

Committee Name: Records and Tabulations	Session #:
Committee Chair: MJ Caswell	Vice Chair: N/A
Minutes recorded by: Cheryl Gettelfinger	Date/time of meeting: June 9, 2024, 4:00PMPDT

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 2	Ex-Officio: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): MJ Caswell, Jeanne Seidler, Jerry Treiman, Mary Sweat, Walt Reid, Chris Ottati and Cheryl Gettelfinger. Also present: Mary Beth Windrath, Ex-Officio and Onshalee Promchitmart, Ex-Officio.		
Committee Members Absent: Denise Wetzel	Exec Bd Member Absent: Julie Dussliere, VP Administration	

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM PDT.

1. The meeting began with discussion about a submitted Bulkhead Confirmation Form (BCF). Much discussion centered on the difficulty many people have correctly using lasers and consequently why many still rely on steel tapes. MJ asked each Records and Tabulation Committee (RTC) member for their opinion. Walt Reid (WR) suggested sending the case to the Rules Committee (RC) and Christ Ottati (CO) agreed. This was not supported by the other members who wanted to take the responsibility of interpreting the BCF using applicable rules. The National Swims Coordinator (NSC) motioned to accept the BCF which was seconded by Jeanne Seidler (JS) and approved. MJ will be contacting the meet host to request that they make sure that this doesn't happen again.
2. Next, MJ addressed the 4 proposed rules. She began with Rules proposal: 105.1.7.C. This rule change inserts the word "competition" in front of lane and addresses the BCF discussion that the RTC just had. Meet directors will need to measure the outside lanes in which there was competition and not include warm-up/warm-down lanes that stay open during the competition. (CO) wondered how this would help as it seems like if the 2 outside and 1 inside lanes are okay, then the other lanes should be fine. Cheryl Gettelfinger (CG) worried that meet hosts will forget to change to this new method even with form prompts because they are used to measuring the outside lanes of the pool. Motion made to approve the proposal as written in the Word doc by JS and seconded by WR and unanimously approved.
3. The second rule proposal: 103.18.1 adds a fourth item which states: The relay completes the full distance. This rule has to do with accepting the lead-off split and already has 3 previous requirements. CG liked it because it mirrors the individual rule in which you must complete the distance of the entered event to obtain a legal split. Motion made to approve the proposal as written in the Word doc by the NSC, seconded by JS and unanimously approved.
4. The third rule proposal: 103.18.1 proposes another requirement that wouldn't replace the second proposal but rather complement it. The third proposal states: The relay members adhere to generally accepted conduct and do not engage in unsporting conduct. This proposal addresses medley relays to keep swimmers 2-4 from swimming freestyle during their legs because there is no requirement for their split to be legal. CO worried that this language was too vague and put too much of a burden on the meet referee. JS wondered if we could have someone from RC and Kathy Casey to help with wordsmithing. Motion made to approve the proposal as written in the Word doc by CO, seconded by JS and was defeated.
5. The fourth rule proposal: 105.3.9 A (2) was to bring the rules up to date with current practice regarding record application requirements. The requirement for meet results to be submitted with record applications, (2a), will be removed and added after (2b) with the wording: Official meet results are encouraged. (2a) will become: The timing system printout or a picture of the timing console showing event, heat, lanes, and times with backups.

(2c) has no change and becomes (2b). Motion made to approve the proposal as written in the Word doc by the NSC, seconded by CO and unanimously approved.

6. MJ stated that the RTC annual meeting has been scheduled for 8/8/24 and asked members for the best time. It was decided to recommend 8:00 PM EDT.
7. MJ asked for topics to discuss at the annual meeting and suggestions were 1)accomplishments over the year; 2)discuss rules and legislative proposals and how they affect the RTC; 3)a report from the Meets Results Processing Task Force (MRPTF) and 4)potential future projects. The MRPTF is working on a summary document that will go to the Board of Directors (BOD). MJ will inquire to see if it's okay to share the findings with the RTC before a formal proposal is given to the BOD. MJ explained that part of the discussion of the MRPTF has focused on the RTC being involved in software development. She asked that members contact her if they think of any other items that they wish to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM PDT. Annual Meeting 8/8/24 at 8:00 PM EDT.