

**Times and Recognition Committee  
Conference Call  
August 24, 2009  
5 p.m. EST**

**Present:** Larry Herr, Suzanne Heath, Pat Lunsford, Jim Holcomb, Betty Kooy, Marvin Lanphere

**Not Present:** Isabelle Fraser, Trish Mitchell, George Breen, Ryan Littlefield, Morgan Kimminau, Jay Thomas

**Agenda Items**

1. Recommendation to Rules and Regulations regarding observation of meets for 2009-2010 year
  - The committee was in agreement that we do wish Rules and Regs to include approved meets and observed swims (meets) in any legislation regarding swim suit requirements.
  - The following question was presented in light of this recommendation: Do we observe swims if the suits will not be in compliance with USA Swimming rules?
    - a. By way of background, while the NCAA and the NFHS have passed legislation regarding suits that will be in compliance (expected at any rate since we do not know what the rules for USA-S will be yet), there are some high school associations who will opt not to follow the NFHS guidelines. Therefore, will we observe those meets?
    - b. Pat Lunsford presented the views of several coaches that he talked with at the recent national meets. These coaches believe we would be doing a great disservice to our member athletes if we refuse to observe meets where the suits may not be in compliance with our rules. Some believe that swimmers might opt not to swim high school believing their times would not count. This would be a step backward in our relationships with the high school associations.
    - c. Given that the backstroke turn is the only stroke difference between USA-S and NFHS at this point, Pat suggested that we would be able to

observe the cut of the suits while the swimmers are on the blocks as observers and simply circle lanes in violation as we do for stroke differences.

- d. Information would need to be provided on the observation form (use Form A requiring Program Ops authorization whether the meet was a championship or not) if suits will not be in compliance.
- e. Pat will work with Jim Sheehan, officials' chair, Jim Holcomb, and some coaches to come up with a protocol that could be used if such a situation occurs. Rules and Regs would authorize this (and ability to observe these meets might need to be included in rule book if necessary). Information would go into the policy manual and education would be provided to LSCs through both Times Officers and Officials' Chairs.
- f. LSCs would still have the ability to authorize such meets and send them forward to Pro Ops for final approval.

## 2. Convention Plans

- Suzanne reviewed the meeting dates for Times Workshop, SAA Subcommittee, and T & R Business Meeting.
- No special needs were identified; no issues that anyone was aware of that need special attention.

## 3. Enhancements

- Autosweep to be in staging and demonstrated at Times Workshop by Larry
  - a. Set up of historical data for standards and cut times; reassignment of standards by year
  - b. Sweep of database which would reassign standards according to time period when swim was made
  - c. Sweep will include 36 million times in the system.
  - d. Once live, a nightly sweep will be made to update data as it comes into the system. Once in staging, it will be 2 weeks till production.
- Addition of age 18 to single age top times reports

- Ages over 40 will be added to system and report features.
  - There has been no discussion of incorporating USMS times into our database.
4. Austin Committee Meeting and Times Workshop
- Omni Hotel in Austin will be site – March 11-14, 2009.
  - 80 people funded by USA Swimming – hotel, planned meals; LSC to provide airfare and may fund an additional person to attend (total cost for additional person).
  - Committee meeting to be Thursday night, Friday morning; workshop to be Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning.
  - Target individuals – new times officers (uploaders), LSC sanction chairs, record chairs
  - Each person will be asked to bring his/her own laptop (we can provide some computers if not possible).
5. Scholastic All American
- Marvin reports this will be a record year. Applications are up 50% from 2008.
  - At this time 1150 applications are in and another 400 expected (final close date is end of convention).
  - Publicity from LSCs and USA-S helped get the word out and start the application process this year.
  - Betty's new application form and request for students to print out their times from the public search made the process go very smoothly.
  - Only issue is that more assistance will be needed to continue supporting this program.
    - a. Pending need for two people to bubble wrap the 4.0 pins to be sent out in the mail.
    - b. Assistance will also be needed to help the tabulators for the men and the women to manually review the applications.
    - c. Pat suggested that when the list of individuals who sign up for committees is published, we could pull from that to add to the SAA sub-committee.
    - d. Discussion on how to divide the applications will continue at the T & R meeting.

6. Top Ten Times
  - Preview Lists posted – Larry continues to post these and LSCs have been asked to also post their own top times lists and make corrections as needed.
  - Close to convention we will close the lists out and post the final preview list and send these to the LSC officers for final review.
  
7. NAG Records/All Star Relays
  - Isabelle continues to screen for NAG records – it has been a big summer for new records. She will have a final report at convention for the 2008-09 year.
  - Committee confirms that the All Star relay awards are being dropped. Isabelle has sent the last of the certificates to Rick Beebe in PC and he will insure that the remaining relays are awarded.
  - At convention we should decide how to handle any record of these times on the web site.
  
8. Record Applications
  - Jim Holcomb has sent Larry the updated application forms to reflect which suit was worn to swim the time.
  - 50's of stroke have been added to the updated forms.
  - Larry will post these on the web site.
  
9. ConocoPhillips Reimbursement
  - World Champ Trials closed out and sent to accounting by Suzanne - \$37,656.49 in funds to be allocated.
  - US Open – closes on August 31<sup>st</sup>. A few athletes still need to apply - \$12,719.80 allocated so far.

Other Items:

1. Questions on loading of Zone meets
  - This year some of the zone meets were loaded with swimmers attached to the club of record rather than LSC UN.
  - Coaches have requested that the times be loaded attached since these are season-ending meets and times will count for VCC purposes.
  - Western Zone meet is the only meet loaded LSC UN and Suzanne will ask HI to reload the meet attached.

- Relay lead off times should be automatically loaded and no relays are to be loaded unless specifically requested for four members of the same club team.
  - Suzanne will add info to the policy manual for next year regarding loading of Zone or all star meets.
2. Spreadsheet for differences of strokes between swimming associations
    - Pat's OKI group meets in October and will be revising this spreadsheet.
    - Suzanne will work up a summary of differences to use in the Times Workshop at convention and then furnish the spreadsheet from OKI as it is available.
  3. Pool Certification
    - It does not appear that there has been much progress in getting LSC pools certified this year. This is likely due to the requirement to measure pools 2 ft + down the wall and pools are not drained for this purpose.
    - Pat suggested that perhaps the rule requirement might be stipulated for new construction and an alternative method be required for existing pools.
    - We will discuss this further at our meeting at convention
  4. Committee Appointments
    - Isabelle and Jim are in their final year and will need to reapply for T & R. Our athletes, Ryan and Morgan, need to apply on a yearly basis.
    - Applications are available at convention and on the USA-S web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Heath  
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