

USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012

Committee Name:	Championship	Session #:	1	Report #:	10
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin (Sandi Rousseau Presiding)	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau		
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	9/13/12 2:30 PM		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA PROPOSED AWARD DESIGN FOR INDIANAPOLIS.**
2. **MSA PROPOSED AWARD DESIGN FOR MISSION VIEJO.**
3. **MSA PROPOSED 9/2/12 DRAFT OF NQTS FOR SPRING (SC) 2013.**
4. **MSA TO USE SAME FORMULA AS USED IN RECENT SUMMER NATIONALS FOR CALCULATING NQTS FOR SUMMER (LC) 2013.**
5. **MSA CHANGING THE RELAY DEADLINE AT NATIONAL MEETS TO 3 PM ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**

Number of committee members present: 16	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present: 29
Committee members present: Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Lisa Watson, Robin Segnitz, Jane Moore (ex-officio), Jack Groselle, Debbie Cavanaugh, Mark Moore, Ed Saltzman, Tom Boak (ex-officio), Barry Fasbender, Jim Clemmons (appointed), Erin Shields, Tyler Blessing, Jeff Strahota, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), Michael Heather (ex-officio)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the last Championship Committee meeting on August 19 as posted on the Championship Committee Discussion Forum 9/12/12 were approved.
2. **REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF 2012 NATIONALS**
 - A. Greensboro - Co-meet directors Don Gilchrist and Hill Carrow addressed the committee. Don spoke of the tremendous impact that this meet has had on the Greensboro community and the North Carolina Masters program. The financial impact is estimated at a \$5 million stimulus to the community. It has also enabled the Greensboro Aquatic Center to attract other meets, and they have hosted other National events since our Masters Nationals. The North Carolina LMSC saw an increase of 200 members. A staggering 497 North Carolina Masters swimmers were entered in the meet, as well as providing volunteer support. Don recognized the volunteer efforts behind the meet, and commended the Greensboro Coliseum staff for their support with this meet. He found the meet reports from previous Nationals and the Meet Director's Guide to be very helpful tools. Hill reiterated the huge volunteer efforts that made this meet successful. He thanked the Championship Committee and liaisons Jeff Roddin and Lisa Watson for their assistance. He also noted that all profits are going to making improvements on the Greensboro Aquatic Center. Greensboro hopes to bid on other National meets in the future. Sandi commented that this was the first Nationals meet ever awarded before the facility had been built.
 - B. Omaha - Tom Boak served as meet director. Tom spoke about the amazing experience of hosting Nationals in conjunction with Olympic Trials. There were many challenges, but it ultimately was a very successful meet. The facility was unparalleled. The video system being used for timing was the first Masters Nationals with no timers on the deck. There were lane marshals on deck, with one lane marshal covering every 2 lanes. Tom commended them, stating that no one swam in the wrong lane during the entire meet. The officials were outstanding. Tom thanked Sandi Rousseau and Jeff Roddin, meet liaisons, for their guidance and support. He noted that the entire USMS staff were extremely helpful, and volunteered many extra hours to help put on the meet. Tom recognized Erin Sullivan, Nebraska LMSC Chair, and commented that the entire Nebraska LMSC was very supportive of the meet. This meet nearly doubled their LMSC membership, going from just over 150 to 300 members. Prior to this event, the projected financial loss for USMS was estimated at \$72,000, but the end result

was a loss of only \$23,000. Tom suggested that if USMS wants to continue to host other Nationals in conjunction with Olympic Trials, we need to pay close attention to managing the financial aspects of the contract. Comments were solicited. It was mentioned that perhaps more oversight of the lifeguards' readiness to respond to emergency situations would be appropriate. Another comment referred to the fact that there were starting blocks on the warm-up pool for allowing starts in two lanes at all times. If this is done in the future, it is suggested that the area be marshaled by a safety marshal or on deck coach.

3. REVIEW/DISCUSS STATUS OF 2013 NATIONALS AND APPROVE AWARDS

A. Indianapolis (Spring)- Kris Houchens will serve as meet director. In her absence, Mel Goldstein addressed the committee. He commented that this will be thirty years since their first Nationals in 1983. They have a very active organizing committee that is committed to putting on a successful meet. All volunteer positions will be staffed by Indy Aquatic Masters. Parking passes will be available on line. Hotel info will be distributed to all delegates at the next HOD meeting. Mel asked the committee about the possibility of allowing relays to be paid on site with credit cards as an option to cash or check. Debbie commented that this would definitely be a benefit to the large clubs. Mel stated that if paying by credit card, there would be a 2.75% surcharge, and he wanted permission to be able to raise the relay fee to \$13. Erin commented that she thought the meet host should absorb the extra cost. Debbie moved to allow Indy to raise the relay fee to \$13. There was no second, so the motion died. Mel informed the committee that Indy now has the Colorado Timing Dolphin watches which is a wireless system that starts the watches automatically, and Indy wants to use them. The committee decided to investigate this further. Tyler and Sandi will consult Kathy Casey and Walt Reid. **MSA PROPOSED AWARD DESIGN FOR INDIANAPOLIS.**

B. Mission Viejo (Summer)- Mark Moore, meet director, addressed the committee. He said that this will be the 4th Nationals held at Mission Viejo, with SC Nationals held in 1976 and 1979 and LC last held in 2005. Mission Viejo has a large parent organization which will be able to provide their volunteer support. Officials have already been designated. Laura Winslow will be handling Registration. Hotels will be handled through Tournament House Services and also listed on the USMS website. There will be 3 levels for Hospitality: Coaches, Volunteers, and a VIP level. The parking lot is newly renovated. There are brand new starting blocks with the kick plates similar to those used in Omaha. The social will be a luau on Friday night. Northwest designs will be on site with merchandise to sell. Mark presented the proposed design for their medals. **MSA PROPOSED AWARD DESIGN FOR MISSION VIEJO.**

4. REVIEW/DISCUSS LEGISLATION/RULES CHANGES THAT IMPACT CHAMPIONSHIP

There were no legislative items that impacted our committee. Sandi noted that the Rules Committee has proposed R67 which conflicts with Championship Rule Proposal R68. Barry said it was likely that the Rules Committee will withdraw R67.

5. NQTS

MSA PROPOSED 9/2/12 DRAFT OF NQTS FOR SPRING (SC) 2013. Long course NQTs for 2013 have not yet been calculated. **MSA TO USE SAME FORMULA AS USED IN RECENT SUMMER NATIONALS FOR CALCULATING NQTS FOR SUMMER (LC) 2013.**

6. Sandi presented a proposal to move the deadline for submitting relays up to 3 PM instead of 4 PM on the day before the event. **MSA CHANGING THE RELAY DEADLINE AT NATIONAL MEETS TO 3 PM ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**

Another issue presented was the presence of animals at Nationals, service or otherwise. The main concern was safety with an untrained animal. The committee will look into this further. It was suggested that we contacted the Paralympics organization to evaluate their policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.
