

USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

Committee Name:	Championship	Session	#2
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch
Minutes recorded by:	Jeff Strahota	Date/time of meeting:	9/15/2017, 8:00am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Approve procedure for determining the NQTs for 2018 Spring Nationals (Indy)

Motions Passed:

1. MSA - Deck seed 200s and above @ Indy (Crouch, Rousseau)

Number of committee members present: 13	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present: 28
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):		
Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Casey Keiber (USMS), Ed Tsuzuki(ExO, EC)		
Jim Clemmons, Mark Moore, Erin Moro, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Charlie Tupitza, Paul Windrath		
Committee Members Absent:		
Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Jody Smith, Pete Tarnapoll, Jillian Wilkins, Jay Eckert (USMS), Donn Livoni (ExO)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:01a.

Jeff R thanked committee members for attending the bidder calls.

1. 2019/2020 National Championship Bids

A. Bid summary - sent out 10 packets and received 6 bids back

SC - Bidders: Mesa

LC - Bidders: UMD, SPIRE, Mission Viejo, Sarasota, Richmond.

B. Selections

2019 SC - Mesa (April 25-28, 2019)

2019 LC - Mission Viejo (Aug 7-11, 2019)

2020 LC - Richmond VA (Aug 13-16, 2020)

C. Announcement/Press Release Coordination

What is the best time to send this kind of information out? Will throw back to the National Office for professional guidance (Casey Keiber).

2. Nationals procedures/activities:

A. Relay Entries - this has been on our task force list for a long time. Worked with Club Assistant to develop the system in time for Minnesota's meet. Were even flexible with charging credit cards so that if folks paid by check at the meet, relays were held by card and charged on the last day only if they hadn't paid by check. Did get some feedback that with online entry can we move the entry deadline to the day of the relay? This change would require a rule change

B. Facilities

a. Portable strobes - A request was made last year to have better availability for portable strobes (hearing impaired swimmers); we did a much better job requesting additional portable strobes way in advance to have available and for notifying swimmers on how to request them (e.g. Meet Information, pre-event emails)..

- b. Track start blocks - Not required, not in the contract, but is weighted heavily in our event evaluation criteria. Many places have these - but there are still some without. All upcoming awarded meets have them.
- c. Backstroke ledges - Not required, not in the contract, but is weighted heavily in our event evaluation criteria. Currently a facility limitations on availability, and continue to not require but weigh heavily as a benefit. Mission Viejo said they would have them in time for the meet and Mesa and Richmond already have them.
- d. Competition pool ladders - Require 2 per course. Make sure during bid process to ask host about this and add this topic to the Site Visit agenda.

C. Coaches

- a. Meet registration - Main goal is to get coaches programs. Pursue setting up a no-cost registration to capture coach email (for pre-event email) and get coach deck credentials. Susan I - Can we capture text messages? Thunderstorm notification! Rich G mentioned remind.com; Mattie GA - College Club - we use Remind.com.
- b. Hospitality policy - minimum 10 swimmers, need to be USMS certified coach. We have been asked to consider making hospitality more stringent to distinguish between certified and designated certified coach (someone who has paid an additional \$30 to USMS). Group discussion on the forums was that we did not want to support additional restriction. Krisie (MN) commented in agreement. Susan (Gulf) agreed, commented that this was going to USMS and NOT the host. Dan (SP) mentioned we may capture/verify certified coach status during the coaches registration process.

D. LMSC Registration trends - does a nationals create long-lasting growth? Ed Saltzman did some research and a Nationals does create a spike in the area, but it is not long-lasting. Susan I (Gulf) talked about getting more data on where does money from Nationals goes. Ed (GA) spoke to GAJA's funds. Ann (LI) - could we have some direct benefit from entry fees to SSLF? Kirk (VA) spoke about having info about this being valuable for hosting LMSCs in keeping them engaged.

E. Seeding for 200s - we did all 200+ deck seeding for 2015's nationals (both SC and LC). In San Antonio, we saved just 26 minutes over 3 days. At SPIRE, it was 90 minutes. Lesson: definitely use for LC and maybe for SC. We have continued to evaluate. Riverside we pre seeded 200s. Paul W ran the numbers and in hindsight deck seeding would have saved an hour over 3 days. Indy has 2x8 lane courses - do we deck seed the 200s?

Jeff S spoke in favor of deck seeding whenever possible. Ed S spoke that we have really executed rules well to get savings with regard to the outlier swimmers. Robert Mitchell (SP) - nice to see full heats. Lori Payne (OZ) - the time from closure to posting is short, really shouldn't be an issue. Linda (FL) commented that it would be easier to have the check-in cutoff earlier (e.g. the night before) so the first few heats knew when they were swimming when they woke up. Steve Dougherty (DV) - asked about seeding by time vs by age group. Jack G (FL) asked about the charts provided. Robert M asked about check-in for 50/100s (No, we are not interested).

MSA - Deck seed 200s and above @ Indy (Crouch, Rousseau). Motion Carries - unanimous.

F. Liability waiver - We have to fill out the waiver 3 times! Register for USMS, register for the meet and show up to the meet.

Jeff R found a document for the OEVT process that the liability covers registration and event. We are going to approach our legal counsel to ask about the requirement to complete the paper waiver at the meet if it has been done twice previously for the current registration year.

G. "Salmon run" sprint lanes - this has run in Greensboro and Riverside and very successful. Committee discussed that this would vary based on pool configuration, ladders, etc., and should be discussed with the Coaches committee (i.e. On Deck coaches), Liaison, Meet Director and Meet Referee.

H. General Meeting - we have removed this as required from the rulebook. Last meeting we had, it was 50% officials. Ed S mentioned that we have the email blasts, and can continue to use that to disseminate information. Mark M mentioned possibly having a coaches meeting.

I. Meet Contracts

a. Safety Marshals - had an sub-committee, and looking to do some sort of video message for swimmers. During our discussion, we determined that we need to make this a safety message for ALL meets, and practices for that matter. Kyle requested we come up with some sort of script and we have come up with a draft. We will proceed with presenting to the national office.

Ed S thought this was a good idea. Doug A (AZ) - USMS has created a few videos (how to circle swim, etc.). Teri (PNA) - many facilities have video boards. Sandi talked about implementation with entry process, but Dan Wegner (SP) pointed out you don't want to do anything to delay the the registration process.

b. Officials - we have presented our contract to the officials for annual review and will continue to do so.

c. Pre-event merchandise - Have continued to present options, including with Club Assistant, to have merchandise purchase options ahead of the meet and/or with registration. Meet Hosts have continued to utilize this successfully in favor of hosts and swimmers.

d. National Office role - National Office has asked to take the legwork off our hands (standardize contracts), and do much closer to the time of the bid. We do not presently have the contract for INDY, as this process is starting. Sandi expressed concern that this was not done yet.

3. Goals/Tasks for 2018

A. Potential Rules Proposals

104.5.3C(1) - altitude calculations - every four years we are supposed to update this and we are aware that 2018 rulebook is the year we need to update this

B. USMS 50th Anniversary/2020 Nationals

The 2020 summer nationals are awarded to Richmond, but the 2020 spring nationals is still open. We are interested in attracting really strong bids for this event, as the National Office is spinning this as the “50”th Anniversary. The bid packet is expected to be available in January and June 1 bids will be due for 2020 spring. We can also solicit bids for 2021 spring and summer nationals during the upcoming cycle.

4. Extras

- A. Post-Meet Survey - we send this out after the meet. Jeff R. soliciting committee members to work on possibly updating our post-meet survey questions.
 - a. Meet Program - what do you do with the meet program? It may no longer be a requirement that we have a meet program to satisfy national sponsors although hosts may still derive benefits from local sponsors.
 - b. Heat Sheets - this is the biggest expense.
- B. Rules - Carolyn Boak (Gulf, representing rules) - Meet Host may nominate the head referee, subject to approval of Officials and Championship Committee Chairs. If they do not nominate one, the Officials and Championship Chairs should collaborate in nominating someone. The key is the committee collaboration. We approve of this update.
- C. NQT discussion - what is the role of NQTs? Should we have NQTs for a specific set of events (200s+? 100s+?).
 - a. If we do something for 2018 with Indy, we would have had to have a rule change.
- D. Ed Tsuzuki thanked the committee for our work on making this years' meets and offline work.

MSA Adjourn (Saltzman, Strahota).

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Solicit committee members to work on possibly updating our post-meet survey
2. Solicit committee members to work on 2019 OOE (spring and summer)
3. Look at rulebook (104) that would be better served in policy or contract vs. rulebook. (Sandi, Natalie, Jeff S.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.