

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

The Championship Committee met on Thursday, September 25 at 1:45 PM. Attending were committee members Lisa Watson, Mary Beth Windrath, Carolyn Boak, John Daily, Keith Bell, Michael Moore, Doug Huestis, Stu Marvin, Hill Carrow, Jean Fox, Executive Committee liaison Jim Miller, and Chair Sandi Rousseau.

Sandi called the meeting to order and committee members introduced themselves. First agenda item was discussion of the 1999 Championship bids. Three SC bids were submitted and one LC bid. The LC bid was presented first. This bid was submitted by Minnesota and presented by Paul Windrath. The meet is scheduled for August 18-23, 1997 at the University of Minnesota, host of the 1993 LC Nationals. Paul discussed with the committee the possibility of running a 5 day format to reduce the length of swimming time each day. This will be presented to the House of Delegates on Friday. The committee voted unanimously to accept and endorse the Minnesota bid.

The SC bids were discussed next. There were two timely bids: Santa Clara, and Humu Masters for the University of Hawaii. One bid, Rainbow Aquatics also bidding for the University of Hawaii, was untimely. The committee voted to reject this bid because it was not timely. Another issue discussed was the fact that neither of the Hawaii bids had received the required LMSC endorsement. Due to the unusual circumstances surrounding this situation, the committee voted to waive this rule in order to consider the timely Hawaii bid (this motion was later reconsidered - see later in minutes).

The timely bids were presented to the committee. Dan Anderson presented the Humu Masters bid. This bid is for the University of Hawaii pool in Honolulu with proposed dates May 6-12, 1999. Dan reported that despite the lack of the LMSC endorsement, there is in fact significant local support for the meet. The facility includes a 50 meter pool with 8-10 competition lanes, and a 25 yard competition diving well with 8 competition lanes. Officiating would be a problem for the 8 competition lanes in the 50 meter pool without a platform, which is currently not provided. To deal with the heat, covers can be provided for the bleachers and on deck for the volunteers. Ice and aeration systems can be used to help lower the pool temperature. 4-6 warm-up lanes will be available during the meet.

Alma Guimarin and John Bitter, who will serve as meet directors, presented the Santa Clara bid. Proposed dates are May 6-9 or May 13-16. Santa Clara hosted a successful SC Championship in 1993, and any problems that were present at that time have since been corrected. The facility provides for two 10 lane courses, with depths from 5-7 feet. Santa Clara has tremendous local support and has experience at hosting large meets.

The committee, after much discussion, voted not to certify the Humu Masters Hawaii bid, citing the facility standards problems regarding officiating and water temperature, and the lack of LMSC support. The committee hopes that these problems can be corrected so that Hawaii might bid again another year.

The Santa Clara bid was unanimously approved and endorsed by the committee, citing their superior organizational skills, ample competition and warm-up lanes, and full LMSC support.

There were 2 rule proposals discussed. The committee voted to amend Rule 104.5.3B to read "Relays- Competitors shall be allowed to swim in only one freestyle relay, one medley relay, one mixed freestyle relay and one mixed medley relay of each distance offered." The second rule proposal involving changing meet formats was not deemed emergency legislation and was rejected. Carolyn and Tom Boak actually agreed on this issue!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.