

Committee Name:	Championship Committee Interview for Richmond	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch		
Minutes recorded by:	Charlie Tupitza	Date/time of meeting:	Wed, July 11, 2016; 11am EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	8	Absent:	10	Number of other delegates present:	n/a
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Barry Fasbender, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Paul Windrath, Kyle Deery, Pete Tarnapoll,					
Others in Attendance: Adam Kennedy (Executive Director), Brad Burton (dire of opps) , Scott Bennett , Dannielle Vincenti (Richmond Tourism), Jay Eckert (USMS National Office)					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. EDT

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.

Jeff thanked the bid team for submitting their bid and demonstrating an interest in supporting U.S Masters Swimming so soon after opening.

Question/Answer Session:

Track Style Starting Blocks and Backstroke Ledges

The host was asked if they plan to provide track style starting blocks and backstroke ledges for the event. They do not have these in the plans for the event.

8 Lanes or Ten lanes (Omaha had 10-lane pool):

The Trials pool was 10-lanes but was reconstructed as 8-lanes.

Ambulance Service:

They will meet the need for on site ambulance

Parking:

No charge for parking at the meet

Preference For 2018 or 2019 event:

They have no preference and have verified no other large events are planned for the city during either year at this time.

Staff if they choose 5-day event with Open Water Swim Sunday:

They were asked if the same people would be used for the open water swim as volunteers. Open Water plans are still in discussion.

Social Event Price:

Confirmed they are currently at \$65 because they want a good experience. They were informed that they could change their minds without affecting the evaluation.

Hotel Shuttle:

The shuttle will run from the host hotel to the pool only. Other hotels are near enough to walk to host hotel.

Distance from water to top of block:

Water to top of block is 26". Sides are at water level, easy to get out.

Revenue from meet:

There are 120 elementary schools in Richmond area, 57 now served with learn to swim program for 2nd graders. They wish to expand this to others. History has told them that the program ignites community to support.

Concessions:

Provide Health Food

Extra Common Area to support event:

2000 Sq Ft Air conditioned tent to be used with elevated floor to support extra area for swimmers.

Micro Breweries:

There are 15 craft breweries, 2 Cider Mill and 2 distilleries in Richmond
Five offer walking tours; one is Stone Brewery from San Diego.

Traffic for Vendors Space:

Vendor area is with major traffic flow and obvious

They asked what support the committee would provide:

We told them they would have a liaison and lots of email support.
They were asked to come to the long course meet in the prior year for extra support.

They asked about sponsorship:

As long as sponsors do not conflict with USMS corporate sponsors they are ok. Asked for a title sponsor.
We told them there is no contract in place yet and we can discuss in the future.

They asked about "gold medal" sponsorship:

Told host has a lot of latitude and can make money. Told one event made \$10k on it.
Does not have to be called Gold Medal sponsorship.

Pool temp can be maintained:

80 degrees normal and 78 for championship meets. Can be held within .5 degrees, there is a separate water system for warm up pool and can be set for different temp.

Water Quality:

3 hr turn over allows them to use less chlorine for better air quality, have UV system too.

Near by stores:

Shopping within walking for groceries and other stores.

Largest Meet:

Annual East Zone USA swim championships, 1,100 to 1,200 swimmers and parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am EDT
