

History & Archives Committee Meeting – April 21, 2022

Committee Members

Frank Skip Thompson, Chair; Kirk Clear, Vice Chair

Bob Anderson, Maryanne Barkley, Rich Burns, Barbara Dunbar, Anna Lea Matysek, Walt Reid, Gail Roper, Jayne Saint-Amour, Meegan Wilson.

Ex-Officio: Ed Coates VP Ex-Officio, Daniel Paulling, National Office Ex-Officio.

Contributing Members: Mary Beth Windrath and Paul Windrath.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 EST and the Chair welcomed the Committee members and guest delegates.

The Relay Top Ten project was discussed with Barbara Dunbar detailing where we are today and what progress needs to be made with ID creation as one of the keys for future success. Barbara thanked Relay Top 10 Project helpers. All Relay Top 10s have been digitized. Proofing continues, and missing names and age information are being added to the 1983 LCM Relay Top 10s and additional Relay Top 10s. Permanent IDs, which link swimmers to their accomplishments, remain to be added to a number of completed Relay Top 10s before they can be upload to the USMS database. Walt and Mary Beth identified existing IDs for 1985 and 1984 Relay Top 10 swimmers, and ID assignments are being requested for those swimmers without IDs. The project is reaching its final stages, and the status will be re-assessed during the next several months.

The Living History project is underway and Skip Thompson reviewed 52 LMSC's websites in 2021 and created a spreadsheet of what LMSC's are doing in regards to their live history taking place such as stories about its activities, photo galleries, newsletters, videos, and social media. Updates from the original analysis is being done in 2022. Storage and retrieval of live history was discussed.

Because of a lack of any kind of history on some LMSC websites, those LMSC's will be excluded from the interview process. Sitecore platforms were discussed and at this time there are very few LMSC's using the platform. LMSC's are currently being interviewed so that best practices can be developed and evaluated and shared with the LMSC Development Committee. Once completed the goal is to get on the LMSC Development Committees "Peer to Peer" webinar in 2023.

Three documents have been prepared and will be posted on the Committee Community page and they are a guide to an LMSC interview process, A Program for Building Community/Capturing the Legacy of Masters Swimming, and LMSC's to be interviewed.

Anna Lea Matysek develops the Obituary List which is used to create the power point slides for the Remembrance presentation for the Annual Meeting. 118 members have been added for the 2022 year as of 7-10-2022 and they will be added to the deceased members that were not part of the presentation after the 9-12-2021 cutoff date last year.

USMS Olympian list is maintained by Barbara Dunbar, Anna Lea Matysek, and Gail Roper. They have been 5 Olympians added since the last convention.

Skip Thompson discussed the USMS Rule Book/Committee History Projects and will scan sections of old AAU Yearbooks and send them for review to Anna Lea Matysek and Michael Laux. Jessica Riley has the complete set of USA Swimming scanned rule books. USMS Rule Books from 1989 – 1996, plus 1998 and 2000 need to be scanned from paper hard copies. All other Rule Books are completed including 1997, 1999, and 2001 to the present 2002 Rule Book. The committee will find out if there is a plan to have all of these displayed on the USMS website. The National Office continues to post copies of old rule books as time allows and so far all USMS Rules Books from 2008 until 2021 have been posted with only the 2012 Mini Rule Book missing as of the end of July 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 EST.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. USMS Relay Top Ten Project.
2. USMS Living History Project.
3. Completion of Remembrance Presentation posted online for the Annual Meeting.
4. USMS Rule Book and USMS Committee History Project

Action Items

1. Continue to make progress on the Relay Top Ten project.
2. Continue to make progress on the LMSC Interviews for Best Practices.
3. Next committee meeting set for October/November 2022 time frame.

Agenda

1. Relay Top Ten Project.
2. Living History Project.
3. Prepare remembrance presentation from the Obituary List for Annual Meeting.
4. Maintain Olympian List
5. USMS Rule Book Project.
6. USMS Committee History Project.
7. Open Issues – Historical Documents Updated for the USMS website.
8. Meeting Adjournment