

## USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: **Championship**

Session # : 2 Cmte. report #:

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Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson

Date/time of this meeting: September 16 2 PM

### ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

No items submitted in this section.

### ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

- 1. MSA to recommend approval for the Federal Way and Woodlands bid for 2007 Nationals from the House of Delegates.**
- 2. MSA to submit an emergency rules proposal which would increase the surcharge per swimmer collected by USMS at National meets to \$40.**

Committee Chair: Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair: Jerry Clark

Number of committee members present: 19 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates at this meeting: NA  
Committee members present: Lisa Watson, Debbie Cavanaugh, Michael Moore, Mark Moore, Laura Winslow, Steve Newman, Heather Hagadorn, Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Diane Stowell, Carolyn Boak, Kristy King, Errol Graham, Tom Spence, Jerry Clark, Barbara Protzman, Barry Fasbender.

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 2 PM

#### 1. 2007 BID PROPOSALS

a. Federal Way, Washington bid for 2007 SC Nationals. Jane Moore, who will be serving as meet director, presented this bid. Federal Way is a proven Nationals host, having hosted 3 prior successful National Championships. It is an indoor facility with a 50m pool, separate 25 yard pool and diving well which can be used for warmup. Sandi Rousseau pointed out an error in the projected budget which may put Federal Way at a deficit for this meet under the current surcharge. Dates for this meet will be May 17-20.

b. Woodlands, Texas bid for 2007 LC Nationals. Tom Boak, who will be serving as co-meet director, presented this bid. Woodlands is also a proven Nationals meet host, having hosted Nationals in 1982, 1987, and 1990. Tom assured the delegates that even though the climate in August is quite hot and humid, the water temperature can be controlled. Shading will be provided in various areas. The competition pool is outdoors. There is an indoor 6 lane pool available for warmup as well as the adjacent diving well. Tom also pointed out that there is now a method of adjusting the water depth in the shallow end of the pool to raise it to the required 4 foot depth. Sandi Rousseau inquired about the height of the starting blocks at this end of the pool. Tom said the meet hosts will make every effort to have starting blocks of the correct height available, but cannot guarantee it. Proposed dates are Friday, August 10 – Monday, August 13. The distance events will be held on Monday.

**ACTION ITEM- MSA to recommend approval for the Federal Way and Woodlands bids for 2007 Nationals from the House of Delegates.**

#### 2. EMERGENCY RULE PROPOSAL REGARDING NATIONALS SURCHARGE

Barry Fasbender reported that since the Championship Committee's discussions on Thursday regarding the possibility of getting an emergency rule proposal on the Nationals surcharge through the Rules Committee, the Rules Committee itself discussed this topic and deemed it to be worthy of emergency status. Factors to be considered include the concern for the turnout at Coral Springs in 2006 with Y Nationals only a week later in the same area and the FINA World Games possibly keeping swimmers away. Rising fuel costs are driving costs up for everyone and possibly keeping swimmers away. The Federal Way 2007 SC bid, with pool rental fees almost 4 times the amount from their last Nationals, may in fact lose money without an increase in the surcharge.

**ACTION ITEM-MSA to submit an emergency rules proposal which would increase the surcharge per swimmer collected by USMS at National meets to \$40.** This will replace Article 104.5.4D on page 45 in the rule book regarding Entry Fees for National Championship meets. The new statement will read "A \$40 surcharge may be charged to be used by the meet sponsor to help pay meet expenses. If a meet host uses a 5 day format, the host may charge \$48."

Rationale states that the existing \$30 fee has not been raised for a number of years. We need to raise the surcharge to encourage more bids for National Championships. The above listed concerns regarding Coral Springs and Federal Way should also be taken into account. Next year, the Championship Committee will consider raising the surcharge for entries received between 0 – 29 days before the entry deadline, to encourage swimmers to enter the meet early, which would ease the burden for the meet host.

The meeting was adjourned at: 3 PM