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| Committee Name: | Championship Interview Committee for Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA | Session #: | 1 | Report #: | 1 |
| Committee Chair: | Jeff Roddin | Vice Chair: | Kim Crouch/Erin Shields | | |
| Minutes recorded by: | Sandi Rousseau | Date/time of meeting: | Mon, August 4, 2014 | | |

Motions Passed:

1. None

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| 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, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Sandi Rousseau, Jeff Strahota Lisa Watson | | | | |
| Others in Attendance from Bidder: | Jamey Myers – Southern Crescent Aquatics Team President, Cathy Copeland – Meet Director, Rob Copeland – Georgia LMSC member and USMS Past President | | | | |

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff 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.

Question/Answer Session:

Bidder Thanks: Jeff expressed excitement about having an organization new to Masters swimming bid for a nationals.

Warm-up Lanes: The 25 yd x 25 meter dive well has 8 useable lanes with two additional lanes somewhat compromised by steps. Two remote facilities 2.7 and 5.5 miles away have been secured as available with a trolley or bus available for transport of swimmers. The shuttle would be complimentary. Bidder was advised of the need to provide an ambulance and ACLS qualified personnel at all warm-up locations and they agreed to do this if a remote warm-up site is desired. The dive well has no lines on the bottom but does have wall targets.

Touchpads: FINA size Omega touchpads will be used at the start/finish end of the pools.

Officials: Rob anticipates no problems with securing officials from the Georgia LMSC.

Volunteers: Georgia Tech enjoys an ongoing relationship with at least 150 volunteers per day available.

Attendance at Prior Masters Nationals: Representatives from the host would plan to attend San Antonio nationals.

Hospitality/Food Services: Plans for this would be about the same as in 2010. Host does have control of food choices.

Wifi: Available in the building for \$10 per week.

Parking Garage: Current rates are \$11 per day but will try to negotiate a five day pass rate.

Vendors: Current plans would be to have them on the north side of the pool.

Dorm Rooms: They will look into this but only 73 persons used this option in 2010.

LMSC Concerns: Jamey was commended for responding to concerns expressed by the LMSC and looking for alternative options and submitting a revised budget.

Pool Measurement Forms: These have not yet been received by the Championship Committee. The pool has been measured since recent resurfacing, and the document will be submitted as soon as it is received by the bidder. *Post edit: they have been received.*

Locker Rooms: Permission has been received to use larger locker rooms which almost quadruples the space available in 2010 to about 400 lockers.

Deck Bleachers: Bleachers will be set up on the deck for swimmers as in 2010.

Pool Set-up: Both courses would be set up with the turn end at a bulkhead in the middle of the pool.

Meet Dates: It was noted that the proposed dates are May 21-24, 2016 (Saturday – Tuesday). This is deliberate and due to school getting out on May 20th and the volunteer source is easily available. Alternative dates are May 26-29, 2016 (Thursday – Sunday).

Follow-up: The Championship Committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and ultimately select the winning bidders. This call is scheduled August, 10, 2014, and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders on Monday, August 15. The winners are expected to attend convention in Jacksonville and to make a presentation at the USMS House of Delegates.

The bidders left the call 9:48 a.m. Pacific Time

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: Access to volunteer groups, competition pool is excellent with 10 lanes in each course, responsiveness to LMSC concerns was good, infrastructure for transportation is good, and hotel accommodations are very reasonable in cost. Concerns include: Limited lanes for warm-up on site resulting in safety concerns and challenges with off site warm-up lanes.

The Championship Committee members involved in this interview were unanimous in concern about the limited number of warm-up lanes available on site and safety concerns related to this. It is the recommendation to not host a Spring nationals at Georgia Tech in 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
