

2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

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| Committee Name: | Championships Committee | Session #: | 1 |
| Committee Chair: | Jim Clemmons | Vice Chair: | Erin Moro |
| Minutes recorded by: | Cheryl Kupan | Date/time of meeting: | Sept. 12, 2019, 3:15pm CDT |

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 9 **Absent: 6** **Number of other delegates present: 47**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jim Clemmons, Erin Moro, Jeff Roddin, Mark Moore, Cheryl Kupan, Sandy Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Linda Irish-Bostic, Rob Heath and Natalie Taylor

Committee Members Absent: Pete Tarnapol, Charlie Tupitza, Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht, Jillian Wilkens, Jeff Strahota

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at: 3:13pm CDT

1. Mesa 2019 USMS Spring Nationals Recap/Review

Review given by Jeff Roddin

Teri White, "We need to clone Erin."

Late warm-up guy

No protests!

Announcer

Hotels (1076 nights, \$10/night)

Beer garden (logistics, attendance)

Gym - refugee camp - change from 2011 to move sponsors from gym to tennis courts for better foot traffic and closer to the pool because the gym was so far from the pool. Good job Jay!

Awards - reading glasses

Programs - opt-in. 20%. Some complaints, wait list (35 people)

Meet program schedule suggestion - do earlier and plug in heat sheets and timeline later

Very hard to keep up with water demand. Needed 1-2 people dedicated solely to this plus needed help from our sponsor INFINIT.

Merchandise - no customer complaints. Host loved this new process. Kudos to Jay/NO for improving this process. Started out nobody was happy.

Tents - sold out quickly; saved lots of space for first come first served

Timers - school kids. Great resource, but had some lessons learned for adult supervision

Registration/Hosp - hired local college athletes - familiarity with athletic events - huge help

Medical - reasonable cost - one transport, no stoppage of meet

Timing equipment issues (scoreboard, buttons, backstroke ledges). Rented.

Relays - CA proximity to Help desk was huge help. Only 12 clubs did relays at the relay computer. Some issues with lack of coverage as long as 90 minutes.

Final budget

2. Mission Viejo 2019 USMS Summer Nationals

Recap/Review given by Mark Moore

Meet Stats: 2nd largest Summer Nationals

1,391 swimmers, 589 women and 785 men

5,098 splashes, 631 or 12% no shows, 1,407 swims did not meet NQTs

Mission Viejo 2019 USMS Summer Nationals (continued)

22 Regional clubs, 181 Local clubs

9-12 hour days, 6th event was not dropped

Meet Operations:

Warm ups started at 6am, meet started at 7:30am

400 Volunteers (swimmers, swimmer's parents, through MV Chamber of Commerce, MV residents, friends)

EMS: arrived early this year (vs. 2013)

Water temp: averaged between 78-80 degrees and peaked at 81 degrees.

Hotel shuttles: lost money as we sold \$5,000 in passes and paid \$8,000 for shuttle rentals (had to rent a 2nd to handle demand)

Hospitality:

125 social tickets sold, 30 comps for officials

130 hospitality VIP passes sold

Awards/Results:

Results were posted in 3 areas and labels were posted by the Awards office

247 patches were given out

Medals distributed: 1st 625, 2nd: 600, 3rd: 550 and 4th-10th: 1,775 –96% were picked up

Check-in desk:

Laura Winslow was in charge & did an outstanding job. Oversaw registration, selling beer garden tickets, answering FAQs, sold shuttle+hospitality passes.

Announcers were positive and set a fun atmosphere. David Wierdsma was the meet announcer throughout the meet and has a ton of energy keeping people entertained. Pat Powers also announced on Saturday only.

Problems:

- Water temp: when we won the bid, we were told we were getting a new chiller; never did. Had to cool off the pool with dry ice.
- Offsite parking: provided transportation from a local high school to shuttle swimmers to/from pool
- 5 hotels booked up ASAP
- Restrooms: brought in an executive trailer for additional toilets
- Beer garden: had to get a permit, hire security and purchase insurance – very expensive

USMS Partner Village:

The area had good presence for our USMS partners.

Beer garden was set up with a nice lounge area

3. San Antonio 2020 USMS Spring Nationals

Very excited to have USMS nationals again in San Antonio. Same collaboration in prior nationals with the San Antonio Sports Commission and the Northside Swimming.

35 warm up/down lanes – indoor pool was recently renovated; have outdoor pool that we have a few lanes specifically for the 65+ swimmers

Competition pool: 20 lanes

100 toilets + 100 showers

Parking: last time we had nationals there was construction that cut down on parking space, so there'll be more

Parking passes will be available to purchase; multi-day passes

Hotels: still working on rates and will have the list on the website by the end of September/early October

Social: Tejas Rodeo & BBQ – about 20 miles north of the pool

May do something Fiesta related in the Riverwalk area

Hotel shuttles: have not planned on it, but open to discuss

4. Richmond 2020 USMS Summer Nationals

SwimRVA: Indoor 8 lane, 50 lcm pool

Warm up/down pools: 6 lanes 25y indoor and adding a temporary 8 lane 25m outdoor pool

Hotels: still negotiating hotels

Hotel shuttles: have not planned on it

Daily excursion options: Minor league baseball game, white water rafting through downtown, beer crawl

Social: Tang & Biscuit – located close to restaurants/breweries, indoor game facility (Jenga, shuffleboard)

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Not discussed, will discuss at meeting #2

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:15pm CDT
