

Committee Name:	CHAMPIONSHIP	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	Thursday, April 26, 2012 3pm

Motions Passed:

- MSA TO PUT INDIANAPOLIS AD IN THE LAST EMAIL NEWSLETTER BEING SENT TO 2012 SPRING NATIONALS' PARTICIPANTS.**

Number of committee members present: 8	Absent: 14	Number of guests present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (Chair), Lisa Watson, Barry Fasbender, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), Jeff Strahota, Jack Groselle, Mike Heather (ex-officio), Mark Moore		
Other guests: Kathy Casey (Rules Chair), Mary Pohlmann (Sports Medicine), Don Gilchrist (Greensboro co-meet director)		

Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION

Jeff called the meeting to order at 3 PM and did roll call and introduced our guests.

II. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

A. 2012 SC - Greensboro (Liaisons: Jeff Roddin/Lisa Watson)

1) Status- Meet director Don Gilchrist addressed the committee and asked for feedback. Jeff thanked Don and co-director Hill Carrow for their hard work in putting on this meet. The meet is running smoothly, there are just a few minor problems which have been corrected.

2) Protest/Evaluation Committees - Jeff is chairing the Protest Committee. Also serving are Lisa Watson, Tom Boak, Barry Fasbender, and Skip Thompson. Lisa is chairing the Evaluation Committee (composed of 5 committee members in attendance this weekend). Jeff reminded the Evaluation Committee members that if a problem comes up, see if it can be corrected - do not just mark it down on the Eval form.

3) Sports Medicine & Science (Mary Pohlmann) - Mary stated that the Sports Medicine Committee is collaborating with Swimming Saves Lives on a poster on osteoporosis which will be set up in the vendor village. Skin cancer screenings will also be done on Friday and Saturday. Kathy Casey asked about promotional brochures or having the information on the website. Jeff thanked Mary on behalf of the Sports Medicine and Science committee for these great alternatives to the old lectures that were poorly attended.

B. 2012 LC –Omaha (Liaisons: Sandi Rousseau/Jeff Roddin) - Jeff has a written report from meet director Tom Boak. Tom said the status is good. Tom is working with the facility managers on charges within the contract.

C. 2013 SC-Indy (Liaisons: Deb Cavanaugh/ Kim Crouch) - Jeff has a written report (attached). Kris Houchens and Mel Goldstein are the meet directors. The meet contract has been sent to the host but not yet returned. The committee discussed the problem with the Indy ad, which was supposed to be included in the Greensboro meet program. The National Office mistakenly did not include the ad in the program. The error was just discovered on Tuesday. Copies of the Indy ad have now been placed at the Registration area and elsewhere throughout the pool. **MSA TO PUT INDIANAPOLIS AD IN THE LAST EMAIL BEING SENT TO SPRING NATIONALS' PARTICIPANTS.**

D. 2013 LC- Mission Viejo (Liaisons: Barry Fasbender/Erin Shields) - Mark Moore is meet director. Mark has contracts with the local hotel groups and also with Northwest Designs. June 1 is the deadline for submission for the ad in the Omaha meet program. It will be a full page ad-Mark will send it to Jeff. Mark also showed the logo design to the committee, which has been approved. He will present the awards design at the convention. Jeff commented that Kast-A-Way now sells awards and since they are a USMS Corporate Sponsor he will add them as a suggested vendor to the Meet Director's Guide. Mark said Mission Viejo has a swimsuit vendor onsite at the facility that may conflict with the USMS vendors. Jeff suggested he work with Kyle Deery to work out an agreement. Mark has a written proposal from Club Assistant for Mission Viejo to process entries, and they can also do online relay entries. Barry commented that the National Office already provides this service to hosts per the contract.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Split Requests at Nationals (Jeff Strahota)

Jeff said his subcommittee was tasked to decide whether or not to have eligible splits at Nationals automatically submitted for Top Ten consideration. The consensus is to leave the decision up to the event host – that way they have to assure us they will comply with all of the requirements to offer automatic split requests. Jeff Roddin questioned how the Event Rakings Database (ERDB) would accommodate splits. Kathy said this is a National Office issue. Chris stated that automatic splits will go into the Top Ten but not into the ERDB. However, Jim Matysek now uploads eligible lead-off relay splits into the ERDB. There was much discussion to the details of getting individual (non-relay) splits into the ERDB. Chris said that Records & Tabulations could make a proposal to make this standard for meets and plans to work with Hytek on adding "Split Request" as an Event type to Meet Manager.

B. Seed Time Updates (Jeff Roddin)

Jeff doesn't have an update but said we should keep this as an active agenda item, since the National Office may be doing this for 2013 Pan Ams in Sarasota anyway. Therefore the issue is unofficially "tabled" for another year.

C. Distance Events Sub-Committee (Jack Groselle)

Jack suggested we talk more about this at convention face to face. Jeff and Lisa suggested we hash out details in advance of convention due to limited meeting time. Jeff Roddin reported that 20% of distance swimmers swam both the 1000 and 1650 in Greensboro. What was also interesting is 21% of meet participants entered an event on Thursday – the identical percentage from Mesa. Therefore offering both distance events didn't necessarily attract more distance swimmers to the meet, but did give 20% of the distance swimmers the ability to swim both. Omaha is not offering both, but is switching the order to have the 1500 first. Barry reported high scratch rates for the 1000 and 1650 in Greensboro.

D. Sample Budget (Jeff Roddin for Mark Braun and Michael Moore)

Jeff thanked Mark Braun and Michael Moore for updating the sample budget. The Excel file now includes past income and expense data from individual Nationals in addition to just the average dollar amounts. Instead of posting all of these details from each and every host (some hosts may not want this data publicly available), it was suggested to only post the sample budget on the USMS website (Bidding Resources area) but giving prospective hosts more detailed information as part of the bid packet.

E. Mission Viejo Event Order (subcommittee suggestions due May 1)

Barry wanted to remind the subcommittee to keep in mind that we have a recent policy to put relays early on Sunday (last day of the meet) and the last individual event should not be a 50. The subcommittee is doing this work via email and will send out results soon.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bidding Procedures

1) Electronic bids to committee members

Jeff commented that bidders can fulfill this requirement by sending bids electronically to committee members, rather than sending hard copies. Lisa commented that it was nice to be able to have the hard copy as well. Jeff tells bidders who ask that while they are not required to snail mail a hardcopy to all committee members, it certainly doesn't hurt their cause to do so even though they are only required to send a hardcopy to the Chair.

2) Soliciting 2014 potential bidders

Barry said that Stanford might be interested in bidding for Spring Nationals. There was discussion about looking into running the meet SCM vs SCY. Jeff Strahota said that the University of Maryland (College Park) could be a possible bidder for LC. Pacific NW is not yet ready to bid again for 2014. San Antonio has a new 50m facility in the works and will probably wait until this facility gets built before bidding again. Through emails and forum posts, Tyler said Austin has expressed interest in bidding again for Spring Nationals but has concerns its bid may not be favorable for 2014 due to its central USA location.

B. Proposed Rule Changes

Jeff told the committee members to read over the attachment that he had sent out with proposed rule changes and give feedback (see attached).

C. Other

1) Chris asked Mike Heather if there was a plan to have a way to access the various policies. Mike said that the Executive Committee is working on this.

2) Survey – Jeff will work with Laura Hamel to develop a survey for Greensboro participants (to go out soon after the meet)

**2013 USMS NATIONAL SHORT COURSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
REPORT TO
USMS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Indy Aquatic Masters Organizing Committee (IAMOC) , with our experience of hosting USMS Nationals in the past is a head of schedule. A brief activity report from each committee is shown below:

Hotels: All hotels have been booked and contracts signed. We have been working with the Indianapolis Convention / Visitors Association and all hotel information will be made available to USMS members shortly after the Summer Nationals. All hotels are within walking distance. The JW Marriott / Marriott Courtyard will be our host hotel.

Medical: A local hospital will provide EMT's from Wednesday noon through the duration of the meet and 30 minutes after the meet each day.

IU Natatorium: Has just installed a new Colorado Timing System, which will be used for our meet. We will utilize the back 50 meter pool and the diving well for warm ups and warm downs. The new 350 parking space garage adjacent to the IU Natatorium will be completed this spring. We will be working with the University to accommodate those swimmers who will be driving to the venue.

Awards / Logo: With changes at the USMS National Office we have opted to design our own logo, and will have that logo available at the USAS Convention in Greensboro in September for the committee approval.

Hospitality: We understand this was of great concern of the committee and we are working with several different hotels and restaurants. We are positive the Gold Medal Sponsors who participate in the Hospitality package will have a favorable experience.

Officials: Lucy Duncan will be our Meet Referee, she is very experienced USA Swimming Official and will be a Olympic Trial Official. She has already been in contact with several starters, and turn / stroke judges.

Volunteers: Indy Aquatic Masters has 300+ member's, those that are not swimming will volunteer in the various areas of need, deck marshals, registration, relay desk, awards, and etc.

Local Sponsors / Program Ads: This committee has yet to function, but will begin to solicit sponsors and program ads after the Summer Nationals.

Social Activity: Indianapolis 500 Practice.. We are not positive we can pull this together, but the plan would be to put together a package, which will include transportation to and from IU Natatorium to the Indianapolis 500 track, and tickets

to watch practice. The Track will be open Saturday and Sunday during the meet...In 2009 we partnered with the Indianapolis Indians (AAA Baseball Team)...for a baseball night, all the beer you drink, food, tickets to the game for \$30. The 2013 schedule is not available at this time so we will have to wait to see if the Indians are in town.

Marketing: We will have a newsletter prior to and during the meet providing information pertinent to the meet. Indy Aquatic Masters will put together a comprehensive plan to market the championship.

2012 Proposed Rule Changes – Championship Committee
(Last updated: 4/26/2012)

CR-1 { 104.5.4 B(2) }

Need to consider re-wording to eliminate requirement for the actual entry form to appear in the magazine. Can consider adding requirement to list Order of Events in the magazine as part of the rule, but that can also be policy. FYI for Greensboro 96.1% of the entries were online. Also consider removing the specific magazine issue in the rule and let that be Champ policy as well:

104.5.4 B (2) Distribution of entry form—The entry form for individual events and all meet information shall be published in an official USMS publication and on the USMS website at no cost to the meet host. Short course nationals information shall be published in the January-February issue and long course nationals information shall be published in the May-June issue. The individual and relay entry forms and any Championship Committee–approved additional information the host desires shall be posted on the USMS website after the entry form and information are available.

CR-2 { 104.5.2 B (3) }

Self explanatory. Suggest removing the consecutive day requirement for the full day swap. However, now that we are not supposed to end the final meet day with a relay, should we just drop this option altogether? Because a full day swap may also have to mean changing relays.

104.5.2 B (3) Full days on the schedule may be interchanged ~~so that the 400/500 freestyle and the 1500/1650 freestyle shall not be swum on consecutive days.~~

CR-3 { 104.5.5 B(2) }

Consider removing this altogether:

104.5.5 B(2) Willing and able competitors in the freestyle events over 200 meters may swim two-to-a-lane when only one course (seven, eight, nine or 10 lanes) is available for the event. Heats with two swimmers to a lane shall be completed before heats with a single swimmer per lane. Competitors of the same gender may be required to swim two-to-a-lane in these events if only one course is available and the meet day is projected to last longer than 12 hours. (See article 102.10.4 for principles of seeding two-to-a-lane.)

CR-4 { 104.5.3 C(2) }

Expand to include SCY and not just LCM:

104.5.3 C(2) Event limit—When qualifying times are in effect, competitors may enter and swim in a maximum of three individual events without meeting the established qualifying standards. The Championship Committee may limit participation in either the ~~800/1000-meter~~ or the ~~1500/1650-meter~~ freestyle to only those who meet the national qualifying time for that event. Competitors may enter up to three additional events (or two if the maximum event limit is five)

in which they have in the past two years achieved a time equal to or better than the qualifying time for those events.

CR-5 { 104.4.2 }

The 30 day period is misleading. USMS has 60 days to make this final payment to the Host after the Host submits the Final Report. It shouldn't matter what the internal deadline is for the Evaluation Committee. Suggest removing words in strikethrough:

104.4.2 Payments—Prior to the meet, USMS shall withhold from payments to the meet host an amount per entrant to be determined by the Championship Committee and stipulated in the contract. Upon compliance with the conditions set forth in the meet contract, an amount per entrant shall be returned as stipulated in the contract. Noncompliance with said conditions, as determined by the meet evaluation committee ~~within 30 days of the receipt of the final meet report~~, shall result in forfeiture of part or all of the final payment.

CR-6 { 104.4.5 }

The part in parenthesis, I think, refers to the Hytek file. We don't even get that file from the Host – it comes from either Tom Taylor or the Admin Ref. Also, the write-up needs to be better defined here. For instance, the write-up is the “lessons learned” portion of this report. FYI the contract stipulates how many hardcopies of this report need to be shipped to the Championship Chair.

104.4.5 Meet Report—The meet director of each national championship meet shall submit a written report to the chair of the Championship Committee within 60 days of the end of competition. This report shall include a complete financial report, copies of meet information, entry forms, final results ~~(an electronic file plus hard copy)~~ and any other lessons learned/suggestions ~~information~~ that may be helpful to future meet directors.

CR-7 { 104.4.3 }

POST EDIT: OK AS IS – IT SAYS OUT OF POCKET SO WE ARE ALREADY COVERED. REMOVE CR-7.

Some hosts have paid for the hotel for the site visit which actually breaks this rule. Consider rewording.

104.4.3 Assistance to Meet Host—The Championship Committee shall provide such assistance and guidance necessary to provide uniformity in national championship meet production. Out-of-pocket expenses for services shall be reimbursed by USMS Inc.

CR-8 { 103.17.2C, 104.5.10C }

Add video system option to existing rules (to align with the USA-S rulebook). Perhaps this can come from Rules Committee but we should put them forward just in case they don't.