

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1996
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 by Sandi Rousseau, Chairman.

Committee members attending were: Sandi Rousseau, Lisa Watson, Mary Beth Windrath, Hill Carrow, Carolyn Boak, Stu Marvin, Jim Miller, Emmett Hines, Doug Huestis, Jean Fox, and John Dailey.

1998 Championship bids were presented and discussed. Since no in-area bids for either short course or long course were received by the August 12 deadline, all bids made either before or after that date were considered equally.

Four bids, listed in order of presentation, were made for 1998 Short Course Nationals:

- 1) Tempe, Arizona- John Moxie, presenter
- 2) Indianapolis, Indiana- Mel Goldstein, presenter
- 3) Nashville, Tennessee- John Morse, presenter
- 4) Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii-Norm Skorga, presenter

The Championship Committee reviewed each bid after the presentations. All bids were certified, but the Honolulu bid was not considered acceptable unless the meet hosts can guarantee that bulkheads or scaffolding can be provided for proper officiating during the meet. The Committee voted to recommend Indianapolis to the House of Delegates, citing such factors as meet experience of the meet hosts, local volunteer support, easy access to hotels, ample warmup space, and overall excellence of the Indianapolis facility.

Three bids were presented for 1998 Long Course Nationals:

- 1) Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii- Norm Skorga, presenter
- 2) Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii- Norm Skorga, presenter
- 3) Ft Lauderdale, Florida- Stu Marvin, presenter

All bids were certified. Both Hawaii bids were presented by Hawaii Sports. The Committee suggested that this organization present just one of these bids to the House of Delegates, as the two bids would end up competing with each other for votes. After reviewing the bids, the Committee voted to recommend Ft Lauderdale to the House of Delegates, citing their meet experience and the facility's ability to run two 10 lane courses throughout the meet.

The Committee also voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that at future conventions, the voting for Championship bids should take place during the Saturday session rather than on Friday evening. This would give delegates more time to really think about each bid before voting.

Sandi announced that Orlando, host of the 1997 Long Course Nationals, wants to offer a 5 day format. This would allow participants to compete in both the 800m and 1500m freestyle events. It would also mean that 400m and 800m relays could be included in the meet format as well. This decision is pending, based on the outcome of Rule Proposal 28, which gives the Championship Committee the flexibility of approving a 5 day meet format.

Hill Carrow reported on the annual Meet Director's award. In the past, this award has been given to one meet director from the previous year's two National Championships. North Carolina Masters, presenter of this award, would like to change this award to be designated as a National Meet award, given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to his/her local Masters area.

Carolyn Boak is submitting additional rule proposals to limit entries in the 1500m and 1650yd events at Nationals. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Watson