

Committee Name:	Championship Committee Interview for Tempe, AZ	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch		
Minutes recorded by:	Don Gilchrist	Date/time of meeting:	July 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m. EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	11	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Patty Nardozzi, Sandi Rousseau, Jeff Strahota, Mark Moore, Ed Saltzman, Pete Tarnapoll, Don Gilchrist, Jillian Wilkins, Jay Eckert, Kyle Deery					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Simon Percy, organizer, Katy James, meet director, Bob Richardson, president of local club.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm Eastern Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff explained the purpose of the call as an opportunity for committee members to ask questions that were left unexplained in the bid or that needed further explanation as well as for bidders to ask any questions that they might have. It was explained that the Championship Committee now selects the host for each national championship meet in advance of convention.

Question/Answer Session:

Volunteers and Organizations – host will work together with local USAS and USMS clubs, along with the university at securing volunteers. The community just raised \$1.5M for remodel, renovation and operations of the facility. There is a lot of excitement with new coach Bob Bowman and Michael Phelps. Katy James has been coaching Sun Devil Masters for 13 years. Community and University commitment has grown. Simon has taken over the masters team. Pitch Fork Aquatics is the USAS team and is relatively new with 30 to 35 swimmers. University is in session and there are many students who are willing to volunteer for the event. Sun Devil masters has grown to 300 members.

Facility Layout and Shade – The garage still exists and there will be additional tenting. Championship committee would expect tented shade for deck and part of the bleachers and additional tents for clubs (in 2003 tent space was sold to large clubs at cost). The armory does not exist but there is a new engineering building that can be used for awards and vendors across from the venue but not certain can get space.

Temperature – Given the event will be 3 weeks earlier than 2003, they expect the temperature to be in the mid 80s.

Pool Courses – There will be two 8 lane courses set up north to south with bulkhead and east to west fixed. Only one course was affected by the renovation and has since been certified. In 2003 the course layout was deemed equivalent and men and women both used both courses throughout each session. Dept is 7' to 7'6". There are new blocks.

Dates and Following Year Consideration – Event is a Thursday to Sunday event. Host would consider 2019. Host would consider a 5 day event but would be more expensive and require more volunteers.

Warm-Up – Intention is to have lanes for warm up the entire event and not have to share. There was a problem in 2003 with other uses of the adjacent pool during a couple hours of the event.

Locker Rooms – participants will use the ASU lockers. The next focus for the remodel will be the locker rooms. There are fund raising events going on at this time to raise money for the remodel. The shade structures will be done by the event. Renovation will take some of the locker room space and be partitioned for ASU Students. Showers were upgraded in 2012.

Officials – They did not expect any problem with attracting enough quality officials. Last time not an issue.

Backstroke ledges – not available but host will look into them for possible use. Coach Bowman has clout and if needed then can probably get them.

Budget – USMS fees were explained so they need to be corrected in the event budget. Committee noted medical/EMT appears low. Host has personal contacts with EMT personnel and expects to work out a reasonable cost.

Parking – Not free parking but host will work out rates. Hotels are near the light rail so easy to come to venue without driving. There are two parking decks next to the pool. Champ comm. needs clarification on parking.

Participation expectations – Host will determine the bottom line number to make it work for a 5 day meet.

2019 Bid – Chair asked question as to whether host would consider 2019. Host would consider. Champ comm. may award for 2018 and 2019.

Concluded approximately 7:20 pm with committee staying on for post discussion.

Post conference discussion –

Committee has concern with remodeling completion, parking, use of adjacent building, and budget. Seems like much uncertainty that host had not yet worked through.
