

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 2	Report #: 16
Committee Chair: Mark Moore	Vice Chair: Jeff Roddin	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: 9/29/07	

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

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1. **MSA to approve the bid by Clovis, California for SC Nationals and Indianapolis, Indiana for LC Nationals in 2009.**
2. **MSA to ask the President to appoint a task force with representatives from Long Distance, Championship, Fitness, Rules, & Legislation to determine where the postal championships belong and how to best administer the tasks involved.**

Number of committee members present: 18

Absent: 2

Number of other delegates present: 24

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lisa Watson, Mark Moore (Chair), Sandi Rousseau, Jane Moore, Robin Segnitz, Barry Fasbender, Lianne Crittenden, Michael Moore, Diane Stowell, Kim Crouch, Lori Payne, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jeff Roddin (Vice Chair), Barb Protzman, Jerry Clark, CJ Rushman, Mark Gill (ex-officio), Errol Graham

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM.

1. **Nationals bids for 2009** The bids for the 2009 SC and LC Championships were presented to the House of Delegates Friday afternoon. Clovis, California presented the bid for SC Nationals and Indianapolis, Indiana presented the bid for LC Nationals. **MSA to approve the bid by Clovis for SC Nationals and Indianapolis for LC Nationals in 2009.**
2. **National Championship Award** Hill Carrow from Raleigh Area Masters asked this committee to form a subcommittee to serve in an advisory capacity for choosing the recipient of the National Championship Award, which is awarded by Raleigh Area Masters each year at the Convention. Sandi Rousseau, Carolyn Boak, Kim Crouch, and Michael Moore volunteered to serve on this committee.
3. **Task Force for Postal Championships** With the new Strategic Plan, the Long Distance Committee is being changed to the Open Water Committee, with the intent of focusing solely on open water events. Therefore, the Championship Committee has been asked to take over the pool postal championships, currently included under Long Distance. This includes the Hour Swim Postal Championship, 5 and 10k Postal Championship, and 3000 and 6000m Championship. The committee discussed this and there was concern expressed over the logistics of transferring this responsibility and the amount of time it would take to oversee these events. **MSA to ask the President to appoint a task force with representatives from Long Distance, Championship, Fitness, Rules, & Legislation to determine where the postal championships belong and how to best administer the tasks involved.** The motion was made by Carolyn Boak and seconded by Sandi Rousseau.
4. **SCM Virtual Championships** The status of the SCM Virtual Championships was discussed. Lisa Watson, Chair of this subcommittee, reported on the guidelines proposed by the subcommittee for conducting this event. There was much discussion on pros and cons from the committee and audience members. A straw poll was taken

to determine the consensus of the committee on whether to continue to pursue this idea. The vote was split, so the subcommittee was charged to continue to explore this as a possibility.

5. **Bid Coordination for Long Distance and National Championships** One objective of this committee has been to try to tie in a Long Distance Championship to Nationals, if that is possible for the meet host. Mark reported that Clovis, host of 2009 SC Nationals, will also host the 1 mile Long Distance Championship on the Monday following the National meet. The committee plans to continue to make potential National meet hosts aware of this opportunity, and work with an Open Water liaison on this issue.
6. **Nationals Meet Database** Mark Gill addressed the issue of handling the meet database for future Championships. He proposed that the National Office and the Championship Committee maintain the meet database until handing it over to the administrative referee at the beginning of the meet. Thus, the Championship Committee would be responsible for seeding the meet, creating the psyche sheet and meet sheet (working with the administrative referee) and sending the necessary parts to the meet host for heat sheet creation. This committee would also be responsible for creating and publishing the timeline. Jim Matysek, Barry Fasbender, Mark Gill, and Tom Boak will form a subcommittee to look over this database. It will also make recommendations to the Bid Packet subcommittee, which was formed in the first Championship Committee meeting at the convention.
7. **Championship Committee Conference Calls** Mark will talk with Leo Letendre, Vice President of National Operations, to discuss what days and times would be best for conducting monthly Championship Committee conference calls. He'll then report back to the committee with suggestions on what would work best.
8. **Rules Liaison at Championship Meets** Kathy Casey, Chair of Rules, suggested to the Championship Committee that a liaison from Rules be present at future Championship meets to attend all officials meetings. This committee agreed that this was a good idea.
9. **Gold Medal Sponsors** Mark Gill suggested that we should check with the IRS as to the tax credit status for Gold Medal Sponsors at National meets. The committee will seek advice from Finance on how to carry out this task.
10. **2010 National LC Championships** Mark Gill gave advance notice to the Championship Committee that San Juan, Puerto Rico is planning a bid for 2010 LC Nationals. Although that meet would not have a USMS sanction, it would be conducted as are all other National Championships, and times would still count for USMS and FINA records. Lori Payne mentioned that the University of Missouri was also planning a bid for LC Nationals in 2010.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. The Championship Committee will assist the Task Force, if approved by the President, in determining the best place for postal championships and identifying ways to administer the tasks involved.
2. SCM Virtual Championship subcommittee will continue to work on this topic.
3. The Nationals Meet database subcommittee will be reviewing current policy and making suggestions for change.
4. This committee will begin to conduct monthly teleconference calls, times and dates to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 AM.