

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, FL 2014

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 2	Report #:
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Erin Shields/Kim Crouch	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: Friday, Sept 19 8 AM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO ESTABLISH A WEBSITE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ITEMS.**
2. **MSA TO MOVE THE NATIONALS ENTRY DEADLINE FROM 35 DAYS OUT TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY (30-31 DAYS OUT).**
3. **MSA TO SOLICIT COACHES THROUGH THE COACHES' 'STREAMLINES' NEWSLETTER TO CONTACT THE MEET DIRECTOR IF THEY PLAN TO ATTEND THAT NATIONAL MEET.**
4. **MSA TO DECK SEED ALL 200'S FOR BOTH 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS.**
5. **MSA TO MAKE THE MEET ROSTER AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DEADLINE, TO INCLUDE NAME, GENDER, AGE AND CLUB.**

Number of committee members present: 18

Absent: 5

Number of other delegates present: 28

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 8 AM

1. 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS
Jeff announced that the 2016 Championship bids have been awarded to Greensboro (Spring) and Oregon (Summer).
2. USMS WEBSITE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
MSA TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ITEMS:
 - A. Add listing to Calendar of Events by October 1 (soon after selection)
 - B. Initiate meet landing page (facility, links, Order of Events and NQTs) no later than October 15 and January 15 for the upcoming Spring and Summer Nationals, respectively
 - C. Post official Meet Information no later than January 1 and May 1 for the upcoming Spring and Summer Nationals, respectively (coincides with SWIMMER mailing)
 - D. Online entries available no later than February 15 and May 15 for the upcoming Spring and Summer Nationals, respectively (contingent upon host being timely with add-on details)
3. NATIONALS PROCEDURES/ACTIVITIES
 - A. Service animal policy-The Meet Director's Guide shall include a section to guide the meet host on how to deal with this issue.
 - B. Entry deadline- The current rule states the entry deadline for National meets shall be not more than 35 days before the start of competition, which usually falls on a Wednesday or Thursday. It was suggested that this deadline be moved to the following Monday to allow swimmers a little more time and the option of perhaps competing in one more meet to get seed times. **MSA TO MOVE THE NATIONALS ENTRY DEADLINE FROM 35 DAYS OUT TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY (30-31 DAYS OUT).**
 - C. Online registration for Coaches-The committee discussed ways for coaches to be identified and get meet programs. **MSA TO SOLICIT COACHES THROUGH THE COACHES' 'STREAMLINES' NEWSLETTER TO CONTACT THE MEET DIRECTOR IF THEY PLAN TO ATTEND THAT NATIONAL MEET.**

D. Deck Seeding Positive Check-in Policy- Jeff reported that at 2014 Spring Nationals, 200s were deck seeded only on Sunday. At Maryland, all 200s were deck seeded for the entire meet. It was suggested that this be a mandated policy at least for 2015 meets so that swimmers would know the policy ahead of time and to see if it works successfully. **MSA TO DECK SEED ALL 200's FOR BOTH 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS.**

E. Entrant List (make available prior to entry deadline or not)- Consensus was that making the entrant list known ahead of the entry deadline would be very helpful for coaches in terms of keeping track of entered swimmers and planning relays, and also helpful to swimmers as well. **MSA TO MAKE THE MEET ROSTER AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DEADLINE, TO INCLUDE NAME, GENDER, AGE AND CLUB.**

F. Event Sponsors (add to online entry system)-After much discussion, the Championship Committee decided it would be best to leave decisions about event sponsors up to the meet hosts.

4. GOALS/TASKS FOR 2015

A. Online Relay Entries-A subcommittee was set up to explore this issue, with the goal of having it in place for 2015 Spring Nationals in San Antonio. The subcommittee members will be Jack Groselle, Debbie Cavanaugh, and Charlie Tupitza, with Charlie serving as chair.

B. Sixth Event Policy- explore alternatives. A subcommittee will be set up to look at other alternatives to dropping the 6th events for meets with long timelines.

C. Liability Waivers- Jeff notified everyone that the new Liability Waiver is much longer (full page just for the USMS liability waiver plus 1 page for the existing facility waiver). Everyone will see this new waiver if/when they renew USMS for 2015 and if they enter 2015 Nationals.

5. OTHER

A. Safety Marshals- Sandi noted that safety marshals appears to be a concern for nearly every National meet. She suggested that we budget money to pay for a safety marshal coordinator to be recruited by the meet host, to insure that the safety marshals are educated about their job and do it correctly. Further discussion will continue on this topic on the Discussion Forum. Jeff Strahota suggested that we make sure we have ample signage around the pools to insure that swimmers follow the safety regulations. Kyle should have these at the National Office.

B. Championship Committee Attendance at Nationals- Jack encouraged all Championship Committee members to make sure that they attend at least 1 National meet each year. He commented that there were not many members at Maryland, which made it a challenge to fill the Meet Evaluation Committee. It was noted that this year was somewhat unusual in that it took place around the same time as Worlds and the IGLA meet, so that may have lowered attendance.

C. NQTs- As a follow up to Thursday's agenda item, Jeff stated that we have not yet established the NQTs for 2015 Summer Nationals, but they will follow our established guideline of using 5th place + 15%.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM