

Committee Name:	Championship Committee Interview for Sarasota, Florida	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Jim Clemmons
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	July 18, 2018, 5:30pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 8	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht, Cheryl Kupan (Bid Ambassador), Erin Moro, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Natalie Taylor, Peter Guadagni (Exec Committee Liaison)		
National Office members present: Jay Eckert, Casey Keiber, Marianne Groenings		
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Brent Arckey – CEO of the Sarasota Sharks, Shelby Connett – Visit Sarasota Director of Sports		

Minutes

The conference call was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Eastern Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Quick call to ask Sarasota to bring us up to date with their bid since they bid last year. Sarasota is aware of our situation of only focusing on 2020 Spring bids for this cycle. The Greensboro call will be in August.

Question/Answer Session:

EMS/Ambulance Support: Sandi: it is mandatory to have support on site. Brent: absolutely, last week we held FLAGS and had EMS on site and there's a Fire Department ½ mile from the pool. Ed: for the off-site pool, you are also required to have EMS on site. Brent: I wasn't aware of that, but can provide. Do you have to have covering before, during and after the meet? Jeff: The off-site pool is disconnected from the competition pool and not under the same requirement and not part of the bid – it is just an additional resource that should be treated like a public lap swim opportunity.

Warm up: Brent: Twelve total: 6 lanes are available in the diving well which is adjacent to the competition pool; an additional 6 lanes are available indoors across the street a short walk from the competition pool.

Parking: Cheryl: Can you explain how you'll handle the parking situation. Having swum at your facility many times, it can be a pain as the YMCA will block out the one parking lot for members. Brent: There are 2 acres behind the facility almost in front, with the field next to the pool for overflow as well as parking across the street in the shopping center.

Shuttle Loop: Jeff: The duration of the shuttle loop of 1-1.5 hours seems a bit long. Shelby: Last year we looked into two loops that would circle the downtown Sarasota area and one for Siesta Key. We can look at alternatives to those two areas that are closer, but the 1-1.5 hour period in the bid is meant to be how often it leaves and not the round trip time. Sandi: The shuttles need to be flexible. Maybe smaller vans. Jeff: The shuttle is not required to do large loops. It's meant to shuttle for hotels that are within close proximity. Jeff also made it clear a shuttle is not a contractual requirement.

Renovations/Updates at the Facility: Jay: Can you give us an update on any renovations or updates to the facility. Brent: The Sarasota Sharks now run the aquatic facility giving us more autonomy to operate the facility. We've spent \$200k and have a brand new scoreboard, new locker room floors and replaced the liner in the pool. Cheryl: This past weekend there was no A/C in the locker rooms and at Y Nationals one year the pool temp was very warm. Brent: We're getting quotes to replace the A/C system. Now that we're running the facility we have 6-7 people dedicated to maintaining the pool temperatures.

Indoor pool: Jim: How far is the indoor pool from the competition pool. Brent: about a football field length. Jim: will there be a sound display/video to know what is going on at the competition pool? Maybe an internet feed? Brent: Currently, the public address system can be used to the building across the pool, but it does not operate in the pool area. They can investigate adding this option.

Bidder questions:

Brent: We'd love to host USMS Nationals and running separate from the YMCA we're confident we can run a good meet.

Shelby: When will the bid for 2021 open back up? Jeff: June 1st next year, but dictated by the rule book.

Brent: Has it changed how USMS runs the Championships? Does the National body (USMS) run the meet vs. the host? How much is run by USMS? Jeff: I can send you an example of a recent Nationals. USMS handles 100% of the entries and the Host handles the programs (USMS publishes the PDF but the host manages printing and distribution), volunteers. Officials: the meet referee recruits local officials. Meet Director guide as a reference for the Host. National Office is the lead coordinator for questions from the public; all questions go to USMS.

The bidder left the call at 6:03 p.m. EasternTime.