

Committee Name: Championship	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Sandi Rousseau	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	August 19 8PM EST

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2014 SUMMER NATIONALS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.**
2. **MSA TO AWARD BIDS FOR 2015 SPRING AND SUMMER NATIONALS AT THIS TIME.**
3. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2014 SPRING NATIONALS TO SANTA CLARA.**
4. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2015 SPRING NATIONALS TO SAN ANTONIO.**
5. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2015 SUMMER NATIONALS TO CLEVELAND.**
6. **MSA TO MAKE A RULES PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE BID DEADLINE TO JULY 1.**

Number of committee members present: 18	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Tyler Blessing, Mark Braun, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jim Clemmons (appointed), Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Kris Houchens, Michael Moore, Patty Nardozi, Ed Saltzman, Robin Segnitz, Erin Shields, Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM EST, 7 PM CST, 6 PM MST, 5 PM PST. Due to our Conflict of Interest policy, Jeff Strahota joined the conference call after Section 1 (Summer bids), and Erin Shields & Tyler Blessing left the call after Section 2 (before Spring bids).

1. LONG COURSE (SUMMER)

The 2 bidders are Cleveland and the University of Maryland at College Park. . Pros and cons were discussed. Both are viable bids and excellent venues. Cleveland has only 6 warm up lanes, and would also have a scheduling problem in August 2014, with Cleveland hosting the Gay Games August 9-16 and Montreal hosting Worlds August 3-9 (Montreal is driving distance from Cleveland) . Cleveland proposes the dates of Sept. 11 -14 for hosting Nationals. For Maryland, their Potomac Valley LMSC has never hosted a National meet. However, LC Nationals in Baltimore was our largest long course turnout ever, so we would expect a huge attendance. There is also a concern for warm-up space (7 lanes with perhaps 2 more shallow lanes with no bottom lines), particularly anticipating a very large turnout. There is a nearby outdoor pool and Maryland has said they could possibly use that if it was felt that it was needed. Maryland has only 8 competition lanes, but they are willing to do double ended starts to help with the timeline. They are willing to do a 5 day format, if needed, as well. Kris commented that the Spire Institute in Cleveland is an outstanding facility and a beautiful campus. She was concerned that there were no nearby hotels. Sandi stated that Cleveland's proposed dates for 2014 would pose a problem. Maryland has proposed the dates of Aug 14-17, but said the dates may be flexible. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2014 SUMMER NATIONALS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.**

2. OPTION FOR AWARDING 2014 AND 2015 BIDS

Jeff reiterated this was an option available to the Championship Committee for extenuating circumstances, although we have not yet used this option. He felt this is likely a good opportunity to use this option, since we have so many excellent bids. Ed expressed his concern that there is no guarantee that the same bidders will be associated with that venue in 3 years, and that this would not be fair to potential future bidders. Lisa also expressed concern over this, and the fact that this option is not really well advertised. Mike Heather asked this committee how much additional work would need to be done for a current bidder if they rebid. Jeff stated that Indianapolis was a good example, since they lost the bid for 2012 but rebid successfully for 2013. There would still be work to be done for a rebid, since they would still need to line up hotels, recruit volunteers, etc. Erin stated that it might be good for a bidder to have that extra year to plan. Jeff pointed out that all 6 of our current bidders stated that they would be willing to bid for 2015. Sandi said we should have this option clearly stated in the bid packets for the future. Kim mentioned that San Antonio is bidding for Olympic Trials in 2016 and thought that might be a factor to consider. Sandi stated that we should make our decision regardless of Olympic Trials, since we have no idea what venue will win that bid. There was a motion and second to award bids at this time for both 2014 and 2015. The final vote was 8-7. **MSA TO AWARD BIDS FOR 2015 SPRING AND SUMMER NATIONALS AT THIS TIME.**

3. **SHORT COURSE (SPRING)**

The 5 bids for Spring 2014 Nationals are Austin, Cleveland, Mesa, San Antonio, and Santa Clara. While Cleveland had submitted bids for both Spring and Summer Nationals, it was felt that they were much better suited to hosting Summer. San Antonio turned out to be an excellent bid with 2 50m pools available, plus 2 other pools that total 13 warmup lanes. There had been concern from committee members that there was no signature from the LMSC Chair. Jeff spoke with the Chair, Ed Coates. Ed gave his reasons for not endorsing the bid- he felt that they were not really prepared (i.e. last minute bid), he was concerned that the bid was being put on by the Sports Commission rather than the local Masters team, and there had been recent problems with Masters meets in San Antonio. Jeff pointed out that this bid did indeed seem to be well prepared, with much enthusiastic support. The local Sports Commission can provide huge support to a Nationals bid, as was recently the case for Greensboro. It was felt that noted problems at recent local meets could be addressed adequately by the Championship Committee liaisons to assist the bidder in hosting a successful meet.

Kim, and Jack were on all conference calls for Spring bidders. They all felt that every bid was very strong and would make an excellent venue. Jack said that since all bids were so good, we should look at number of competitive and warm-up lanes as a determining factor. Sandi stated that she was less inclined to vote for Mesa, since we just had Spring Nationals there last year: on the other hand, it has been a number of years since Santa Clara has hosted Nationals. Santa Clara has 20 competitive lanes and 13 warm-up lanes. A concern for Austin would be limited warm-up space. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2014 SPRING NATIONALS TO SANTA CLARA.**

4. **2015 BIDS**

MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2015 SPRING NATIONALS TO SAN ANTONIO. This is a brand new venue with amazing lane space and would make a great travel destination as well. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2015 SUMMER NATIONALS TO CLEVELAND.** Both of these are brand new venues and giving them an extra year can help them with planning and giving them the opportunity to host more masters meets between now and 2015. Plus there is a better chance for the town around SPIRE to be more developed by 2015. Jeff will contact all of the bidders to let them know the outcome. Kim asked about assigning liaisons for 2014 and 2015. Jeff will probably assign two liaisons to each 2014 meet soon and assign one liaison for each 2015 meet this year and add on an assistant next year. The committee also discussed whether the 2015 winning bids should present their bid at this year's convention. It was felt that while they would be welcome to attend and promote their meet, they should wait to make their official presentation to the House of Delegates at the 2013 convention.

5. **BID DEADLINE**

Jeff said that he would like to move the bid deadline back to allow our committee more time to fully analyze and discuss the bids before making our decision. He stated that since we now actually make our decision a month before the actual convention, that we should move the bid deadline back accordingly. **MSA TO MAKE A RULES PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE BID DEADLINE TO JULY 1.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM EST, 8:23 CST, 7:23 MST, 6:23 PST.
