

1994 USMS CONVENTION
CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday (September 29, 1994):

Attendees: Sandi Rousseau, Bonnie Adair, Bill Mulliken, Emmett Hines, Carolyn Boak, Pat Maley, Gene Donner, Stu Marvin, Jim Miller, Paul Windrath

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm with Sandi providing an overview of the agenda for this meeting - to review National Championship bids for 1996.

Jay Fitzgerald spoke to the committee about the Santa Clara activities to support Masters swimming including: introduction of the 2nd Annual Santa Clara Masters Long Course Meet and his desire to bid for any USMS National Championships in any year.

Committee asked questions of the representatives from the 4 bidders for '96 National Championships: Long Course (Michigan), Short Course (De Anza, Irvine, Federal Way). There were a variety of topics discussed with each bidder including: timing system displays, medical support, computer system compatibility, organizational issues, how the profits will be spent, etc..

Committee indicated to all bidders that their bidders were well prepared and thanked them for their interest and time to meet with the committee.

Committee officially adjourned to discuss bids in a closed session to prepare for the summary presentation to the House of Delegates.

September 30, 1994 (10 am - Noon):

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S Rousseau reviewed the '94 Short Course National Championships (Tempe). There were 1912 swimmers. Her comments: 1) to the swimmers on deck, the meet ran smoothly and the hospitality of the Meet Organization was wonderful, 2) behind the scenes, there were issues associated with entries that resulted in 18 protests.

Stephanie Walsh reviewed the '94 Long Course Championships (Buffalo). Her comments: 1) 716 swimmers, 2) Well run meet by the Meet Management, and 3) good support from Bob Clauson.

Stu Marvin reviewed status of '95 Short Course Nationals. Committee M/S/A use of 3 courses for the 1000/1650 as well as 500 if necessary. Distance Check-in will be by phone (with person answering) for West Coast travellers. Committee approved individual (medals) and team awards (plaques). Draft Meet brochure was distributed to Championship Committee.

J Zell reviewed progress with '95 Long Course Nationals. Committee approved individual (plaques) and team (plaques) awards. Committee recommended usage of NQT. As Meet Director, John did not express opposition to the Hawaiian FINA meet receiving recognition from USMS.

Committee reviewed all rule proposals that affect National Championships (see attachment).

September 30, 1994 (3:30 - 6:00 pm):

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Committee discussed approved computer services available to National Championships (Hytek and Clauson). Mel Goldstein argued for Championship to support one vendor (Hytek). Various people (Boak, Windrath, Marvin, Stephanie Walsh argued for several approved vendors. Committee M/S/A to maintain two approved vendors - Hytek and Clauson.

Hytek presented multiple levels of support that allow the Meet Management to do greater amounts of the work while retaining Hytek technical support on site. Motion was made by Jim Miller for Championship Committee to allow Meet Management to use lowest level of computer service approved by Championship Committee, or higher level if they so choose. M/S/A.

Swim Magazine will be the source of the Entry Form and Meet information for '95 Short Course and '95 Long Course. Additional Meet information brochures will be mailed to LMSCs and other required people.

Simplified Relay Entry procedures will be reviewed by Carolyn Boak and Stu Marvin for use by Ft. Lauderdale. The goal is to reduce the number of times that the relay cards have to be handled which should reduce the number of potential errors.

Sub-committee reports were as follows:

Meet Manager's Guide was updated throughout the year. A copy was distributed for comments. Attachments and Convention changes will be made and then re-distributed to all Committee Members and upcoming National Meet Managers (Paul Windrath).

Meet Liaison Guidelines were developed by Carolyn Boak and distributed for review and feedback.

Safety Guidelines for National Championships were distributed by Pat Maley for comment. Wording change from "shall" to "suggested" was made to reduce liability issues.

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Meeting adjourned until Friday evening after House of Delegates.

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Committee reviewed evaluation percentages for National Championship contracts and modified to reflect greater importance for medical, registration, heat sheets, and Meet Administration, while decreasing importance for pool facilities, timers, officials, awards, meet results, and final results.

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Status of Rule Proposals:

- R12A: M/S/A to approve
R12B: Withdrawn
R20: Withdrawn
R25: Finalized 4 formats for House approval.
R26: M/S/A to approve as amended. "With Championship Committee approval, a swimmer may compete in both of the two longest freestyle events at the meet. However, the Championship Committee shall determine how the National Qualifying Times will affect these entries."

R27: Tabled until review of proposed event formats are reviewed and approved. After further review, withdrawn.

R28A: M/S/A to disapprove.
R28B: M/S/A to disapprove.
R29: M/S/A to disapprove.
R30: M/S/A to approve
R33A: M/S/A to withdraw
R33B: M/S/A to withdraw
R34: Sense of the committee was to approve 1st sentence. Sense of the committee regarding the remainder of proposal was mixed (tied 4-4).

R35: M/S/A as amended. Change "48 contiguous states" to "50 states."

R36: Withdrew #4 from further consideration by Rules

R37A: Withdrawn by Pacific

R37B: M/S/A as amended. Changed "must" to "shall."

R39: Reworded, approved by Championship. Rules has re-write.

R41: **Multiple Courses** - When the courses are unequal in any way (e.g depth of course, visibility of timing display, bulk head turns types of gutter or starting blocks, etc.), male and female swimmers shall share equal number of days in each course. Women's events shall be scheduled in the preferred course on days one and three in odd years, and on days two and four in even years. If the time line of the meet is significantly affected by this rotation, the Championship Committee may override this requirement.

R42: M/S/A as amended. "**Divisions** - Three divisions shall be recognized for purposes of club scoring based upon the number of swimmer entered in the meet from each club."

Strike remainder of proposal.

R46: M/S/A as amended. Change "must" to "shall" in two places.

USMS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE POLICY

Whereas Section 104.5.4 A 1. requires that "a copy of the swimmer's current USMS registration card must accompany his entry," and whereby the receipt of this copy by Meet Hosts has been difficult to enforce, the Championship Committee hereby adopts the following policy:

1. If a meet entry is received without a copy of the registration card, the Host shall immediately notify the entrant. If the entrant is able to send the Host a copy of the card prior to the seeding of the meet, then there shall be no charge to the entrant.
2. If the entrant does not send a copy of the card to the Host prior to seeding of the meet and the Host can verify the entrant's registration with USMS via the local or national registrar, the swimmer shall be seeded in the meet; however, the entrant shall be assessed an additional charge (listed in numbers 3 and 4 below) prior to being allowed to swim in the meet.
3. If the entrant provides the Host with a copy of the card at registration, the entrant shall be charged \$5.00 in addition to other meet charges. This must be paid prior to swimming in the meet.
4. If the entrant does not provide a copy of the card at the meet site prior to swimming in the meet, then the entrant shall be charged \$15.00 in addition to other meet charges. This must be paid prior to swimming in the meet.
5. The Host shall not allow an entrant to swim in his/her events until the assessed fees are paid.

Purpose of this Policy: The purpose of this policy is to encourage meet entrants to submit all required documents at the time of meet entry. It is believed that a fee assessment will provide the most motivation to train USMS swimmers. It will not penalize the individual who just forgets because he/she will still have the opportunity to send a copy of the card to the Host prior to the meet seeding without a monetary penalty. Any additional income to the Host will be well deserved because of the additional effort required to contact the entrant and follow-up on the resolution.