

# USMS Convention—Chicago, Ill. 2009

<b>Committee Name:</b> CHAMPIONSHIP	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 14
<b>Committee Chair:</b> MARK MOORE	<b>Vice Chair:</b> JEFF RODDIN	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> LISA WATSON	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> Thursday, Sept 17, 2009	

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. **MSA TO ACCEPT MEDAL DESIGN FOR 2010 SC NATIONALS IN ATLANTA.**
2. **MSA TO ACCEPT LOGO FOR 2010 LC NATIONALS IN PUERTO RICO.**
3. **MSA TO ALLOW 4 NON-NQT EVENTS IN PUERTO RICO.**
4. **MSA TO APPROVE NQTS FOR ATLANTA.**

## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23 CONFERENCE CALL.**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 18	<b>Absent:</b> 3	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 38
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Chair Mark Moore, Lisa Watson,, Robin Segnitz, Diane Stowell, Jack Groselle, Lisa Dahl, Barb Protzman, Hugh Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Jill Gellatly, Jody Smith, Barry Fasbender, Errol Graham, Zachary Gray, Tom Boak, C.J. Rushman, Debbie Cavanaugh, Michael Moore, Kim Crouch		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at : 2 PM

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Mark Moore opened the meeting and introduced the committee members.
2. **AUGUST 23 COMMITTEE MINUTES: MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23 CONFERENCE CALL.** The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote on the 2011 national bids.
3. **2009 SC AND LC MEETS**

**SC-Clovis** Michael Moore was liaison for this meet. Michael commented the Clovis meet was very successful. There were 1582 swimmers entered, and 147 National records set. Dowain Wright, meet director, also made some comments. He appreciated the help of Ashley Gangloff as the National Office liaison, and also thanked the committee for the opportunity to host the meet. The meet made a net profit of \$38,408. Only 6% of awards were not picked up. He did state that the Clovis group did not feel it necessary to pay the added expense of having the Hy-Tek person on site at the meet, when they had people capable of doing that job. He also commented on the Open Water event that was held the day after the meet. He felt that for venues who choose to host open water events in conjunction with Nationals in the future, it would be beneficial to start the meet a day earlier and have that open water event on Sunday.

**LC-Indianapolis** Barb Protzman was the liaison for this meet. Mel Goldstein spoke for Kris Houchens, the meet director, applauding her for running such a fine meet. He reported that the Relay Day was very successful. Indianapolis netted a profit of about \$49,000. They did run out of medals, but have ordered more and will be mailing them to the swimmers. Proceeds from the meet went to the construction of a Splash pad for kids at the Indianapolis Y. There were 1150 swimmers entered in the meet. One delegate commented that it was a great opportunity to be able to participate in the study being conducted at the meet on older swimmers.
4. **2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: AWARDS, LOGO, AND PLANS**

**SC-Atlanta** Lisa Watson is the liaison for this meet. She introduced Ed Saltzman, the meet director, who passed around copies of the logo and the proposed medal design. The ribbons attached to the medals also had a nice design on them. **MSA TO ACCEPT THE MEDAL DESIGN FOR 2010 SC NATIONALS IN ATLANTA.** Lisa commented on the change in the order of events for Day 4. This change had been recommended by Tom Taylor of Hy Tek, who commented that with a relay event last, it made it more difficult to get data processed and for swimmers to be able to get their awards in a timely manner. With the revised format, the 200 medley relay will now follow the 500 free instead of being the last event of the day. Ed also discussed hotel accommodations. Rooms have been blocked in several hotels in close proximity to the Georgia Tech campus. In addition, there will be 1500 beds available in on-campus dorms and apartments. These will come with meal packages and parking passes included. For swimmers who travel to Atlanta, there will be no need for a rental car: they can take the train from the airport, and then get on the trolley which will take them on campus. It is also possible to get a 5 day discount on train tickets.

All of this information is available on the Georgia Masters website at [www.georgiamasters.org](http://www.georgiamasters.org). Swimmers may go ahead and make hotel reservations and reservations for campus housing should be available soon.

LC- Puerto Rico Debbie Cavanaugh is the liaison for this meet. She introduced Mark Gill, who has been the meet director for this meet. Mark showed the proposed logo, which includes a turret in the design, which is a landmark symbol for Puerto Rico and its history. Mark said they were still working on modifications on this logo for the medal design and will present that to the Championship Committee sometime soon. **MSA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED LOGO FOR 2010 LC NATIONALS IN PUERTO RICO.** Mark also proposed that Puerto be allowed to increase the number of non-NQT event to 4 per swimmer. The rationale was that since this meet would be more of a destination vacation for many swimmers, that this would help encourage more attendance. It was noted that this was also done for Hawaii years ago when they hosted Nationals. There was some discussion regarding what might happen if in fact they did have a much higher turnout than expected. **MSA TO ALLOW 4 NON-NQT TIMES FOR PUERTO RICO.**

Rob Butcher, Executive Director, addressed the committee regarding a change that has been made, due to the fact that Mark Gill is now a USMS employee at the National Office. It would be a conflict of interest for him to run the meet himself and potentially make a profit. The National Office had contacted the Championship Committee about this situation and it was decided that the National Office would assume the responsibility for the meet, while Mark would still be in charge of running the meet in his function as USMS employee. Debbie commented that the only difference is that now USMS is on the meet contract instead of Mark. The Finance Committee has been contacted about this and they have approved the proposed budget, which is now part of the USMS budget. Tom Boak will represent Finance in overseeing the budget. The organizational committee will consist of Tom, Debbie, Mark, and other USMS staff.

5. APPROVAL OF 2010 SC NQTS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

NQTS- The proposed NQTS for Atlanta are the average of the 10<sup>th</sup> place time from the last 3 years + 15% for 50 and 100 yard events, with +10% for all events 200 yards and above. **MSA TO APPROVE NQTS FOR ATLANTA.**

Other Related Items- Among suggestions for helping to improve the running of national meets were the following; limiting swimmers who do not make NQTs to events of 200 or less (yards or meters); allow swimmers who make the NQTs for both distance events to be able to swim both; and rotating the swim order between going slowest-fastest and fastest –s lowest for the distance day. The Championship Committee will further discuss these ideas in future meetings.

6. 2011 SC AND LC BID PROCESS/REVIEW AND AWARDS

This is the first year that the Championship Committee has been responsible for awarding the National bids. Mark commended the subcommittee for their hard work in interviewing and reviewing the bids. This subcommittee was chaired by Sandi Rousseau and also included Tom Boak, Lisa Dahl, Debbie Cavanaugh, Kim Crouch, and Mark Gill and Rob Butcher from the National Office. Sandi gave a brief summary of the process. The subcommittee, with input from the other Championship Committee members, devised lists of questions for the various bidders, and then did lengthy interviews via conference call. They then reviewed these bids and made their recommendation to the Championship Committee. SC bidders included: Mesa, Arizona; Brophy (Phoenix), and Ft Lauderdale. Of these bids, the subcommittee recommended Mesa. Advantages are that it is a new facility with ample lane space, and the location is in the western part of the country (2010 SC is Atlanta in the east, so this would rotate locations of the country). Ft Lauderdale was an excellent bid as well, and they are encouraged to bid again in the future. While Brophy was felt to have inadequate warm-up space, they may be a viable bid in the future if this problem is remedied. Bids for LC included: Santa Clarita (CA), Auburn (AL), and Sarasota(FL). The subcommittee recommended Auburn, citing it as an excellent venue with 2 LC pools, and it is in the eastern part of the country. Santa Clarita was also felt to be an excellent venue and they have been encouraged to bid again in the future. Sarasota may also be a viable bid for future years. **THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MESA FOR SC AND AUBURN FOR LC.** Both of these bidders will give a presentation for the House of Delegates during the Championship Committee's report on Saturday afternoon. Tom Boak commented that he thought this new process was a vast improvement over the previous method, which often left bidders who did not win feeling dejected and not likely to bid again. Rather than being done before the House of Delegates, which could be very intimidating, this was done in a very user-friendly manner with the subcommittee members. Another improvement in the bidding process has been to assign a Championship Committee member to each potential bidder to assist them with the bidding process. The winning bidders were present at this meeting and introduced themselves. Steve Hogen and Sam Houston will be running the Mesa Nationals, and they thanked the committee for giving them this opportunity. They commented that the pool is only 17 ½ minutes from the airport. Sarah Stallkamp will run the Auburn Nationals and she introduced herself and said that Auburn was thrilled to be hosting 2011 LC Nationals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.