

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
2012 NATIONAL BIDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (GREENSBORO)  
Tues, August 10, 2010  
4-5:30pm (EDT)

Conference Call with representatives for the Greensboro bid for 2012 SC Nationals.

Sub-committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice-Chair), Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Kris Houchens, Mike Heather (ex-officio), Ed Saltzman (ex-officio), Jody Smith, Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson.

Greensboro representatives: Hill Carrow & Don Gilchrist (co-meet directors), Demp Bradford (Greensboro Sports Commission), Brian Ambuehl (manager of Sports Marketing, Convention & Visitor Bureau), Kim Strable (President of Greensboro Sports Commission), Scott Johnson (Deputy Director-Greensboro Coliseum Complex), Matt Brown (Executive Director-Greensboro Coliseum Complex).

Jeff Roddin welcomed the Greensboro representatives to the call. He went over our selection process for awarding bids. Jeff applauded Greensboro on the depth of their organizing committee, deep volunteer base, wide choice of hotels, and state of the art pools.

He also commented that it was good that Greensboro could offer the option of running two 10 lane courses or two 8 lane courses, depending on what seems best by our committee.

Don Gilchrist stressed the overwhelming support for this meet from the CVB, Greensboro Sports Commission and North Carolina Masters. In addition, the Coliseum will provide an additional 300 volunteer base. This volunteer base has much experience in running both Masters and USA meets. Hill Carrow has been meet director for 2 previous Nationals (Raleigh in 1984 and Chapel Hill in 1992). Matt Brown (Coliseum director) is the former director of ISHOF. Hill added that after the National Figure Skating event in January 2011, they will also be able to pull from that volunteer base as well.

Following are some questions and answers regarding the bid:

QUESTION(Jeff R): What meets do you have scheduled in this facility prior to Nationals?

Greensboro: Eastern Invitational (USA regional meet) which usually attracts 700 swimmers is tentatively scheduled for summer 2011 in this facility (depending on completion date); Sept 11-Open Age Group Invitational for 5-600 swimmers; November-Fall Pentathlon for 5-600 swimmers; ACC is considering hosting their conference Championships for Men and Women in February 2012; NC Masters State meet-scheduled for spring 2012.

QUESTION(Sandi): Do you have officials with Masters experience?

Greensboro: Yes, we have been using USA approved officials in our Masters meets, so they do have experience with Masters meets. Jerry Clark, who is also on the organizing committee, works with our NC officials.

QUESTION(Sandi): Due to the Omaha LC in July, this may decrease the size of your meet. Are you OK with that possibility?

Greensboro: We want the meet in Greensboro at any cost, regardless of size. We feel that we will be a very attractive venue. The Sports Commission is willing to fund whatever necessary to make this meet successful.

QUESTION (Jeff R): What is the capability of your facility related to deck space, whether you have 1200 or 1800 swimmers?

Greensboro: We have ample room for whatever the size. The seating is similar to Atlanta. We also have over 500 lockers available for use. The facility is connected to the Coliseum, which hosts all sorts of big events, so there is lots of easy flow throughout.

QUESTION (Sandi): I know your pool is currently under construction. Do you have an alternative venue just in case it is not completed?

Greensboro: Not in Greensboro, although there are facilities in Chapel Hill and Raleigh. We are confident the pool will be completed on time or ahead of schedule in early summer 2011. The construction is fully funded and we have given you a detailed timetable.

QUESTION (Jeff R): Regarding attendance, since there is the possibility that attendance will be lower due to the Omaha factor, would you be willing to wait until 2013 to get higher attendance?

Greensboro: We want 2012 regardless of the size of the meet, but will gladly follow the committee's recommendation for 2012 or 2013.

QUESTION (Mike): Is the pool next to the Coliseum?

Greensboro: Yes it is. There are 6000 parking spaces available as well, so parking will not be a problem. The Hall of Champions will also be in this same area, and will be the site for the social. Depending on the recommendation of the committee, we have a nice area available for a 'vendor row'.

QUESTION (Barry): You have 2 warm-up pools listed-the teaching pool and diving well. How are these handled regarding temperature control?

Greensboro: Temperature control is done individually for each of the pools.

QUESTION: Do you have a preference for dates? You have April 26-29 as your alternate date, although perhaps that might be preferable to the earlier date (limit conflict with other Masters meets).

Greensboro: We are willing to go with whatever dates the committee recommends.

QUESTION (Kris): Who do the meet directors work for-is there a connection with Masters swimming?

Greensboro: Hill Carrow is with Raleigh Masters and has been a National Meet Director. Don Gilchrist is Vice Chair of North Carolina Masters and active in the Greensboro chapter. All of North Carolina Masters will be involved in this bid.

QUESTION (Lisa): If you do have any profit, do you plan to put any of it back into your Masters programs?

Greensboro: Yes, we plan to contribute both to our Masters and age group programs.