

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Championship Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Jeff Roddin	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Sandi Rousseau
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Jeffrey R. Strahota	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	5 July 2012, 4:16pm CDT

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## Motions Passed:

None; quorum not met

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 15	<b>Number of other guests present:</b> 6
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Mark Moore, Jeff Strahota, Barry Fasbender, Tom Boak, Jack Groselle, Michael Moore		
Guests: Mel Goldstein, Rob Butcher, Nadine Day, Kathy Casey, Mary Pohlmann, Jim Matysek		

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## Minutes

Meeting came to order at 4:16pm Central Daylight Time

**I. Introduction** – Everyone present was recognized and guests were introduced.

### II. National Championship Meet Updates

A. 2012 Long Course Nationals, Omaha – Tom Boak (Sandi, Liaison)

- Nebraska LMSC has been great with volunteers. Tom recognized Erin Sullivan and Sue Nutty for their efforts in leading the volunteer effort. The Nebraska LMSC doubled in size because of this meet.
- Tom noted that the staff from the National Office was also working hard at the meet.
- Facilities director was fired Tuesday morning and Tom noted that the CenturyLink Center staff have stepped up to make the transition seamless.
- Financials – estimates are looking like under ~\$20k loss (were budgeting a loss of ~\$70k) .
- Nadine thanked Tom for his job and for keeping the EC and National Office updated and informed.
- Sandi reported on the Evaluation Committee and Protest Committees:

Evaluation:

- there are 5 outstanding volunteers on the committee.
- many things with the facility are unique because this is NOT normally a pool.

Protest:

- 1 protest so far – someone didn't check in for the 1500 (protest was denied)

B. 2013 Short Course Nationals, Indianapolis – Mel Goldstein

- Written status report has been posted on the private Championship Forum
- Major organizing committee is meeting shortly after Nationals.
- New parking garage with 350+ spaces next to the natatorium – Mel wanted to make sure that the parking garage tickets could be sold as part of the meet entry menu (it can).
- EMT services for the meet will be donated.
- Mel reports that they will be filling nearly every job with volunteers from the Indy Aquatic Masters team.
- Facility Updates since 2009: was Daktronics, now Colorado timing; 1 side has all brand new locker room facilities (other side may be done for the meet); may get a new scoreboard.

### C. 2013 Long Course Nationals, Mission Viejo – Mark Moore

- Written status report has been posted on the private Championship Forum
- Additional Parking will be completed by July '12
- '13 meet – USA-S team has mandatory service hours requirement that will fill volunteer need for this meet and help alleviate the low volunteers they had in '05.

During the National Championship Meet Update discussion, we also discussed:

- The name of the summer national meets for 2012 and 2013 are in this format: YEAR Marriott U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship (no such sponsor for spring nationals)
- Hasty Awards will allow small orders of medals after the meet with quick delivery if you happen not to order enough

## III. Old Business

### A. Mission Viejo Event order

- All Championship Committee members present approved the change to the order of events (see attached) in order to accommodate the 5-day proposed format of the Mission Viejo meet. Full committee approval is still needed since we don't have a quorum today.

### B. Proposed Rule Changes

- We have approved 7 rule change proposals that have been sent to Kathy Casey.
- An 8<sup>th</sup>, regarding the publication of meet entry form in the magazine, had wording issues that were resolved and approved after a brief discussion. Since we don't have a quorum, Jeff will send out the revised wording to the committee and if it gets approval, will send the final proposal to Kathy. Kathy will review all of these and get back to us with suggested changes if need be.

### C. Potential Bidders

- The following bidders have requested bid packets from the Championship Committee
  - Short Course: Santa Clara, CA; Austin, TX; Mesa, AZ
  - Long Course: University of Maryland, College Park
  - course unsure: Lincoln, NE; Cleveland (Spire Institute/Cleveland St.); San Antonio (new facility)
- Jack brought up the question of the Championship Committee's role in soliciting bids, with several committee members recommending that we have a subcommittee responsible for proactively pursuing a specific host to submit a bid.
- Jeff R. talked about a visit to the CAFDA (Competitive Aquatic Facility Directors Association) meeting at convention '11, where he was able to talk about our national meets with some of the top facilities and even got a plug from the UT-Austin group, who, mentioned to the group that the event was great and financially worthwhile.
- It was also noted during this discussion that we seem to have significant interest in 2014 meets and could have plenty of competing bids. Bid deadline is July 15. Barry asked about possibly awarding two meet years at the same time (2014 and 2015) due to the high level of interest. Jeff R. and Sandi noted this should only be considered if we award both spring and summer nationals at the same time for a given year.

### D. Coaches Hospitality Policy

- We have a policy for coaches to receive free hospitality passes at our national meets (club coaches as well as On-Deck coaches). It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted in the last several meets, and has led to lots of questions.
- Jeff R. is planning on initiating a subcommittee of both Championship and Coaches Committee members to suggest better policies. Mark Moore, Tom Boak and Kris Houchens may be asked to be a part of this group since they are coaches but Jeff R. will also encourage others to volunteer.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Bidder Interview Calls**

- Bids for 2014 are due July 15 (with July 15 being a Sunday, July 16 will be acceptable).
- Between July 15 and August 15, Jeff R. would like to get conference calls scheduled with the hosts so that both hosts and CC members can ask questions of each other related to the bid.

##### **B. Refund Deadline**

- Currently the meet entry deadline is the same deadline to request refunds
- Jeff R. suggested that we look into extending this deadline a bit (~7 days) to help alleviate requests.
- Many Committee members suggested that moving the deadline would make little difference in the volume of requests. Jeff R. will put this topic out to the full committee.

##### **C. Committee Policy Manual**

- Jeff R. is still working on this and will lean on past Championship chairs to assist

##### **D. Other**

- Mary Pohlmann mentioned that there are some changes that need to be made in the meet guide/meet contract regarding the role of the Medical Meet Liaison.
- Sandi brought up the medical info release liability – we may need to add this to waiver at Nationals.

#### **V. Schedule Next Meeting/Adjourn**

- The next meeting the group will have will be the bidder conference calls, to be held beginning after the July 15 Bid deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm Central Daylight Time.

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**2013 USMS Marriott Summer Nationals**  
**Mission Viejo – August 7-11, 2013**  
**Order of Events**  
*(Approved on 7/13/2012)*

**Wednesday, August 7, 2013**

1500 Mixed Free

**9 hours, 59 minutes**

**Thursday, August 8, 2013**

100 Breaststroke

200 IM

100 Backstroke

200 Free

200 Medley Relay

**9 hours, 26 minutes**

**Friday, August 9, 2013**

50 Breaststroke

200 backstroke

50 Butterfly

200 Mixed Free Relay

800 Mixed Free

**9 hours, 52 minutes**

**Saturday, August 10, 2013**

400 IM

100 Butterfly

50 Free

200 Breaststroke

200 Free Relay

200 Mixed Medley Relay

**9 hours, 30 minutes**

**Sunday, August 11, 2013**

200 Butterfly

100 Freestyle

50 backstroke

400 Mixed Free

**8 hours, 48 minutes**