

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Greensboro, North Carolina	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch/Erin Shields		
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Mon, August 4, 2014		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	9	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Debbie Cavanaugh, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Patty Nardozi, Sandi Rousseau, Jeff Strahota Lisa Watson					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Hill Carrow – Local Organizing Committee Chair / Co-Meet Director, Don Gilchrist – Co-Meet Director, Dee Mittman – Sports Manager for Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff explained the purpose of the call as an opportunity for committee members to ask questions that were left unexplained in the bid or that needed further explanation as well as for bidders to ask any questions that they might have. It was explained that the Championship Committee now selects the host for each national championship meet.

Question/Answer Session:

Lead Organizations/Financial Responsibilities: Greensboro Sports Commission took a lead role in bidding for 2012 but this time it is the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Raleigh Area Masters, the Greensboro Swimming Association, and the facility. The facility and the two Masters teams are responsible for the finances of the meet and the convention bureau is responsible for support such as hotels.

Gold Medal Sponsors: The facility is more lenient now than in 2012 regarding allowing for bringing in food, so cost for GMS will be more typical of current nationals. The offering of continuous snacks throughout the day is confirmed. The facility is a Pepsi/Gatorade venue so this will need to be accommodated. Location has been opened up more by combining two rooms with a wall removed.

Lessons Learned from 2012 Nationals: No shuttle will be offered as usage was very small; Registration will be moved to the facility entrance or in a tent outside the entrance to be more accessible; Vendors may possibly be located closer to the pool site.

Facility Upgrades: Loose lane lines have been corrected. Two air evacuators have been installed to improve air quality. Locker room flow has been improved. Concessions have been moved to improve flow. Retail store has been moved to improve access.

Meet Profits: Profits will be shared between the two Masters teams and the facility.

Pool Set Up: Courses will be set up as in 2012 swimming widths with pads at both ends to decrease slippage possibility on the turn wall. Blocks have kick plates now.

Warm-Up: 13 Lanes available between the dive tank and teaching pool. No lines on the bottom of the dive tank but has wall targets. It is possible that an addition air evacuator can be brought in for the teaching pool.

Bidder Date Preferences: Prefers 2017 but could host in either 2016 or 2017. There is a plan to offer a multisport event (maybe 20+ sports) from July 22-31, 2016 with Masters swimming being one of these. Format may be SCM or LCM. The impact of having both events in 2016 is unknown.

Meet Format: Offering a traditional four day format Thursday – Sunday, April 28-May 1, 2016 or May 25-28, 2017.

Open Water Event: Bidder would consider offering a Sunday afternoon open water event at a man made lake 15 miles south of the facility or Time Trials on Sunday afternoon in SCM or Monday AM in LCM.

Follow-up: The Championship Committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and ultimately select the winning bidders. This call is scheduled August, 10, 2014, and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders on Monday, August 15. The winners are expected to attend convention in Jacksonville and to make a presentation at the USMS House of Delegates.

The bidders left the call at 10:48 a.m. Pacific Time

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: Competition pool is excellent with 10 lanes in each course, excellent meet experience with local organizing group, 13 lanes for warm-up, and implementing ideas for changing and improving the meet. Concerns include: It will have been only four years since the last nationals in this facility and the possible negative impact if a multisport festival is offered during the same year.

The Championship Committee members involved in this interview were unanimous in recommending that the 2016 Spring nationals be offered to Greensboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. Pacific Time
