

Report from the Operations Vice-Chair

January 18, 2010

Work/Testing Day: Members of the Board and other interested volunteers met on January 3rd to test most of our equipment during the Distance Meet at Lee District Pool. Thanks to Greg York, Tim Hussan, Jim Thompson, Jim Garner, John Hirschman, Terri Marlin, Bill Stephens, and John Ertter. We were joined by our Equipment Manager, Jake McGrail. The results of the testing indicate that the majority of our hardware is in decent working order with the exception of several of the harnesses. John E. and Jake will be checking with Colorado Time Systems to see if the harnesses can be repaired or refurbished.

Additional Equipment: We have received the additional pads and other equipment ordered, allowing us to fully outfit all locations for the upcoming January Open.

Storage: Another issue is the ongoing maintenance/storage of the equipment. Better preventive maintenance may lengthen the useful life of the equipment. John E. is working on an alternative location for equipment storage that will provide electricity and (hopefully) a better climate control situation.

Radios: After numerous requests and some problems with the current radios, we are looking at purchasing an additional 12 to 16 radios for use by Officials and Meet Managers. I will be presenting the proposed model of radios to the Officials Committee Meeting on January 20th, and pending their approval will be moving forward with this purchase.

Equipment Delivery and Set-Up: After some issues with the October and November Meets, things seem to be working more smoothly. John E., Greg, and I will continue to monitor the situation going forward. One issue that needs to be discussed by the Board is the fee for Equipment Rental when the pool in question is providing some of the equipment on site. This was an issue with the Turkey Claus Meet at Takoma in December.