

# USMS Convention—Atlanta, Georgia 2008

<b>Committee Name:</b> History and Archives	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 5
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Barbara Dunbar	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Meegan Wilson	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Meegan Wilson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 09/25/08 10:30	

## Important Decisions:

1. **MSA for History and Archives to explore with the Registration Committee and Club Assistance (CA) a means of noting swimmers who are listed in the registration database with approximate dates of birth.**
2. **MSA to store the corrected version of the Top Tens on-line and to store original Top Ten electronic files elsewhere.**
3. **MSA to request additional name fields to be included on the Club Assistant on-line registration page including full middle name and previous names under which the swimmer has competed in masters swimming such as a maiden name, a different first name, or a change of name.**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 9	<b>Absent:</b> 2	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 14
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair &amp; vice chair):</b> Barbara Dunbar, Meegan Wilson, John Bauman, Marcia Cleveland, Trisha Commons, Paul Hutinger, Susan Nolte, Jennie (Catherine) Quill, Julie Heather (Executive Liaison)		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM (7:30 AM PDT).

1. The History and Archives (H&A) Committee submitted an amendment to USMS Rule Book Appendix B which included extending the storage time for meet documents from 1 to 2 years to ensure that meet documents would be available for verification following the conclusion of the top ten season. The amendment was approved by the EC on Aug. 5, 2008.
2. The committee thanked the USMS webmaster Jim Matysek for adding the missing and reassigned permanent IDs to the on-line database which resulted in the correction of a number of problems with H&A stories, USMS Swimmer Information pages, and All American, All Star, Top Ten, and award listings. Additional permanent ID concerns were discussed including the existence of some early-year masters swimmers who are listed in the registration database with approximate birth dates. **MSA for History and Archives to explore with the Registration Committee and Club Assistance (CA) a means of noting swimmers who are listed in the national registration database with approximate dates of birth.** H&A will ask the National Database Administrator to assign permanent IDs to swimmers without IDs who appeared on the pre-1993 top tens and to transmit these added IDs to the USMS web masters when they are transmitted to Club Assistant. Members were asked to contact Archives(at)usms(dot)org if an error is found in Stories, Oral Histories, Swimmer Information, or All Star and All American listings, so that it might be corrected. Top Ten corrections go to Ed Tsuzuki (Records and Tabulation).
3. John Bauman has completed the creation of electronic Top Ten files for 1972 through 1992 from the existing paper copies and will be including the 1971 Top Tens. Permanent IDs are being added for 6,868 of the 11,797 individual swimmers listed who have existing IDs. Of the remaining 4,921 without a permanent ID, 3,042 are swimmers with known birth dates, meaning that a permanent ID can be assigned. About 1,879 others are swimmers whose date of birth is unknown or only an approximate date, and attempts are being made to locate dates of birth so that permanent IDs can be assigned. If a birth date cannot be located, then an ID can be assigned if there is an alternate means of denoting an approximate birth date. **MSA to store the corrected version of the Top Tens on-line and to store original Top Ten electronic files elsewhere.** The original paper copies are stored in the USMS archives repository at the Henning Library, International Swimming Hall of Fame.
4. USMS web master Jim Matysek was thanked for correcting some of the All American listing errors identified by H&A.
5. The status of existing H&A web projects were discussed. Photos will be able to be added to H&A stories. The photo gallery web project is on the road to completion. Navigational tools for quickly locating H&A stories by subject name will be added. Currently, one has to scroll down a list of 505 (and growing) names to locate a story. On-line storage areas will be created for both secure and non secure H&A documents. Eventually, some of these documents will be viewable.
6. The project to locate, scan, and post the missing pool National Championship results onto the USMS web site has been extremely successful. Of the 47 results missing from the USMS web site, 34 have been located; 31 have been scanned and submitted to the web master for posting, and 30 have been posted. In three cases, more legible copies are being sought, and 13 remain to be located. The committee thanked Jim Matysek for timely posting of the located and scanned results.
7. Now that all issued permanent IDs appear on the USMS on-line database and newly assigned ones will be imported into the on-line database, there should be fewer problems. H&A needs to go back through all of the 505 stories and previously identified All American, Swimmer Information, and Top Ten problems to check how many problems remain. H&A will fix the incorrect or missing ID links to which it has access, and the remainder will need to be corrected by the webmaster or R&T.

8. Policy issues were discussed.
9. The general focus of the committee for 2009 will include the following: See below under tasks for upcoming year.
10. Discussion about linking the swimmer's current USMS registration name with the other names under which the swimmer has competed. **MSA to request additional name fields to be included on the Club Assistant on-line registration page including full middle name and previous names under which the swimmer has competed in masters swimming such as a maiden name, a different first name, or a change of name.**

## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Identify any remaining ID errors and correction (either directly or with the assistance of the web master).
2. Complete a major portion of the project being handled by John Bauman to convert the pre-1993 Top Tens into electronic files, locate the errata associated with those top ten times, identify and locate DOBs for those swimmers needing permanent IDs, request permanent ID assignment to those swimmers without IDs but with DOBs, and add permanent IDs to all of the top ten names for the purpose of posting the pre-1993 top tens onto the USMS web site (Records and Tabulation will be in charge of posting the pre-1993 top tens).
3. Locate and scan the missing pool National Championship results; submit them for posting onto the USMS web site. Locate the following pool National Championship Results: 1982 SCY, 1982 LCM, 1983 SCY, 1983 LCM, 1984 LCM, 1985 SCY, 1985 LCM, 1986 LCM, 1989 LCM, 1992 LCM, 1993 SCY, and 1993 LCM.
4. Solicit write, edit, and add swimmer stories and oral histories; add photos to the stories when the tools are available.
5. Locate additional old LMSC registration files to be used to continue the reconstruction of the old National Registration data files.
6. Locate and scan the missing open water and postal National Championship results; submit them for posting onto the USMS web site.

1974 AAU National Open Water Championships Masters: men 2-mi cable & women 1.5 mile cable, July 24-25, 1974, in Lake Placid, NY  
 1979 AAU National Open Water Championship – Masters 10 mi (marathon event), July 22, 1979, Seal Beach, CA (Huntington to Seal Bch)  
 1980 AAU National Long Distance Championships – 2-mi (¼ mi closed course straightaway cable), 08/03/80, Lake Clare, Huntington, IN  
 1981 Quarter-mile Straightaway (2-mile cable event), Huntington, IN  
 1981 Open Water 3 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1981 Marathon ? 10 miles - ? Seal Beach, CA  
 1982 Quarter-mile Straightaway (2-mile cable event), July 1982, Lansing, MI  
 1982 One Mile Open Water (new event), December 1982, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
 1982 Open Water 3 miles, July 1982, Seal Beach, CA  
 1982 Marathon 10 miles, July 1982, Seal Beach, CA  
 1983 Quarter-mile Straightaway (2 miles) July 16-17, 1983, Lake Clare, Huntington, IN, part of the 26th Annual Glen Hummer 2 Mile cable event hosted by Huntington YMCA, Huntington, IN  
 1983 USS/USMS National Long Distance Championships (2-6 mi open water) – July 17, 1983, 3 mi at Seal Beach, CA  
 1983 USS/USMS National Long Distance Championships (Marathon Type, > 6 mi) July 17, 1983, 10 mi Seal Beach, CA  
 1984 Quarter-mile Straightaway (2 miles)  
 1984 Open Water (1.5-3.0 miles); ? miles (? exact distance) – maybe July 15, 1984, 3 mile at Seal Beach, CA  
 1984 Open Water ( 3.5-5.0 miles)  
 1984 Team (approximately 6000 yards), probably there was no bid  
 1984 Marathon Type (>6 miles), ? 10 miles – maybe July 15, 1984, 10 mile at Seal Beach, CA  
 1985 One Mile, Atsion Lake, New Jersey (Mid-Atlantic Masters?)  
 1985 Open Water (3.5-5.0 miles), 3.5 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1985 Marathon Type (>6 miles), 10 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1985 Team (approximately 6000 yards), University of Alabama (no evidence that it took place)  
 1986 One Mile, "Glen Hummer" in Indiana  
 1986 Quarter-mile Straightaway (2 miles), "Glen Hummer" in Indiana  
 1986 Open Water (1.5-3.0 miles), 3 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1986 Marathon Type (>6 miles), 10 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1986 Team (approximately 6000 yards), Midwestern Masters (see convention minutes 1985)  
 1987 One Mile, Bolsa Chica State Beach, CA  
 1989 Open Water (>6 miles), 10 miles - Seal Beach, CA  
 1991 Open Water (3.5-5.0 miles), 5 miles - San Pedro, CA

7. Request ideas for USMS SWIMMER “Splashback” historical section. Several ideas were suggested
8. Jennie Quill will visit the USMS archives at the Henning Library at ISHOF to index the archives.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM EDT (8:57 PDT)