

Ad Hoc Computer Committee

September 24, 1992

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Leo Letendre, Chairman.

Committee members present were:

Betty Barry
Bill Black
Paul Fortoul
Hugh Moore (ex-officio)
Martha Vredevelde (substitute for John Protzman)
Rick Windes (substitute for Walt Reid, ex-officio)

Approximately 20 observers were present.

Committee discussed current status of the IMSC Registration program. The program has been distributed to a group of testers with requests for comments. Early beta testers reported their experiences, with a consensus that more testing (of all functions including printing cards & reports) would be necessary. It was suggested that we expand the beta test group, and recruit registrars who would be willing to work in parallel with the new and old systems. The expanded beta test group should have 4 to 6 weeks to work through the program and return comments. The stage of completion of the manual was also discussed.

We received an update on the status of the Meet Management program. The program is functional now but is undergoing refinement. Swimmers can be entered in the program, which will seed the meet and generate heat sheets, award labels, swimmer cards, results, and lists of participants. The scoring routines are in process, and the manual is being written. Expectations are that a test version can be distributed within a few weeks after convention, and volunteer testers were recruited at the meeting.

The Top Ten program is about half complete. When the program is ready for testing, volunteer testers will be recruited through the Records & Tabulation committee. Documentation and test packages are expected by sometime in November.

There was a general discussion of where the project to develop integrated systems is going, and concerns were expressed about the pace of the project and the capabilities of the contractor. The clear consensus was that firm deadlines and requirements for performance be implemented. The Chairman will develop a timeline for each project and review those timelines with the Executive Committee.

After the committee meeting, USMS requested that GA Sullivan agree to modify the contract to include a delivery date of October 31, 1992 and that failure to complete the project would terminate the contract. GA Sullivan found this unacceptable and USMS terminated the contract. The executive committee has dissolved the computer committee with the duties to be completed by a subcommittee of the Executive committee.