

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 1
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Jim Clemmons, Kim Crouch
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: 10/1/2015 1:45 PM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL.**
2. **MSA TO ACCEPT THE LOGO AND AWARDS FOR GREENSBORO FOR 2016 SPRING NATIONALS.**
3. **MSA TO ACCEPT SCHEDULE X FOR THE ORDER OF EVENTS FOR GREENSBORO FOR 2016 SPRING NATIONALS.**
4. **MSA TO ACCEPT THE NQTS FOR 2016 SC NATIONALS USING THE FORUMULA FROM THE NQT FAQ.**

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 50
Committee members present: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Jim Clemmons (Vice Chair), Kim Crouch (Vice Chair), Jack Groselle, Debbie Cavanaugh, Ed Saltzman, Don Gilchrist, Jillian Wilkins, Charlie Tupitza, Mark Moore, Barry Fasbender, Sandi Rousseau, Erin Shields, Tom Boak, Pete Tarnapoll, Kyle Deery (ex-officio), Ed Tsuzuki (ex-officio)		
Committee Members Absent: Patty Nardozzi, Jeff Strahota, Paul Windrath		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL.**
2. **RECAP/DEBRIEF OF 2015 NATIONALS:** Jeff commented that this was the first group of hosts that were awarded bids 3 years out. At that time, both new hosts had brand new facilities or were not yet complete.
 - A. **SAN ANTONIO-** Scott Zolinski gave a recap of the 2015 Spring Nationals in San Antonio. He thanked the USMS organization for the opportunity to host this Nationals. He reported an excellent meet, with an excellent planning team. There were over 1800 participants, and very positive feedback was received regarding the meet. He outlined a number of positives for the meet, including an outstanding facility with plenty of deck and spectator space, ample officials, large volunteer base, professional safety staff, great social opportunities outside the meet organized by Susan Ingraham and her committee, and very supportive liaisons (Kim Crouch & Tom Boak). There were a few minor challenges, but overall the meet was a huge success. Sandi Rousseau commented that it was a nice touch to have the lifeguards behind the starting blocks looking out for the swimmers. Charlie Tupitza complimented the 'destination experience'. Don liked some of the creative ideas, such as having kids float the flags across the pool.
 - B. **SPIRE - Co-Meet Director Josh Ptak** reported on Summer Nationals at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio. There were 963 swimmers entered, representing 5 countries and 42 states. He applauded liaisons Jeff Roddin and Jack Groselle for fostering a successful working relationship. It seemed to be a well run meet, with nice perks, such as serving beer and wine on site! He thanked Pat Baker, Herb Schwab and all of the officials. Josh commented that it was a challenge in terms of recruiting officials and other volunteers with competition from the FINA meet in Russia, USA Nationals and other local age group competitions. SPIRE hopes to be able to host Nationals again in the future. David Diehl asked if other hotels might emerge in that area in the future, and Josh said that should occur over time as SPIRE hosts more and more events. Lisa Watson complimented SPIRE on a well run meet, with a wonderful, very spacious facility. She did express concern regarding the lack of safety marshals and hoped this problem would be corrected for a future bid. Jack Groselle also concurred that the meet was very well run, and gave praise to the SPIRE planning group. Ed Tsuzuki appreciated how

quickly the awards were ready after each event was completed. Other comments complimented the good food service and excellent timing system.

3. 2016 NATIONALS:REVIEW/DEBRIEF, APPROVE ORDER OF EVENTS AND AWARDS

A. GREENSBORO (SC) - Co-meet directors Don Gilchrist and Steve Weatherman presented the proposed logo and awards to the committee. Ed Saltzman moved to accept the proposed Greensboro logo. Jim Clemmons seconded the motion.

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Steve reported that Greensboro would have a pub crawl in downtown Greensboro on Thursday night and the social would be Saturday night at the Coliseum. He reported that the pool and facility have been upgraded since 2012 Nationals. They have already lined up a number of officials. Ed Saltzman asked about the flow on the deck, expressing particular concern on the congestions for relays at 2012 Nationals. Steve said they would look at ways to improve this. Meet dates are April 28 – May 1.

Kim Crouch chaired a subcommittee working on the Order of Events for 2016 Nationals. She told the audience that this was the first year that the Championship Committee was given the responsibility for setting the order of events. Two options were presented to the committee –Version X and Version W. Version X allows for the 500s to be the day after the distance day (which was not allowed until now); Version W follows the scheme as it has been for the last number of years. Tom Boak suggested switching the 100 free and 100 IM on Day 2 to avoid the 100 free going after the 500 free, and the committee agreed with his recommendation. Sandi moved that the committee accept Version X as the Order of Events for Greensboro. Jim Clemmons seconded the motion.

Don Gilchrist asked the subcommittee if Greensboro could add longer relays to the Order of Events. Kim reported that they did a time analysis from Indy (2009 LC) to estimate event durations to assess this possibility. It was decided that it would be too time consuming to add the longer relays. Tom Boak asked if swimmers would still be restricted to entering 4 relays. The question was also raised as to whether distance relays could be offered, but removed if the timeline deemed that it would add too much time to the meet. Kathy Casey reported from Rules that according to Rule 102.11.1, this would not be possible. But Rule 506.3.9 might allow the Board of Directors to suspend this rule. The committee will continue this discussion before publishing the final Order of Events.

B. OREGON (LC)- Co-meet director Tim Waud reported that they will be distributing a flyer for the meet to all members of the House of Delegates. They have 5 area hotels blocked, and the Comfort Inn will be the host hotel. They are currently working with Kyle Deery on finalizing the logo. The meet will have a 5 day format, and there will be an informal social, with the date not yet determined. Meet dates are August 17-21. They are finalizing their volunteer list at this time. There is a possibility of having an open water event the weekend before the meet.

Jeff Roddin informed the audience that the Championship Committee had recommended that Oregon use a 5 day format to help with a potentially long timeline (there were over 1100 swimmers in 2008 and very long days).

Jeff also commented that if there is a large turnout at this meet, the 6 lane warm up pool will likely be very congested. In that event, the committee may look into making changes to the requirement for a 65+ lane to 70+.

Another option would be to offer an additional warm up during the meet to help with overcrowding.

MSA TO ACCEPT VERSION X AS THE ORDER OF EVENTS FOR GREENSBORO FOR SPRING NATIONALS 2016. Kim said that the subcommittee would be submitting a proposal for an order of events for Summer Nationals 2016 in Oregon very soon.

Ed Saltzman noted that there may be extra funding available for officials for the 2016 National meets. They have requested this as a budget items in the Officials Committee.

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION CHANGES-Jeff reported that there are none that affect this committee.

5. NQTs

A. SC- Jeff reported that historically, we have calculated NQTs for SC Nationals using a 3 year average: NQTs for 50s and 100s would be 10th place + 15%; NQTs for events 200 and over would be 10th place + 10%.

Barry moved that we accept these for the NQTs for 2016 SC Nationals. Mark Moore seconded the motion.

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B. LC- Jeff suggested we wait until we establish the Order of Events with an estimated timeline for 2016 LC Nationals before deciding on those NQTs.

6. ONLINE RELAY ENTRIES

Charlie Tupitza reported on the status of the online relay entry subcommittee, which could increase relay participation and reduce the burden on coaches and meet hosts. This could also help clubs meet the 3pm deadline on the distance day. He proposed that this be an option and not a requirement, so paper entries could still be used if desired. They would still keep the current relay entry deadlines, and any online entries would be permitted to make any changes as long as it is before the entry deadline. The committee will continue to discuss this issue this fall.