

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2014

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 1	Report #:
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Erin Shields/ Kim Crouch	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: Thursday, Sept 18 1:45 PM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2014 CONFERENCE CALL.**
2. **MSA TO APPROVE THE LOGO AND AWARDS FOR SAN ANTONIO.**
3. **MSA TO CHANGE THE RELAY ORDER AT SAN ANTONIO TO HELP BALANCE THE MEET TIMELINE.**
4. **MSA TO SWITCH THE ORDER OF THE 1650 AND 1000YD FREESTYLE EVENTS AT SAN ANTONIO (i.e. the 1650 will go first).**
5. **MSA TO APPROVE THE LOGO FOR SPIRE.**
6. **MSA TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED NQT'S FOR 2015.**
7. **MSA TO KEEP THE COMPETITION POOL OPEN UNTIL 5 PM OR 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE LAST HEAT ON THE DISTANCE DAY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.**

Number of committee members present: 17

Absent: 5

Number of other delegates present: 43

Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Kim Crouch (Vice Chair), Tyler Blessing, Debbie Cavanaugh, Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Jack Groselle, Mark Moore, Michael Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Lisa Watson, Tom Boak (ex-officio), Ed Tsuzuki (ex-officio), Kyle Deery (ex-officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10 MEETING
The minutes were approved.

2. RECAP/DEBRIEF OF 2014 NATIONALS

A. Santa Clara (SC)- Sandi Rousseau, liaison; Jim Clemmons-assistant liaison

Jeff applauded Santa Clara for a well run meet: at 2249 swimmers, it had the 2nd highest attendance of any National meet. The announcing was excellent, as were the volunteers. One concern that continues for some Nationals is the safety marshals. To shorten the timeline on Sunday, the 200s were deck seeded just for that day. Meet Director Jaime Benes addressed the committee, reciting what a wonderful experience the meet was. Among other things, she stressed the importance of the liaison in preparing for the meet, the need for lots of supplies of everything, and for well trained volunteers. In hindsight, Jaime felt that they should have hosted a social.

B. University of Maryland (LC)- Jeff Roddin, liaison; Jack Groselle-assistant liaison

Jeff stated that even with Worlds occurring a week before Summer Nationals and the IGLA meet also during that time frame, the attendance at Maryland was still larger than the average for a LC National meet. All 200s were deck seeded at this meet, and it seemed to work very successfully. Co meet directors Carrie Tupper and Natalie Ferdinand addressed the committee about their shared experiences of this meet. The 1500 was done early (by 1:30pm), but even though by the contract the pool would only have remained open until 2:30pm they opened it back up until 7pm as rec swim, so that swimmers coming in could warm up for the meet. The social was held at the Nationals ball park, and was very successful. 145 Gold Medal passes were sold. Jack complimented the meet hosts on how well prepared they were and how professionally they ran the meet.

3. REVIEW/DISCUSS STATUS AND PLANNING, AND APPROVE AWARDS FOR 2015 NATIONALS
 - A. San Antonio (SC-April 23-26)

Representing San Antonio were Scott Zolinski, Kristin Libardoni, and Susan Ingraham. Scott stated that San Antonio has a new outdoor pool next door to an indoor facility, and access to 35 warm up and cool down lanes, plus ample restroom facilities (over 100 toilets). Dave Weirdsma (announcer for Santa Clara) will be their announcer. There are over 35 area hotels, and the meet will provide shuttle service from 4 hotels. 3 socials are planned, and in addition, the Fiesta Festival will be ongoing at the same time of the meet. Kristin showed the proposed logo and awards to the committee. **MSA TO APPROVE THE LOGO AND AWARDS FOR SAN ANTONIO.** Susan proposed a change to the order of the relays for San Antonio. **MSA TO CHANGE THE RELAY ORDER AT SAN ANTONIO TO HELP BALANCE THE MEET TIMELINE.** Another proposal was to switch the order of the 1650 and 1000, to offer a change for the distance swimmers. **MSA TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE 1650 AND 1000YD FREESTYLE EVENTS AT SAN ANTONIO (i.e. the 1650 will go first).**
 - B. SPIRE (LC-August 6-9)

Representing SPIRE were Jeff Orloff and Josh Ptak. Jeff announced that SPIRE is 45 miles east of Cleveland. It is a 10 lane facility within a huge sports complex. SPIRE is working with the Cleveland Sports Commission in preparing for the meet. Josh said that they will have a 4 day meet format, and will host a social, possibly at a nearby winery. There are a number of area hotels within easy access to the pool. SPIRE has presented their proposed logo, and are still waiting to hear from more bids on their awards. **MSA TO APPROVE THE LOGO FOR SPIRE.**
4. REVIEW/DISCUSS ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION /RULES THAT AFFECT CHAMPIONSHIP (Articles 103-104)

Jeff recapped the committee's view on the following Rules proposals that would affect Championship: R15-do not approve making 25s an official event); R25-approve (moving Summer meet dates to July 15-August 30). R27-approve (moving bid deadline to June 1); R28-approve (final results-housekeeping); R29-approve (housekeeping); R30-approve (taking Order of Events out of the rule book and making it Championship policy); R31-approve (housekeeping); R32- do not approve (mandates that swimmers who make NQT's in both must be able to swim both of the long distance events at Nationals);R33-do not approve (mandating that non-NQT swimmers can only swim events of 200yds/meters or shorter; R34-approve (housekeeping); R35-approve (housekeeping); R36-approve (housekeeping); R37-approve (housekeeping); R38 –approve (eliminating reference to the banquet from the rulebook); R39-do not approve (proposing that when seeding by time only, would have a fastest heat for each gender); R40-approve (housekeeping); R41-approved (proposed by Officials Committee); R42-approve (use of computer at Nationals)
5. NQT's
 - A. Jeff reviewed our policy for establishing NQTs of taking a 3 year average of the USMS Top Ten 10th place time + 15% for 50s and 100s and 10th place + 10% for events 200+ for SCY; and 5th place + 15% for LCM. **MSA TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED NQT'S FOR 2015.**
 - B. 2015 Nationals- pool access on distance day
MSA TO KEEP THE COMPETITION POOL OPEN UNTIL 5 PM OR 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE LAST HEAT ON THE DISTANCE DAY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.
6. OTHER
 - A. Regional Awards- Jeff announced that the Championship Committee has voted to reduce the number of Regional awards at Nationals from 10 to 5, since far few Regional clubs are competing as opposed to Local clubs.
 - B. Coaches Hospitality Policy- Jeff stated that we have a tiered system for awarding coaches hospitality passes at National meets. The Championship Committee has voted that in addition to that, the coach must also be a USMS recognized coach in order to qualify for a hospitality pass.
 - C. Distance Day Warm-up Policy
MSA TO KEEP THE COMPETITION POOL OPEN UNTIL 5 PM OR 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE LAST HEAT ON THE DISTANCE DAY, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.
