

Committee Name:	Championship Committee Interview for Indy Aquatic Masters, Indianapolis, IN	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch		
Minutes recorded by:	Pete Tarnapoll	Date/time of meeting:	Wednesday, July 20, 2016; 7:30PM		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	12	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Kyle Deery (ExO), Sandi Rousseau, Jay Eckert (ExO), Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Mark Moore, Patty Nardozzi, Ed Saltzman, Pete Tarnapoll, Jillian Wilkins					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Mel Goldstein – Meet Director; George Quigley – Indy Aquatics Masters President; Dean Hawks – IAM Head Coach; Gretchen Dickson/Pat Schenkel -Hospitality; Meg Carlson – Safety Director; Ed Merklng – Facility Manager for IU Natatorium; Michelle Fink & Shield Sexton – Contractors for IU Natatorium Renovation; Schnette Quissner – Visit Indy; Karen Gernert – IAM Program Administrator/Marketing & Communication					

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. EDT

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff Roddin 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, rather than by vote at convention. Jeff also explained that USMS no longer requires face time with all bidders. Rather, the Championship Committee has calls with all bidders and makes selections during a subsequent conference call.

Jeff thanked the Indy bid team for submitting its bid and demonstrating a continued interest in supporting U.S Masters Swimming.

For the 2018 Spring Nationals the bidders are Indy and Tempe, with the Championship Committee having the right to award the subsequent year (2019) as well.

Discussion / Q&A:

- The Championship Committee asked Indy if it would like to also be considered for 2019 Spring Nationals, if the committee was interested in awarding that year's championship at this time. Mel Goldstein indicated that he would check with his bid committee and get back to the Championship Committee as soon as possible, citing the need to determine facility, hotel and other availability in 2019. *After the call Indy notified us that they are only interested in bidding for 2018.*
- The Indy Bid Committee expressed excitement for and outlined the renovations of the natatorium that have taken place since the last time Indy hosted Spring Nationals (2013) and would like to show it off. They feel confident everyone would say "wow" in regards to the new blocks, deck tiles, locker room renovations, etc. They also reminded the committee that the pool remains a very fast pool and discussed how they believe, when combined with the renovations, both would inspire people to want to come swim there.

- Mel Goldstein brought up an idea for the Championship Committee's consideration: If the committee wanted to do a 25-meter two-course meet, Indy has the capacity and capability to do so. Jeff Roddin pointed out the USMS rulebook allows for the Spring Nationals to be short course yards or meters, at the Championship Committee's discretion. Furthermore Mel stated they could consider doing a 5-day format to include a "relay day" with some of the longer relays (i.e. 400s).
- There was lively discussion on this topic between both committees, including that USMS has never used meters courses for Spring Nationals and how a one-time change to meters might be interesting for swimmers, help increase attendance at an Indy nationals, provide the opportunity for US swimmers to attempt and get recognized for world records, having a separate "relay day," etc.
- Mel shared with everyone on the call that he had a conversation with a meet announcer to come out of retirement (name was not mentioned). If this it does not occur Indy assured the committee they will have somebody who is very adequate.
- Sandi Rousseau asked if the Phys Ed locker rooms would be available for this meet and, if so, how many lockers are in each. Indy indicated that they would be available for the meet and they include between 150-200 lockers.
- The bid committee was asked if there were any plans to put a display sign in the warm up area and they indicated part of plan is to put something in warm up area. When they finalize everything they will see what they will do. They will at least have something in the warm up area that will give swimmers an indication what the present events/heats are in the competition pool.
- Jeff asked the Indy committee to clarify the warm up facilities, which were outlined as 12 lanes in the warm up pool and 8 lanes in the diving well.
- There was a question and discussion about the available concessions: a few years back the university vendor had only traditional concession fare...recently, however, the vendor has put in healthier "swimming fair" in concert with the traditional items. The concession area has been renovated; so they've moved coolers back inside and its countertop is now ADA compliant.
- Indy highlighted how the concourse will look different (where vendors will be), cleaner, wider, new tile, led lights. The LED lights make the IU facility much brighter than in the past. They now have backstroke ledges at this facility.
- Hotels were discussed and Indy assured the Championship Committee availability would not be an issue for the dates indicated because those dates avoid the Indy 500 qualifying and the Mini-Marathon weekends.

Follow Ups:

- The Indy Bid Committee will confirm with the Championship Committee whether or not it is interested in the 2019 meet, in addition to its interest in 2018. *After the call Indy notified us that they are only interested in bidding for 2018.*
- 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 July 31, 2016 and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders shortly the week thereafter. The winners are asked to attend convention in Atlanta to meet with the Championship Committee.
- The bidder left the call at 8:30 p.m. EDT.