

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Houston, Texas	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chairs:	Kim Crouch/Jim Clemmons		
Minutes recorded by:	Don Gilchrist	Date/time of meeting:	July 10, 2015, 11am EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	9	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Patty Nardozi, Jeff Strahota, Don Gilchrist, Ed Saltzman, Tom Boak (Bid Ambassador).					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Local Organizing Committee Chair Janis Burke, Harris County/Houston Sports Authority Director Chris Massey, Allison Baker, Martha, Kim Clark, Holly Kesterson, Rachel O'Mara.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. Eastern Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff explained the purpose of the call as an opportunity for committee members to ask questions that were left unexplained in the bid or that needed further explanation as well as for bidders to ask any questions that they might have. It was explained that the Championship Committee now selects the host for each national championship meet.

Question/Answer Session:

Lead Organizations/Financial Responsibilities: Harris County-Houston Sports Authority (HCHSA) and University of Houston (UH) are the host organizations. The HCHSA will be responsible for the finances of the meet and the UH will be responsible for the facility. Jointly they will be responsible for the operation of the event. Meet director has not been selected but host has several experienced candidates who are under consideration. Recommend meet director with USAS event experience.

Dates Confirmed – August 2 thru 6, 2017.

Facility and Course Set Up – Location: University of Houston which was renovated last year. Pool dept will be 7' to 17'. Bulkhead will be moved allowing the shallow end as the warm up area. Warm up area will consist of 6 lanes with dept of 4'. Two bulkheads will be placed in middle of pool. Host has done this set up before. Block end will be at the 17' dept side, but is flexible and can allow blocks at the 7' end should 50s start from this end. Should 50s start at the deeper end then timers would be moved to the other end.

Budget – Did a good job on budget, but awards needs to be based on prior USMS national events. Host needs to meet the USMS expectations regarding awards. Host agreed.

Summer National Event Rotation – Last time Summer Nationals was held in Texas was 2007 at Woodlands, so 10 years since last time in Texas. San Antonio, 2015 Spring Nationals host, is in different market, this event would be a great opportunity for Houston and Texas.

Parking – There are different options: flat rate parking directly across from the facility, deck parking on the other side. Host will provide rates for parking. It is a good time of year with no other demand for parking. Recommend a flat rate for parking. Host will pursue.

Score Board – One board will post times and names. Second board can be used for video, team scores, etc.

Officials and Room Blocks – Host is in contact with local official's organization. No conflict with other swim events. Host will get a block of rooms for officials so they can be together. There is a Hilton on campus and student housing might be available.

Other Facility, Water Temperature, Outside Pool – The facility is indoor so not subject to heat issues. Water temperature will be 79 degrees. The outside pool will be available but it is only 18 yards long. It is heated and cooled. Participants can use. One of the 6 indoor warm down lanes will be dedicated to 65+ age group participants.

Renovation of the Facility - New filter system, motors, resurfaced, new blocks, timing system, rewired deck, added ground level air system (evacuators) to take care of chloramines.

Seating – There is spectator seating upper level for 800. There will be deck bleacher seating for 300 to 400. In addition there is the Rotunda with sofas, tables and chairs. The basketball court will also be available for participants to use.

PA system and Off Deck Amenities – Speakers can be placed in off deck areas. Elevators are available as well as stairs.

Volunteers – Sports Authority and UH have a large data base of volunteers. They expect no problem having sufficient volunteers.

Last Comment - Host has been very responsive and an easy process.

The bidders left the call at 11:37am

Post conference discussion –

Some discussion regarding whether this host would be eligible for state of Texas grant money toward the grant money included in their budget. It is seed money for priming the economic pumps. Some USMS cost reimbursement may be available from the state or affiliate.

They have LMSC support and local club (Cougar Masters). Their coach supports the bid.

There is a new light rail line available to UH. Did not exist before.

Pool is excellent. Only negative is the traffic and hotels not nearby.

Discussion concerning the zero profit. Profits distributed by facility charges.