

**1998 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 1998**

ACTION ITEMS

****** The committee decided to send its approval of all 3 SC bids to the House of Delegates, acknowledging the above concerns.**

****** The committee decided to recommend Baltimore for LC, citing the additional warm-up space available and the years of experience at running Masters meets.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee members present: 13

Committee members absent: 4

Total number of delegates present: 45

MINUTES

I. 2000 SC BIDS

The committee heard presentations from 3 bidders for SC Nationals:

Arizona State in Tempe, Arizona-presented by Mike Chasson

Phoenix Swim Club in Phoenix, Arizona-presented by Troy Dalbey

IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Indiana-presented by Mel Goldstein

After the bids, the committee discussed some potential concerns. Concerns about the Arizona State bid included LMSC support and specifics of the meet organization. The on-site warm-up area at Phoenix Swim Club was felt to be suboptimal: Troy Dalbey stated that his club was in negotiations for an additional warmup area close to the pool, but this was not secured at the time of the bid presentation.

The committee decided to send its approval of all 3 bids to the House of Delegates, acknowledging the above concerns. The House of Delegates will be asked to vote on these bids. The bid with the fewest votes will be dropped and the delegates will then vote between the two remaining bids.

II. 2000 LC BIDS

The committee heard presentations from 2 bidders for LC Nationals:

Chatham County Aquatic Center in Savannah, Georgia-presented by Robbin White

University of Maryland Baltimore County in Baltimore, Maryland- presented by Barb Protzman

The committee decided to recommend Baltimore, citing the additional warm-up space available and the years of experience at running Masters meets.

**1998 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 1998**

ACTION ITEMS

****** THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE VOTED TO HAVE THE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE DESIGNATE A MEET LIASION FOR EACH CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.**

****** IT WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE DEVELOP A LONG RANGE PLAN TO CERTIFY USMS OFFICIALS.**

****** THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED THE USE OF INTERNET ENTRIES FOR FUTURE NATIONALS.**

****** THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE VOTED TO HAVE NATIONALS RESULTS AND SPLITS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET.**

****** IT WAS DECIDED TO DO A RANDOM SURVEY OF TOP TEN SWIMMERS REGARDING NATIONALS.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee members present: 15

Committee members absent: 2

Total number of delegates present: 40

MINUTES

I. RULES PROPOSALS

Sandi Rousseau reported on rules submitted by Championship that had been discussed and acted upon by the Rules Committee. R28, R32, & R33 were all approved by the Rules Committee. R10, R16, & R17 were approved as amended. R14, which offered the opportunity to have trials and finals at Masters meets, was reworded to add the phrase "for yards only", since the FINA rule governing all meters courses only allows timed finals. This was sent back to the Rules Committee for approval. R30 referred to the proposed Nationals schedules. Paul Windrath proposed some adjustments to Schedule 5 and Schedule 2: these were approved by the Championship Committee, and will go back to Rules for their approval. A recommendation was made to amend R36 regarding relay entries to increase the relay fee for all relay entries to \$12. This was approved. After much discussion on R37, which regarded seeding procedures, the Committee voted to have this rule deleted from the rule book. R39, which concerned multiple courses at Nationals, had been approved as amended, deleting the words "meet liaison." The Championship Committee voted to formally establish that our policy designates the meet director, meet liaison, and Championship Committee chairman to represent this body in making decisions regarding the meet. Should there be a disagreement among these

representatives, then the entire committee should be polled and included in the decision process. It was also noted that the term "meet liaison" is not defined in the rule book glossary.

II. UPDATE ON SC NATIONALS 1999 IN SANTA CLARA

Meet director Alma Guimaron showed the committee the medals proposed for the meet, which were approved by the committee. Plaques will be used for the team awards. Assuming that the proposed Order of Events schedules are approved by the House of Delegates, Santa Clara prefers to use Schedule 1. Hy-Tek will be used. Shuttle service will be provided from 2 hotels to the meet. Carolyn Boak will serve as the meet liaison.

III. UPDATE ON LC NATIONALS 1999 IN MINNEAPOLIS

Paul Windrath, who will serve as meet director, presented the medals proposed for the meet, which were approved by the committee. As team awards, pins will be given to all team members registered at the meet for each team receiving an award: the Championship Committee thought this was a nice idea to offer something to every team member. Each pin will have the designation of 1, 2, or 3rd place & the name of the team award. Local resources to run the Hy-Tek system were approved. Championship approved Paul's revised Order of Events. Sandi Rousseau will serve as meet liaison.

IV. REVIEW OF SC NATIONALS 1998 IN INDIANAPOLIS

Sandi Rousseau was meet liaison for Indianapolis and reported this to be a top caliber meet, with 1741 swimmers attending. Two issues were focused upon. Indianapolis had a separate lane set aside during warm-ups for swimmers 65+ in age. This idea was very well received, and suggested as a standard practice for future meets. There were two separate warm-up pools available at the meet, with different water temperatures. This was also well received by the swimmers: it was suggested that at future Nationals where more than 1 warm-up pool is available, it would be nice to have them at different temperatures if possible.

Mel Goldstein, meet director for Indianapolis, spoke about the shuttle service. It was acknowledged that there were some problems with the shuttle service on the first day, which were then corrected. Mel also stated that the shuttle service was used by only a small number of people and questioned whether this service was still deemed necessary. One suggestion was to charge a small fee, such as \$2, to use the shuttle. The Championship committee felt that, while this service is not mandated, it is beneficial to those who need it. Having fewer hotels on the shuttle service would make that service more efficient and appealing to the swimmers. 1999 meet hosts will track usage for further input.

V. REVIEW OF LC NATIONALS 1998 IN FT LAUDERDALE

Hill Carrow was the meet liaison. He gave the Ft Lauderdale meet, run by meet director Stu Marvin, an excellent rating, citing such advantages as the ideal setting, early ending times each day, availability of 2 course, and ample warm-up space. There was 1 protest regarding relay check-in procedures. Stu noted that many relays may have not known the timeline for check-in, since relay information was sent only to the team representative. It was suggested that relay information should be included in SWIM magazine. There were some comments about officiating. **THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE VOTED TO HAVE THE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE DESIGNATE A MEET LIASION FOR EACH CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.** The officials liaison would attend all officials meetings at Nationals, and work with the officials on rule differences **IT**

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VI. REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A) Internet entries

Both 1999 Nationals meet directors would like the opportunity use the internet for meet entries. The USMS insurance carrier has approved the use of an electronic signature, with the provision that each internet entrant sign a hard copy at check-in for the meet. A big advantage of the internet entry is that it would be error-free, since the computer will not accept any mistakes. The electronic entries will go directly into the Hi-Tek system, which would be a huge timesaver in terms of processing entries. **THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED THE USE OF INTERNET ENTRIES FOR FUTURE NATIONALS.** The committee recommends that the 1999 meet hosts present costs and figures of using this service to next year's convention for review. Meet entrants may still mail in entries.

B) E-mail check-in for distance events

The committee discussed the possible use of e-mail as a means of check-in for distance events. There was concern about adding a third form of check-in for the meet host to coordinate. Another concern was that many e-mail addresses are vague, and it may not be possible to identify the swimmer in this manner. The committee decided not to recommend this item.

C) Internet results/splits

Jim Matysek, chair of the computer on-line committee, stated that he would be willing to have this available to swimmers. **THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE VOTED TO HAVE NATIONALS RESULTS AND SPLITS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET.**

D) Relay procedures

There was more discussion on proposed relay procedures. There was some concern that if Rule 36 is passed, a relay will not be allowed to change age groups or time, as each relay will only be entered once. Consequently, the Championship Committee decided to recommend to Rules that 104.5.4 B4 have the last sentence deleted from the rule book.

VII. MEET CONTRACT

Contract is currently being revised in conjunction with the Executive Committee. Sandi will distribute a copy to all committee members for review within the next week.

VIII. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MISSION

There was much discussion as to whether we are meeting the needs and desires of all Masters swimmers. There was debate as to whether our Nationals are "quality championships" and/or "national gatherings." Members expressed varied opinions on this topic. **IT WAS DECIDED TO DO A RANDOM SURVEY OF TOP TEN SWIMMERS REGARDING NATIONALS.**

At a closed meeting of the committee, it was decided that the Arizona State bid for 2000 SC Nationals was not certifiable due to lack of LMSC endorsement.