

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name:	Championship	Session	#1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Jim Clemmons
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	9/27/2018, 3:15pm

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. Approved minutes from the four bidder conference calls (Federal Way, Greensboro, San Antonio, Sarasota) and two committee conference calls (July 11, July 18)
2. Approved Mesa 2019 Spring Nationals medal design
3. Approved Mission Viejo 2019 Summer Nationals medal design

Number of committee members present: 17

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 48

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (Chair), Jim Clemmons (Vice Chair), Nicole Christensen-Rembach, Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht, Robert Heath, Linda Irish Bostic, Cheryl Kupan, Krisie Melsen, Mark Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Charlie Tupitza, Jay Eckert (NO), Casey Keiber (NO)..

Committee Members Absent: Erin Moro, Peter Tarnapoll, Ali Hall (ExO), Peter Guadagni (ExO)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm EST.

1. Approve Minutes from last meeting(s) as required. Motion by Ed Saltzman, 2nd by Charlie Tupitza to approve the minutes.
All voted in favor, none opposed. No discussion. Motion carries.
2. Recap of 2018 Spring Nationals at Indianapolis, IN (Michelle, Dean & Mel)
Stats:
--2,376 swimmers well above the previous Nationals at Indianapolis {1738, 1390,1564 and 1633 in 1998, 2000, 2004, 2013 and 2018, resp.}. Indy was estimating ~1,500 swimmers
--47 National records were set
--268 Teams
--474 Volunteers: recognizable with red shirts; we gave groups a \$500 stipend if they recruited 16 or more volunteers
--6th event was dropped
--Warm up times were earlier and started on time with the exception of Thursday, when the EMT got lost. Opened up 3 sprint lanes in both pools during the general warm-up period that we thought was helpful
--Back Warm up pool was reconfigured for more space (12 x 25m lanes)
--Feedback from coaches, swimmers and volunteers was across the board very positive.
--USMS (Casey Keiber) was very helpful in managing the meet entries and the meet was obviously promoted very well
--With the large number of swimmers, there was going to be increase foot traffic on deck, so we didn't allow chairs on deck. Safety marshalls & On deck coaches managed it very well, added additional signage inside & outside the pool to help

swimmers find out where to go--Locker rooms were far from perfect and told volunteers to not use them and one locker room was being renovated, but fell behind schedule

--Parking: we had access to 3 garages on campus; our recommendation going forward would be to have the garage manage the process

--Didn't have enough backstroke ledges and had to do some work so they would fit the block; unexpected expense

--Medical staff & Lifeguards were stationed in a central location

--Registration: would like to make a recommendation to possibly have a "digital" registration with the meet programs, sign the waiver and digital goodie bag. More & more people are printing off their meet programs from the web and having this would reduce this expense

--Meet officials: Great rapport with officials

Recommendation if the applications for officials can be earlier in the process; the delay in the recruiting and sign-up. Issue job assignments ahead of time.

--Hytek Operator (Herb) was superb.

--Contract obligations: Good presence of partners with USMS and sponsors. Recommendation to offer event merchandise sales through an existing USMS partner

--Massage area was full, 9 tables, 1 chair and a coordinator who could contact therapists when needed

--Announcers were great & set a positive, fun atmosphere. Long time favorite, Mark Gill returned, as well as Rowdy Gaines & Mike Miles

--Awards: Separate room that worked well; pick up your sticker and go to the table for your award. There was a person who stole awards by picking up other people's medals; we found out who it was and were able to stop him. We did run out of ~30 4th to 10th place medals.

--Teams: for those that win team banners, we suggest maybe having a digital banner that you can use over & over (i.e., like a gold club team).

--Hotels: we had a solid number of hotels offering meet rates

--2 Socials: Friday afternoon – Racing Tour, Friday night – baseball game.

Neither were as well as attended as thought. The meet got over late Friday, and the buffet was closed by the time some got to the game.

--Hospitality: (Mel) expectations are too high - difficult to offer full meals all throughout the day to custom fit swimmers' individual schedules. (Michelle) Swimmers had punch cards, volunteers were recognized by their red shirts

3. Review/Discuss 2019/2020 Nationals

A. 2019 Spring Nationals at Mesa, AZ (Erin, Suzanne)

Awards: design was reviewed online prior to convention. MSA to approve the medal design.

The pool will be undergoing a resurfacing renovation and the Spring Nationals will be the first competition post-reno. Jim Clemmons: you will recertify the pool? Erin: Yes.

--Hotels: there are 14 hotels that will offer USMS rates. List will be published on the USMS website today or tomorrow

--New light rail system you can take to downtown Mesa from the airport.

Q: Will there be shade? Erin: Yes, the bleachers are shaded. There will be a grassy field and teams can rent pop-up tents

Jeff: Order of Events

--We're leaning toward swimmers can enter both 1000 and 1650, but must have NQT for 1650.

--The Adobe format was the preferred line up; will table approving the order of events for now.

B. 2019 Summer Nationals at Mission Viejo, CA (Mark Moore)

Awards: design was passed around. Motion by Sandi Rousseau, 2nd by Cheryl Kupan to approve the medal design. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

--The pool has been renovated, a new Colorado timing system + scoreboard and will be installing a new chiller system to keep the pool at 78-80 degrees.

--Parking: due to limited parking, we will have an offsite lot with free shuttles to the pool

--5 day format, possibly with 1 day all relays on Friday

--Beer garden, in fact the City recommended it

- Canopy rentals will be available
- Friday night social at the lake w/bands
- Staff: same crew from past 2 nationals in 2005+2013

C. 2020 Spring National at Richmond, VA

- Bought a trials pool & built around it
- New, large scoreboard installed last week

4. Proposed Legislations/Rules as they pertain to the Championships Committee

- No discussion

5. NQT's

A. 80-84 Age group: 85 and older doesn't have NQT's, do we need NQTs for the 80-84 age group? No discussion.

B. Distance vs. Sprint: 50s & 100s we can run all day and not requiring NQTs for these races won't make much a difference in the timeline. 200's and above, maybe require NQTs.

--This year we should take a closer look at NQT's and their impact on the timeline.

Q: Jeff Strahota: maybe start in 2021 some sort of enforcement mechanism of those who make NQT's

--When results are submitted to database, have some way to notify a swimmer when they make an NQT.

Mel: FINA enforced NQTs and added a column where did you make your NQT as part of the online entry system? They saw 15-20% less entries at Budapest.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Mesa Order of Events
2. Mission Viejo Order of Events
3. NQTs

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm
