

Committee Name:	Championship	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chairs:	Kim Crouch/Jim Clemmons		
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	August 2, 2015 8pm EDT		

Motions

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 5 BIDDER CALLS (HOUSTON, SARASOTA, RIVERSIDE, INDIANAPOLIS, & MINNESOTA).**
2. **MSA TO APPROVE RIVERSIDE AS THE HOST OF THE 2017 USMS SPRING (SC) NATIONALS.**
3. **MSA TO APPROVE MINNESOTA AS THE HOST OF THE 2017 USMS SUMMER (LC) NATIONALS.**
4. **MSA TO WAIVE RULE 107.2.3B FOR OREGON NATIONALS NEXT SUMMER.**

Number of committee members present:	15	Absent:	7	Number of other delegates present:	
Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Jim Clemmons (Vice Chair), Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Jack Groselle, Mark Moore, Patty Nardozi, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Pete Tarnapoll, Charlie Tupitza, Lisa Watson, Jillian Wilkins, Paul Windrath, Donn Livoni (Ex Officio)					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM EDT.

1. **PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE CALL:** Jeff stated the purpose of this conference call is to select the hosts for 2017 SC and LC Nationals. We do have the option of also selecting 2018 Nationals, but the USMS Executive Committee has asked that we not do that this year due to a potential conflict with the 2018 Pan Am Games and the possibility that meet could be LCM in the summer and serve as our National Championship. We originally had 7 bids this year- 3 SC and 4 LC. Rochester (LC bid) was not certified due to limited warm up space available (only 4 lanes). Tempe (SC) had to withdraw their bid due to a problem with their facility. The 5 remaining bids were interviewed by available committee members through separate conference calls held in July. Paul Windrath moved to approve the minutes from the bidder calls, and Barry Fasbender seconded the motion. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 5 BIDDER CALLS (HOUSTON, SARASOTA, RIVERSIDE, INDIANAPOLIS, & MINNESOTA).**
2. **2017 USMS SPRING (SC) NATIONAL BIDS**
 The 2 remaining bids for 2017 USMS Spring Nationals were Riverside, CA and Indianapolis, IN. Jeff summarized the conference calls with these bidders for the committee. Indianapolis provided a solid bid. They have experience, having already hosted several National meets. Since their last Nationals, there have been improvements to the facility, including reconfiguring their warm-up pool to add additional lane capacity. One concern was that the bid was not complete, and signified a lack of attention to detail. This was pointed out during their conference call plus Jeff has still not heard back from them for corrections (e.g. missing W9 form). Also, Indianapolis is not geographically located in the preferred area of the country for 2017 SC Nationals. The West Coast would be the preferred location. Preferred dates for Indy are May 4-7, 2017. Riverside is a new bidder and new facility to USMS. They are very excited about hosting a National meet and were very receptive to any suggestions from the Championship Committee. Representing Riverside on the bidder conference call were representatives from their convention bureau, meet management, and Masters group. The pool has lots of warm-up space available. They would like to use two 9 lane courses for the meet. They can possibly do two 10 lane courses, but that would require extra effort and expense. Geographically, Riverside is in the preferred location for 2017 SC Nationals. It was also pointed out there has not been a SC Nationals in southern California since 1990. Preferred dates for the meet are April 27-30. Donn Livoni stated there was no conflict with either of these proposed dates with any Long Distance championships. Ed Saltzman moved to approve Riverside as the 2017 SC host. Lisa Watson seconded the motion. **MSA TO APPROVE RIVERSIDE AS THE HOST OF THE 2017 USMS SPRING (SC) NATIONALS.** (The vote was unanimous).

3. 2017 USMS SUMMER (LC) NATIONAL BIDS

The 3 certifiable bids for 2017 USMS Summer Nationals were Sarasota, Minnesota, and Houston. Jeff summarized the conference calls with these bidders for the committee. All 3 bids would be in an acceptable geographic location. Sarasota had also bid last year for 2016 (the bid was awarded to Oregon). They do fall short on Rule 107.2.3B which requires the minimum depth to be 2 meters (6ft 7 inches), but on the plus side, they do have ample warm up lanes available with both an outdoor and indoor warm-up pool available. As it was last year, a big concern with Sarasota is the heat and humidity for August in an outdoor meet as well as the potential for afternoon thunderstorms. Sarasota proposes having a 5 day meet, which would create shorter days and therefore end each session before the later afternoon thunderstorms typically arrive. Possible dates are either August 9-13 or August 16-20, 2017.

Minnesota (University of Minnesota) has hosted Nationals before, but with a different meet management group. Their last Nationals was 1999. The Minnesota LMSC is very involved in this bid, and any profits would go back to promote the Masters programs. They have a warm-up pool with 6 available lanes adjacent to the competition pool. If needed, they can also make accessible some lanes in an additional pool in the facility which is further away. Airport transportation, hotel and restaurant accessibility are big attractions, with the host hotel only 100 yards from the pool. There is limited parking available in the immediate area around the pool, but with an excellent transportation system, out of town swimmers would not need to get a rental car. Ed Saltzman expressed concern that Minnesota does not have plans for enough officials that will be needed for the meet. Paul Windrath said the host has a verbal commitment from the Minnesota USA program to provide needed officials. Preferred dates are August 3-6, which would be a 4 day meet.

Houston is a new bid at an indoor facility. Like Minnesota, they also have a 6 lane warm up pool available. Like Minnesota, they also have another pool available for "overflow" warm-ups. It is an outdoor pool with a few lanes but they are not 25y long. One concern is there was no meet director in place at the time of the bid. They do have the full support of the Convention Bureau to assist with various aspects of the event. Most hotels are not close by. Plans for any profits would be to go back to the facility; none is planned to go to the local Masters program. Ed is impressed they have a very large officials base to pull from. Houston proposes a 5 day meet format, with the preferred dates being August 2-6, 2017.

Donn Livoni stated there would not be a conflict with the proposed dates for Open Water championship events. This prompted a discussion about potential conflicts with 2017 Worlds (Budapest, Hungary) and 2017 IGLA. 2017 Worlds dates are unknown at this time but will likely be in early August because they follow FINA Worlds (which ends the end of July). 2017 IGLA dates are unknown at this time. We can either wait for these dates to be announced and delay our selection, or make a selection tonight knowing there is a possibility of a conflict. Paul Windrath moved to approve Minnesota as the 2017 LC host. Jim Clemmons seconded the motion. **MSA TO APPROVE MINNESOTA AS THE HOST OF THE 2017 USMS SUMMER (LC) NATIONALS** (11 YES VOTES, 1 NO VOTE, 1 ABSTENTION).

4. OREGON NATIONALS Jeff informed the committee that since the bid for 2016 LC Nationals was awarded to Oregon, it was realized they don't meet the requirements of Rule 107.2.3B, which requires the minimum pool depth to be at least 2 meters. Ed Saltzman moved we waive this rule. The motion was seconded by Paul Windrath. **MSA TO WAIVE RULE 107.2.3B FOR 2016 SUMMER NATIONALS (OREGON).**

5. OLD BUSINESS -none to discuss

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jeff stated since we will not have enough Championship Committee members at Summer Nationals in Ohio this week for a quorum, we will not have a Championship Committee meeting. Jeff felt it would not really be necessary anyway, since we had our meeting tonight. Paul said there will be 7 or 8 Minnesota swimmers attending these Nationals and it would be good for them to meet Jeff and any available Championship Committee members. Paul also said that as an USAS Convention Committee member, he recently learned the host hotel Marriott is sold out for this year's USMS Convention in Kansas City, as well as the adjoining hotel, so the bidders who will be attending the convention may need to make other hotel arrangements.

Jeff also suggested to the committee with the anticipation of another big meet and long days in Oregon next summer, we should consider tightening the NQTs for 2016 LC Nationals (at least for 200s and up). The committee will discuss this further at Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM EDT.