

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Kim Crouch/Erin Shields	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: Sun, August 10, 2014 7 PM EST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

- 1 MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4 & 5 CONFERENCE CALLS.
- 2 MSA TO AWARD THE 2016 SPRING NATIONALS TO GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.
- 3 MSA TO AWARD THE 2016 SUMMER NATIONALS TO GRESHAM, OREGON, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE SARASOTA TO REBID FOR 2017.
- 4 MSA TO RECOMMEND THE DATES OF AUGUST 18-21 FOR 2016 SUMMER NATIONALS.
- 5 MSA TO CHANGE THE REGIONAL CLUB AWARDS FOR NATIONALS FROM TOP 10 TO TOP 5.
- 6 MSA TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR COACHES HOSPITALITY AT NATIONALS FROM 'CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING' TO 'CURRENT USMS RECOGNIZED COACH AND MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.'

Number of committee members present: 14

Absent: 7

Number of other delegates present: 0

Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Debbie Cavanaugh, Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Patty Nardozzi, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Lisa Watson, Jillian Wilkins, Kyle Deery (ex-officio), Tom Boak (ex-officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM Eastern Time

- I. INTRODUCTION/ROLL CALL All committee members present on the call introduced themselves. Don Gilchrist was excused from the call due to a conflict of interest.
- II. APPROVE BIDDER CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES FROM 8/4/2-14 AND 8/5/2014..
MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4 & 5 CONFERENCE CALLS.
- III. BID SOLICITATION & SELECTION PROCESS
 - A. Since one bidder was unhappy at the prospect of our committee not awarding bids for 2017 this year, we are putting in these minutes what was advertised on the USMS website this year regarding bids: "At this time we are soliciting bids for 2016 but may also award meets for 2017 as well. The deadline to submit a bid application is July 1." The committee felt that this statement clearly listed that our priority for this year is 2016 bids.
 - B. Lessons Learned
The plan for next year is to schedule the bidder conference class further in advance, soon after the bid deadline.
- IV. 2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS
 - A. Spring- Georgia Tech and Greensboro
The subcommittee attending the August 4 bidder conference call recommended Greensboro for Spring 2016. A big concern regarding Georgia Tech was the lack of available warm-up space on site. It was noted that this lack of space was more of a factor in a diving well with deep water than it might be in a shallow pool. Greensboro had preferred 2017 since they are also hosting the multi-sport Masters World Games in July of 2016, but did bid for both 2016 and 2017. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2016 SPRING NATIONALS TO GREENSBORO.** The dates will be April 28- May 1.
 - B. Summer- Sarasota and Oregon

Sandi Rousseau exited the call, since she is part of the bidding team for Oregon. The subcommittee attending the August 5 bidder conference call recommended Oregon for Summer 2016, citing location (last Nationals on the West Coast would have been 2013) as the determining factor. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2016 SUMMER NATIONALS TO GRESHAM, OREGON, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE SARASOTA TO REBID FOR 2017.** Since Sarasota currently has a bid in for 2017, they would not need to redo their bid. Jeff Strahota mentioned that IGLA may be scheduled for August 9-13 in Edmonton, Alberta for 2016, which would conflict with the alternate dates proposed by Oregon. The USMS Open Water National Championship 1 mile and 5k events will be August 19-20, 2016. While it is not desirable to have conflicting National Championship events (Open Water vs Pool), the OW events are in North Carolina, so it would likely only impact a small number of swimmers. **MSA TO RECOMMEND THE DATES OF AUGUST 18-21 FOR SUMMER NATIONALS.** Jeff will also speak to Oregon about the possibility of having a 5 day meet to try to shorten the timeline for each day (2008 Summer Nationals at this venue had very long timelines each day).

V. 2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIOSHIP BIDS

The committee decided not to award 2017 bids this year.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Club Awards Policy

MSA TO CHANGE THE REGIONAL CLUB AWARDS FOR NATIONALS FROM TOP 10 TO TOP 5.

The committee felt that it was wise to reduce this number since there are so few Regional teams in contrast to the local teams that participate at Nationals.

B. Coaches Hospitality

MSA TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR COACHES HOSPITALITY AT NATIONALS FROM ‘CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING’ TO ‘CURRENT USMS RECOGNIZED COACH AND MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. Coaches will still have to meet the attendance restrictions set when we first approved the policy. The National Office will have the list of USMS Recognized Coaches for the meet hosts to refer to.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM, Eastern Time.

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