

USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

Committee Name: CHAMPIONSHIP	Session #: 1	Report #: 10
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Sandi Rousseau	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: 9/16/10 3:15 PM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE SUPPORTS R36.
2. MSA TO MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO R41 WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING: ..."IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CLUB AFFILIATION, THE SWIMMER SHALL BE SWITCHED TO UNATTACHED STATUS REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL AFFILIATION. A SWIMMER MAY DECLARE UNATTACHED STATUS ONLY PRIOR TO SWIMMING HIS/HER FIRST EVENT."
3. MSA TO ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO R43 THAT INCLUDES THE STATEMENT ..."AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE SWIMMER."
4. MSA THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE DOES NOT SUPPORT R58.
5. MSA TO REMAIN AT THE CURRENT NQT STANDARDS FOR 2011 SC (SPRING) NATIONALS.
6. MSA TO KEEP THE CURRENT NQT STANDARDS FOR 2011 LC (SUMMER) NATIONALS.

Number of committee members present: 18

Absent: 5

Number of other delegates present: 37

Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Lisa Watson, Barry Fasbender, Jeff Strahota, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), Michael Moore, Ed Saltzman (ex-officio), Robin Segnitz, Jody Smith, Debbie Cavanaugh, Barb Protzman, Jim Clemmons, Jack Groselle, Kim Crouch, Tom Boak, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Mark Gill (ex-officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM

1. Minutes from the last 4 meetings were approved. They included the meeting held in Atlanta on May 20 and the conference calls held on August 10 (regarding the Greensboro bid for 2012), August 11 (regarding the Indianapolis bid for 2012) and August 15 (regarding the bid selection).
2. 2010 NATIONALS
 - A. Atlanta-with 1975 swimmers, this was the largest indoor nationals ever held. Meet Director Ed Saltzman and the Georgia LMSC were congratulated on running such a fine meet. Ed reported that the meet was very successful, financially profitable, and hopefully very enjoyable for the swimmers.
 - B. Puerto Rico- Mark Gill spoke to the unique aspects of the Puerto Rico meet. This was the first meet to be run by the National Office staff. There were 632 total attendees. The USMS national office had anticipated about 600 US swimmers and there were 564 US swimmers in attendance. However, there were only about 68 foreign (local) swimmers at the meet, which was less than the 200 expected. All merchandise was pre-sold, which meant no leftover inventory at the end of the meet. The shuttle was expensive (\$50), but ended up being worth the cost. There were 4 changes of venue in the Open Water swim, with the last change being only 48 hours before the event took place. This was a very social event, with a party atmosphere present throughout the meet. Mark anticipates about a \$12-15,000 profit. Tom Boak suggested that we investigate the roll of the Championship Liaison in situations like this when the National Office runs the meet, and that the local LMSC be actively involved in giving volunteer support. He concurred with Mark that Puerto Rico was a very enjoyable meet.
3. RULE CHANGES
There was discussion on the proposed rule changes that affect Championship (Section 104):

R34 is a housekeeping change.

R35 clarifies that 'annual meeting' is that 'of the House of Delegates'.

R36 deletes 'House of Delegates and the list of invitees' from the general meeting. Sandi noted that this rule change was proposed by Georgia and moved that the Championship Committee support this rule proposal. **MSA THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE SUPPORTS R36.**

R37 moves relays from the end of the last day to an earlier time slot on the last day. This would make it easier for the admin referee to compile meet results at the conclusion of the meet.

R38 concerns the 3 new meet schedules that delegates will select for nationals in 2012-2015. The proposed schedules should be presented tomorrow.

R39 is a housekeeping change.

R40 gives the Championship Committee the authority to make changes in the meet schedule. Without this authority, any requested changes in the meet schedule would have to go through Rules.

R41 allows a swimmer to only declare unattached status prior to the start of nationals. Sandi suggested that we make a friendly amendment to this rule proposal. **MSA TO MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO R41 WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING: ..."IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CLUB AFFILIATION, THE SWIMMER SHALL BE SWITCHED TO UNATTACHED STATUS REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL AFFILIATION. A SWIMMER MAY DECLARE UNATTACHED STATUS ONLY PRIOR TO SWIMMING HIS/HER FIRST EVENT."**

R42 clarifies that remaining swimmers may be seeded with an "older age group."

R43 allows the meet director to change the seed time of any event if not realistic. Currently this can only be done for deck seeded events. **MSA TO ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO R43 THAT INCLUDES THE STATEMENT ..."AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE SWIMMER."**

R44 regards distribution of meet results. It does not seem necessary to require the meet host to send hard copies of the meet results as is the current policy.

R56 is a housekeeping change.

R58 regards removing portable lifeguard chair stands during the meet. This may not be possible at a number of venues, depending on that facility's requirements. **MSA THAT THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE DOES NOT SUPPORT R58.**

4. 2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

A. Mesa- Paul Smith and Steve Hogan addressed the committee about plans for Mesa. Meet planning and preparations are going well. Paul discussed the open water event that will be conducted on Saturday morning. He asked the Championship Committee about the possibility of changing the 400 IM with the Women's 500 free, so that the 500 free would not be at the same time of the open water swim. The committee addressed some pros and cons about this possibility and will continue further discussion. Steve showed the proposed logo to the committee. The committee provided feedback regarding the logo created by the USMS National Office and selected by the hosts. Jody Smith (Championship Liaison) will follow-up on the feedback provided at the meeting.

B. Auburn- Sarah Stallkamp addressed the committee about plans for Summer Nationals 2011 at Auburn. Competition will be in the indoor LC pool, with the adjacent outdoor LC pool used for warmup. They will also be hosting an Open Water event on Sunday at Lake Martin. The logo is currently being developed.

5. 2011 NQTS

Jeff reviewed our current policy for SC Nationals, which is 10th place + 15% for sprints and 10th place + 10% for events 200 yards and up (with the average of the last 3 years). Note we use the USMS Top Ten times, not 10th place from Nationals. It had been proposed that we add an extra 1% to account for the absence of tech suits. **MSA TO REMAIN AT THE CURRENT NQT STANDARDS FOR SC (SPRING) NATIONALS.**

LC NQTS are currently calculated as 5th place + 15% for all events (with the average of the last 3 years Top Ten times). **MSA TO KEEP THE CURRENT NQT STANDARDS FOR LC (SUMMER) NATIONALS.**

6. SURVEY RESULTS

Mark Gill reported that the National Office has conducted 3 recent surveys. One addressed potential interest in Omaha for 2012. A survey was also conducted following Atlanta and Puerto Rico which looked at the economic impact on the local area from these meets. Mark reported a very favorable 45% response rate on the Atlanta survey.