

# 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Championships Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	2
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Jim Clemmons	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Erin Moro
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Cheryl Kupan	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Sept. 13, 2019, 8:01am CDT

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Approve NQT computation procedures (same as has been performed in the past few years but times will be updated to include 2019 data coming in and 2016 data rolling off).

## Motions Passed:

1. Approval of last conference call's minutes
2. Certified the three Spring bids as meeting the bid standards
3. Certified the three Summer bids as meeting the bid standards

<b>Number of committee members present: 12</b>	<b>Absent: 4</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Jim Clemmons, Erin Moro, Jeff Roddin, Mark Moore, Cheryl Kupan, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Linda Irish-Bostic, Rob Heath, Natalie Taylor, Jillian Wilkins, Jeff Strahota		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Pete Tarnapol, Charlie Tupitza, Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at: 8:01am CDT

### 1. Approve last meeting's minutes

Motion by Sandi Rousseau to approve the last conference call's minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Saltzman.

All in favor, none opposed and no discussion. Motion passes.

### 2. Certify three Spring bids and three Summer bids as meeting the bid standards from conference calls during selection process

A. 2021 Spring National Championship bids were: Greensboro, Bryan College Station, Federal Way

Motion by Rob Heath to certify the three 2021 Spring National Championship bids, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Moore.

All in favor, none opposed and no discussion – motion passes

B. 2021 Summer National Championship bids were: Spire Institute, N. Charleston, Sarasota

Motion by Jeff Roddin to certify the three 2021 Summer National Championship bids, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Heath.

All in favor, none opposed and no discussion – motion passes

### 3. Nationals procedures/activities

A. Online check in system changes/results – Rob Mitchell of Club Assistant

Championship Committee eliminated the ability to scratch an event, could we change that? There were a number of swimmers at Spring Nationals that had done the positive check in, but before the event was seeded want to let us now that they were going to scratch the event. Club Assistant could make this option available online again in the future. The committee is considering various options.

B. Foreign coaches, not USMS certified – hospitality considerations

This decision can be made by the meet host and can apply to not only foreign coaches but can apply to some USMS coaches as well. Meet liaisons will add this discussion with meet hosts during pre-meet site visits.

C. Relay entry deadline – discuss possible deadline move to 7:00am day of competition? Club Assistant claims to be good with it and encourages the change. May need rule change “day prior.”

It was noted that the relay cards aren't printed until the morning of the relays.

Suggestion by Natalie Taylor to keep the 3pm prior day to relay deadline, but allow to make changes to the relay by

#### D. Spring (Mesa)

1. Program changes: eliminated page count; opted not to list the Local clubs.
2. Opt in option for program: First time we initiated this program. Some people who didn't opt in were put on a wait list. Meet host printed extra copies and provided them to those desiring them.

#### E. Summer (Mission Viejo)

1. Deck seeding by time, genders separate - many views for+against this decision. Some people, when they go to Nationals, want to swim against their competition in their age group.
2. 6<sup>th</sup> event allowed to swim but 200's not by age group to reduce the timeline
3. Opt out option for program worked well

\*Cheryl Kupan made a suggestion to avoid further confusion of Opt In/Opt Out to have it say something to the effect, do you want a paper copy of the program? Yes or No (have them check a box).

\*Suggestion by Linda Irish Bostic to have the Local clubs listed. Most people know who the big Regional clubs are, but the smaller Local clubs are not or some confuse for example PBM (Palm Beach Masters in FL) with PALM (Palmetto Masters in SC).

Committee were receptive to both ideas. No need for a motion on either.

#### F. Warm up periods

1. Spring – devoted one pool during 30 min breaks to Salmon run experience for practicing starts. Worked well.
2. Summer – no practice of starts during the one 30 minute break due to set up time and number of lanes. Minor number of complaints noted.

Suggestion presented to the Coaches Committee to have 2-3 Coaches on deck during the 30 minute warm-up period that follows the conclusion of the last event of the days session. Ken Brisbin in the audience and stated he will take it to the Coaches Committee for action.

#### G. New Business

##### 1. NQTs

Enforce or not enforce, make them easier, based on Top 10 times (not top 10 places at Nationals) maybe base it on Top 20/25 times, maybe ease up on the times so more can qualify but you have to have a qualifying time in order to enter, to not have swimmers make Nationals their first/only meet of the year (have at least 1 swim in the database).

Subcommittee formed to come up with some ideas/solutions: Linda Irish Bostic, Sandi Rousseau, Jeff Roddin, Ed Saltzman, Natalie Taylor, Mark Moore and Rob Heath.

##### 2. Rule 104.5.3C R-8

Modify options for requiring national qualifying times in distance events at national championship meets.

Rules Committee is not recommending our proposal.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Develop, approve and submit Spring OOE prior to 3rd week of October 2019
2. Develop, approve and submit Summer OOE prior to 2nd week of February 2020
3. Continue to consider removing appropriate items from Rules 104 and shift to policy doc. Establish procedures for ownership, approvals, frequency of review and updating. Sandi Rousseau: concern if we shift rules to policy, how will it be enforced? Jeff Roddin: once policies are approved they are posted on usms.org.
4. Determine whether to use opt in, opt out or yes/no policy consistently for meet program distribution. Confirm registration programming capability to accommodate "yes/no."
5. Coordinate 2021 event hosts attendance at 2020 events
6. Continue to evaluate NQT policy
7. 2022 events; seek bids, evaluate and award