According to Walt, we currently have three different rules: USMS meets must measure a bulkhead pool for records and Top 10 eligibility, USA Swimming meets no measurement is required (unless FINA record), and foreign meets where measurement follows FINA rules. Ed (GA) suggest that perhaps there is a mismatch in our standards of service: the pool is well

measured for a record setting swim but with only two officials required (even on a 50m pool) it is possible that the swimmers are not swimming legally but cannot be adequately observed.

To address the discrepancy on measurement, Rec&Tab is proposing a rule change to follow the FINA Masters rule if that body accepts the FINA Elite rule of measuring the lane in which a FINA record was set in a bulkhead pool. It would be effective 2017.

Another FINA rule proposal would be for FINA Masters records only allowed with automatic timing and the backup must be semiautomatic. No more watch times. There are some pools in which pads would make the pool short or physically cannot put in pads. Of all FINA Masters world records 6% are with 3 watches. Implementation wouldn't be before end of 2017 if it passes through the FINA process.

My Meet results in MyUSMS are now flagging swims that were done in non-conforming pools.

Dual sanctioned meets and obtaining meet results

One LMSC asked for suggestions to deal with the following situation: the host LSC has recently implemented a policy of only providing a read-only meet results file (not an unlocked meet backup), so getting results uploaded has been very difficult. Michael M. (PC) suggested trying to save the read-only file as a read/write file because it is an ASCII file.

Mike and Paige thanked the attendees for their questions and input and to look for notes on the Meeting Minutes section of usms.org in the near future.