

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for San Antonio, TX	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau		
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Fri, August 17, 2012		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	7	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):	Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Tyler Blessing, Kim Crouch, Jack Groselle, Ed Saltzman, Lisa Watson				
Others in Attendance from Bidder:	Jenny Carnes - San Antonio Sports, Local Organizing Committee Lead; Susan Blackwood, Executive Director, San Antonio Sports; George Block – Board Chair, San Antonio Sports; Scott Zolinski - Northside Aquatics Facility Director; Susan Ingraham, Head Coach Masters of South Texas and Meet Director				

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM Pacific Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Sandi 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. The committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and then ultimately select the winning bidders.

Question/Answer Session:

Possible 2015 Consideration: Sandi explained the committee has the ability to award Nationals up to three years out (2015) and not just for 2014. Sandi asked San Antonio about their availability to host in 2014 vs. 2015. San Antonio said they really want to host nationals and would be willing to host them in either 2014 or 2015.

Alternative Dates: San Antonio has a flexible schedule, however they were trying to host this event at the same time as the city's fiesta celebration.

Pool Construction Schedule: The new pool in this complex is now 40% complete with a completion date of May 1, 2013. Pool walls are constructed and the panels and liner are being installed, all concrete is poured, and the stands structure is in place. All monies to complete the project are in the bank and secured as required by the city of San Antonio prior to the start of the project. There are no bulkheads planned.

Competition Formats: Susan Ingraham suggested some formats for using three competition courses for distance events and still allowing many warm-up lanes.

Medical: Bidder understands the medical requirements for ambulance on site at all times and can meet this criteria.

Location of Facility in San Antonio: A brief overview of this was given. There are hotels within 5 minutes of the facility and it is about a 20 minute drive to downtown. It is located next to one of the UT campuses.

Transportation/Shuttle: A current proposal is to offer a \$30 airport shuttle that includes one shuttle to the downtown area.

Benefit to Masters: The San Antonio Sports Commission supports building the Masters program and proceeds from the meet will be shared in some manner to support the Masters' ongoing projects. There is discussion about meet promotion via introductory swim/Masters classes prior to an upcoming nationals.

Volunteers: Primarily from three sources ...Masters club with 175 swimmers, adjacent schools with community service requirements, and the Sports Commission volunteer database. They have no concerns regarding this even if running more than two courses.

Wifi: Available and free

LMSC Support: The club and facility enjoy a good relationship with the LMSC. There was no signature on the bid due to another LMSC bid that the LMSC Chair supports.

History of Hosting Masters Meets: Many Masters meets are held in this area but have not been held in this facility. USA-S meets have hosted up to 1000 entrants.

Questions from Bidder: It was asked if appropriate to consider a Masters nationals bid with the city's 2016 Olympic Trials bid. All contacts should be made via Rob Butcher .

Summary/Analysis: It was noted that the group's responses to questions was thorough. Strengths include: the possibility of four competition courses or fewer courses and up to 30+ lanes of warm-up, good local support, no USMS nationals in this location since 1978, and profits benefit the Masters group and their projects. Weaknesses include: possible weather related issues for the outdoor pool, and lack of the LMSC Chair's signature.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM Pacific Time
