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| Committee Name: | History & Archives | Session#: | Report #: |
| Committee Chair: | Kirk Clear | Vice Chair: | N/A |
| Minutes recorded by: | Kirk Clear | Date/time of meeting: | July 6, 2023 8pm ET |

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD: None

Motions Passed: None

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| Number of committee members present: 8 | Absent: 2 | # of other delegates present: 0 |
| Committee members present: Kirk Clear (Chair), Bob Anderson, Maryanne Barkley, Skip Thompson, Meegan Wilson, Barbara Dunbar, Walt Reid | | |
| Ex Officio present: Daniel Paulling (National Office) | | |
| Not present: Anna Lea Matysek, Ed Coates (EC VPLO) | | |
| Others present (guests): None | | |

Minutes –

1. **Welcome:** The Meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm EDT by the Chair, Kirk Clear, who welcomed all the members. Ed Coates, Vice President of Local Operations, was unable to join. However, Daniel Paulling, USMS Director of Publications and Communications, and the History & Archives Committee Staff Representative, was able to join this meeting.
2. **Approval of last Minutes:** The minutes from the March 29, 2023, meeting, were already approved by email concurrence and vote on May 4, 2023, as the committee wanted them uploaded to the USMS website and available to all members prior to the special USMS Executive Committee Meeting on May 8, 2023.
3. **USMS Task Force to study H&A Committee:** Kirk provided an update on the USMS Board of Directors decision earlier in the year to sunset the History & Archives Committee. The USMS President, Peter Guadagni, invited Kirk and Meegan to the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting on May 8 to express the H&A Committee members' thoughts and feelings on the Board's decision to sunset the committee. Kirk said that we had a successful presentation and discussion with the EC. That appeared to be the case, as at the next USMS Board of Directors meeting (May 15), Peter recommended the Board delay its previous decision to sunset the H&A Committee and that a Task Force be established to look at H&A projects and come up with recommendations on the future structure of the committee. The BOD members were overwhelmingly supportive of this new direction, and they agreed with Peter's proposed recommendation. Kirk worked with Peter over the next several weeks to come up with a scope statement for the Task Force. Peter selected the Task Force members asked Kirk to Chair the Task Force; one other H&A Committee member (MaryAnne Barkley) was also named to the Task Force. The H&A Committee members wanted to make sure they were included and consulted in the discussions this time—something that was not done when this was studied and evaluated previously. Kirk assured the committee that, as Chair of the Task Force, he will make sure the H&A is properly represented. That should not be an issue since both Kirk and MaryAnne are also on the Task Force. The Task Force is scheduled to start meeting in August.
4. **Project Updates:** Kirk stated that the primary purpose of this meeting was to provide an update on the committee's future and the special task force that was established; however, he asked committee members to share current project updates.
 - a. Anna Lea was unable to attend, as she was involved with Summer Nationals preparations; but she sent in an update on the "In Memoriam Project." There are currently 97 names on the list for

this year's slideshow, and more will be added between now and September. Maryanne and Megan have done a great job of finding the obituaries and photos and creating the slides.

- b. Barbara noted that the Relay Top 10 Project is progressing along, as we continue to identify and locate missing data, mostly associated with identification of swimmers.
- c. Barbara also provided a quick update on the National Relay Record Chronology Project. She said that it had been deferred until all chronological relay records were added to the National Record database. This project is actively in process, and missing dates are currently being located and verified.

5. New Items/Other Topics:

- a. Skip stated that since the National Office does not allow H&A to publish swimmer stories anymore; he continues to write and send out interesting stories through Facebook. He informed the committee that he recently wrote an article about an original founding member of Masters Swimming, John Bauman, who passed away in June at age 92.
- b. Megan stated that Kyle Deery from the National Office requested old logos of USMS. Several H&A members were able to provide the logo images and historical background. Kyle was thankful that the H&A Committee had those so readily available; he is planning to add them to the USMS website.
- c. Kirk mentioned that we were contacted by a family member of some recently deceased swimmers who competed in USMS events in the 1970s. This family member found swimming information and materials that were saved, and asked if USMS was interested in the artifacts. Megan stated that she can continue to store items at her house until the ISHOF Museum and Archives has completed its renovation and a repository for USMS artifacts is determined. Kirk sent Megan's address to the individual, who said she may deliver the artifacts in person in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm EDT.