

Committee Name:	Championships Committee Conference Call: 2021 USMS National Site Selections	Vice Chair:	Erin Moro
Committee Chair:	Jim Clemmons	Date/time of meeting:	July 15, 2019 8:05pm EST
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan		

Motions Passed:

- 1) Motion to consider awarding 2022 USMS Spring & Summer Nationals was approved.
- 2) Motion to award the 2021 USMS Spring Nationals to Greensboro, NC was approved. Dates of event: April 29 - May 2, 2021.
- 3) Motion to award the 2021 USMS Summer Nationals to the Spire Institute in Ohio was approved. Dates of event: Aug 5 – Aug 8, 2021

Motions Not Passed:

- 1) Motion to award the 2021 USMS Summer Nationals to North Charleston, SC was not approved.

Number of Board & Committee members present: 13

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jim Clemmons, Erin Moro (not present for 2021 Summer Nationals discussion), Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht, Rob Heath, Linda Irish Bostic, Cheryl Kupan, Jeff Roddin, Sandy Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor and Jillian Wilkins

Number of the USMS Nat'l Office Employees present: 2

Jay Eckert and Onshalee Promchitmart

MINUTES:

- 1) **WELCOME & CONFERENCE CALL CALLED TO ORDER** (Jim Clemmons): The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm EST.
- 2) **REVIEW & QUESTIONS ON THE BID COMPARISONS** (Jim Clemmons)

Ed Saltzman: Is there really a difference between “wall to wall” vs. “bulkhead to wall” vs. “bulkhead to bulkhead?” With a bulkhead some say targeting the wall is difficult if a pool has multiple lines on the bottom of the pool. Some people thought Mesa, AZ (wall to wall) was confusing to find the wall.

Jim Clemmons: What do you think of the geography score based on distance from the prior nationals? I arbitrarily picked the distances:

- 0 if <750 miles
- 1 if between 750-1500 miles
- 2 if >1500 miles

We definitely need to evaluate the location as far as distance from recent nationals but whether there needs to be a specific mileage factor stated might be debatable. The ratings above putting some weight on this is probably fine. Most agree that trying to award the bids in different areas (East, Central or West) should still be considered.

A separate discussion that Jay mentioned was tabled until Convention or another conference call. His comments were regarding a set list of 6-7 premiere facilities for nationals to be used and rotated versus the current bidding system and possibly invite new sites occasionally as the need arose to augment the others.

Sandy Rousseau: With the bids we have this year, I think it's an ideal situation where we could award 2021 and 2022.

2021: Spring to Greensboro (East) and Summer to Spire (Central)

2022: Spring to either Texas A+M or Federal Way and Summer to N. Charleston or Sarasota

Motion by Sandy Rousseau to consider awarding both 2021 & 2022 based on the bids received this year, Seconded.

Discussion: Make sure the contracts for 2021 meet hosts are signed prior to announcing and make sure the bidders not chosen for 2021 can secure similar dates for 2022 before we can considering awarding them the meet and make sure that no one discusses who won 2021.

Voting: 8 Yes, 4 No. Motion passes.

3) 2021 USMS SPRING NATIONALS

Jeff Roddin: Makes the motion to award 2021 USMS Spring Nationals to Greensboro, NC.

2nd by Barry Fasbender and Sandy Rousseau. Discussion: none.

Voting: 10 Yes, 2 No. Motion passes.

4) 2021 USMS SUMMER NATIONALS

Erin Moro: Before you discuss this I am not going to be part of the discussion, but if you decide to award 2022 I'd like to be part of that discussion. (Jay Eckert agreed to text Erin back).

Jeff Strahota: Makes the motion to award 2021 USMS Summer Nationals to N. Charleston, SC.

2nd by Ed Saltzman & Cheryl Kupan. Discussion: Geographically this puts both 2021 nationals in the Eastern region, with 2020 also in the Eastern region (Richmond, VA).

Voting: 3 Yes, 8 No. Motion fails.

Sandy Rousseau: Make a motion to award 2021 USMS Summer Nationals to the Spire Institute in

Ohio. 2nd by Jeff Roddin. Discussion: none.

Voting: 12 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.

Ed Saltzman: I suggest we approach N. Charleston to host 2022.

Cheryl Kupan: Shouldn't we approach all the bidders that didn't win and offer to have them bid again?

Jim Clemmons: I will contact all the bidders in the next few days and encourage them to bid again for 2022.

2022 USMS NATIONALS – While the motion was made to consider and possibly award 2022, it was determined that we will wait for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm