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BLOCK #5 MEETINGS
ISHOF Nominating, History & Archives, Recognition & Awards, Records & Tabulation
Saturday, September 14th, 8:30-10:30 am
Meeting Room – ENTERPRISE 7-8

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING
Meeting Room – CONSTELLATION 2

Committee Chair: Ginger Pierson

Vice Chair: Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Rich Burns, Peggy Buchannan, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Ted Haartz, June Krauser, Stu Marvin, Ginger Pierson, Walt Reid. Executive Committee Liaison - Jim Miller, MD.

ANNUAL REPORT

1. Laura Val has been selected for induction into THE ISHOF, class of 2003
2. Updated ISHOF candidate reports were submitted
3. Updated records database for ISHOF purposes
4. The process for identifying the DATES of name changes for national record holders only, since 1972 continues.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The USMS AD HOC Nominating committee will offer Frank Piemme to THE ISHOF as a potential candidate for induction in 2004

AGENDA

1. A discussion regarding the USMS contribution to THE ISHOF may be needed. There is nothing planned at this time but designated committee members are prepared to answer questions and guide us in the direction we should take.
2. Re-evaluate the AD Hoc ISHOF nominating qualifications for selection as USMS candidate to The ISHOF

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HISTORY & ARCHIVES Meeting Room – ENTERPRISE 7-8

Committee Chair: Carl House

Committee Vice-Chair: Barbara Dunbar

Committee Members: Helen Bayly, Marcia Cleveland, Katie Cooper, Edie Gruender, F H Ted Haartz, Esther Lyman, Wayne McCauley, Cris Meier-Windes, Jennifer Parks, Gail Roper, Robert Smith, Bernard White, Dennis Wilson, Meegan Wilson. Executive Committee Liaison - Sally Dillon

Annual Report

As convention 2002 approaches, we find ourselves at a watershed. Our mandate from Dorothy Donnelly, echoed by June Krauser and Ted Haartz, was to capture our history before it was lost. We have almost completed the task of capturing history by gathering information, correcting and locating data, inventing and adjusting a coding system, and refining the presentation of our material.

Over the past year, the number of Masters swimmers about which we have gathered information has reached 12,978. We have the ability to bring up from the web all these achievements and contributions to USMS. We can access the data on any one of these 12,978 people with a single uncomplicated URL. Of the 3801 total number of "All-Americans Ever" (named by USMS), only 6 remain as unidentified except for first initial and last name. LMSC affiliations were discovered for 70 more swimmers with 198 remaining as "LMSC unknown." The number of All Americans whose birthdates are unknown has been whittled down from 442 to 348 as a result of research and verification over the past year.

The Other Side of the Watershed

Many people, respecting this work, have felt strongly that it must be made safe from possible loss and that it must be put into a format that will enable many people to participate in its enhancement and growth. Last year the House of Delegates affirmed this concern by voting \$18,000 into the USMS budget for this purpose. Members of the H&A Committee, members of the Executive Committee, and others have put great effort into planning how best to do this. I had hoped this conversion would be done before convention, but that now appears unlikely. I am deeply gratified at the carefulness and quality of planning that is going into this discussion, and I am convinced that great benefit will come to USMS from the process.

Research

Barbara Dunbar has been an invaluable member of our Committee in recent years in her role as our primary researcher. When the new Executive Committee asked that we name a Vice Chair, it was clear it should be Barbara. Thanks, Barbara. And, while we're talking about research, Esther Lyman deserves our warmest thanks. She has gone way beyond her job as Registrar to help us.

Our Brochure

Meegan Wilson created our first H&A brochure two years ago. This year Marcia Cleveland and Meg Smath revised it; and Meegan mailed 200 copies to all Executive Committee members, LMSC Chairpersons and Committee Chairpersons with a cover letter from USMS President Jim Miller. It invites USMS members to contribute stories and photos to our archives. She also emailed newsletter editors a byline for inclusion in their LMSC newsletter. You can download our brochure from the internet.

Stories & photos

In January this year, we created a list of the 309 most prominent USMS swimmers **about whom we had no story and no photo** and asked Committee members to use Meegan's brochure and do their best to add content to our archives about these 309 people. As a result, we've received 37 stories, 4 oral history contributions, and 98 photographs. Marcia Cleveland and Gail Roper have both made substantial contributions in this area.

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Mel Dyck has contributed 60 photos of Arizona swimmers and has raised the bar on what can be done with our digital cameras. He promises to continue this work and also to work with Wayne McCauley to learn the degree to which OCR digitizing technology today makes possible the conversion of our old text material into text files. Wayne has scanned the first of Ham & Mildred Anderson's USMS history books to create a CD, and either he or Mel will scan their second book. Megan Wilson created a table of contents for the first book.

We have been collecting photos published in Swim Magazine as high quality digital scans (tifs of 25mb-75mb). So far we have approximately 2000 representing all published from 1995 thru 2001. We hope that this year we can begin adding these to our archives with appropriate annotation. Technical assistance is needed to do this.

ISHOF

We now have a contract with the International Swimming Hall of Fame to store, protect, and make available our paper archives. We have created the beginning of a catalogue of our archives, but have much work to do. Our present catalogue is available on the web. (This catalogue was created by Barbara Dunbar and Lil Haneman.) We've articulated our priorities for the ISHOF relationship. Marcia Cleveland has been part of most of the discussions with ISHOF and is taking the lead in making the most of this relationship. She will report on this at our meeting during convention, recognizing that our most important mission in this context will be to see that information is available for people who are potential candidates for inclusion in the new International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame that will be created in January 2003.

Championship Meets Database

Mary Beth Windrath has been gathering the results of national (pool) meets held since 1993 and creating from them a database that is well structured, useable, and that has integrity and consistency from year to year. The results of many of these meets were published (and only available) as publishing documents, so she has the only database for many.

Action Items

1. A contract was signed on May 11, 2002, with the International Swimming Hall of Fame that includes archival services.
2. Our on-line archives were moved to the USMS.org server in the last week of April 2002.

Agenda

1. Discuss and comment on our RFP and/or contract for database conversion.
2. Discuss ways to improve our gathering and presentation of archives, including those for ISHOF archival.
3. Discuss the need to annotate over 3,000 images, and consider a \$1,500 budget item to create a facility enabling volunteers to add annotations to images
4. Discuss tasks discussed above in Annual Report and recruit volunteers.

This report is available on the web. By viewing it there, you will be able to click on the links for more information. <http://www.usms.org/swimgold/committee/report2002.htm>

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RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Meeting Room – CONSTELLATION 10-11

Committee Chair: Kathrine J. Casey

Vice Chair: Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Cindy Baxter, Tom Boak, Cinco Calfee, Hill Carrow, Gail Dummer, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Edie Gruender, F.H. "Ted" Haartz, Sarah Hromada, Dr. Paul Hutinger, June Krauser, Michael Laux, Jim Miller, M.D., Suzanne Rague, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Ray Taft, Zada Taft, William Tingley, Mary Lee Watson, Ex-officio- Kelly Crandell. Executive Committee Liaison - Scott Rabalais.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee's purpose is to review and approve proposals for all official USMS awards except competitive awards and to maintain a history of award winners. The Committee also administers the Ransom J. Arthur Award and the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. There are two categories of awards: National USMS Award (Ransom J. Arthur Award) and Official Recognition (Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award, Coach of the Year, and Newsletter of the Year).

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS

1. The Committee has been researching the list of President's Service Award winners prior to the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service award. All delegates who know of past winners of the President's Award between 1994 and 1996 are asked to contact Kathy Casey.
2. The Committee has been updating the history of award winners for accuracy and will prepare it for distribution.
3. Nominees for the 2002 Ransom J. Arthur Award were:
John Bauman
Betsy Durrant
Hugh and Jane Moore
Steve Schofield
4. The Committee is in the process of reviewing nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. Awards will be presented at convention during the House of Delegates meeting.
5. Changes this year included announcing the nominees for the Ransom J. Arthur Award, arranging for a local presentation of the award when the winners could not be in attendance at short course nationals (in addition to the presentation at nationals), and giving the winners a copy of the president's speech from the award presentation at nationals.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Hugh and Jane Moore are the winners of the 2002 Ransom J. Arthur Award.

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed by the Committee prior to convention and action will be finalized at convention

1. Review budget, expense, and inventory.
2. Review the Ransom J. Arthur Award selection process
3. Review the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award selection process.
4. Update and complete the list of award winners and plan distribution.
5. New business

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RECORDS & TABULATION Meeting Room – CONSTELLATION 13

Committee Chair: Pieter Cath

Committee members: John Bauman, Vicki Buccino, Carl House, Margie Huting, Ginger Pierson, Walt Reid, Joan Smith, Melinda Smith, Ed Tsuzuki, Mary Beth Windrath. Executive Committee Liaison - Nancy Ridout.

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1. TOP TEN - Top-Ten Tabulations for 2001 Long-Course Meters, 2001 Short-Course Meters, and 2001/2002 Short-Course Yards, were sent to the printers and distributed. The World-Record listings in these publications were supplied by Walt Reid. The Top-Ten information is also available on the Web. Carl House continues to improve these presentations. Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications.
2. **ALL AMERICANS** - Individual and Relay All American tabulations were completed. The Individual list appeared in Swim Magazine and the Relay list was sent to all members of this Committee and to representatives of the listed Clubs. The Relay list is also available on the USMS web site.
3. **QUALIFYING TIMES** - Tabulations of qualifying times for National Championships were compiled for SCY and LCM and sent to the Championship Committee.
4. **SOFTWARE FOR TOP-TEN RECORDERS** - At the 2001 Convention the House of Delegates approved an expenditure of \$ 8,000.00 to develop software to make it easier for Top-Ten Recorders to compile results from the meets that were held in their respective LMSC's for submission to this Committee in a standard format. This project was put on hold by the Executive Committee who started a Database Project with a wider scope. No action was taken as a result.
5. **POOL LENGTH** - President Jim Miller has charged the Records & Tabulation Committee and the Rules Committee to make a joint recommendation for new rules and procedures to insure that all pools that are used for USMS competition meet length requirements. This Committee is preparing rules proposal. It will propose that a minimum length be defined in the rule book for all courses. Procedures need to be put in place to ensure that all pools that are used for Masters competition, both yard and meter pools meet minimum length requirements.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The issue of pool length surfaced this year. Two SCM pools were found to be too short. The members of this committee voted to accept the results from these meets but was overruled by the Executive Committee. Consequently the submissions from these pools were not included in the top-ten tabulation for 2001 SCM.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Rules Proposals for Pool Length Requirements
 3. Software for Top Ten Recorders
 4. Review of LMSC Handbook Instructions
 5. Using Swimmers Registration Numbers for Top Ten
 6. Other Business
 7. Adjourn
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