

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2011**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. MSA TO ADD SECTION IN MEET DIRECTOR'S GUIDE ON HOSPITALITY GUIDELINES.**
- 2. MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2013 SC NATIONALS TO INDIANAPOLIS.**
- 3. MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2013 LC NATIONALS TO MISSIONI VIEJO WITH A 5 DAY FORMAT, WITH THE ORDER OF EVENTS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.**

The Championship Committee Conference Call meeting convened on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 8 PM Eastern. Members attending the call were: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Tyler Blessing (2<sup>nd</sup> half of call), Tom Boak (appointed), Debbie Cavanaugh, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Mark Moore (1<sup>st</sup> half of call), Michael Moore, Patty Nardozi, Robin Segnitz, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), and Lisa Watson. The main purpose of this call was to choose the winning bids for the 2013 National meets.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Sandi pointed out a spelling error from the June 22 minutes which Lisa will correct. MSA to approve the June 22 meeting minutes.**
- 2. MSA to approve the minutes from the July 28 and July 31 meetings.**

**2013 SC (SPRING) NATIONALS**

Jeff gave a brief summary of the SC subcommittee's findings on the Austin and Indianapolis bids from the July 28<sup>th</sup> call. Potential problems with Austin were the lack of warm-up space (only 10 lanes available) and the southern location, as all SC meets since 2007 have been in the southern half of the country. The SC subcommittee had no concerns regarding Indianapolis in their ability to host a successful meet. It had been noted that food for Hospitality at their last Nationals was inadequate. This was discussed with the Indy bidders, and they agreed and said the food quality would be improved if they were to host again. Jack suggested that our committee come up with minimum requirements for Hospitality for future meet hosts. Debbie concurred that we need to have written guidelines for this and suggested it be included in the meet contract. It was noted that while it would be nice to be able to have guidelines for Concessions as well, this would be harder to mandate, since Concessions are often run by a separate group. Ed commented that in Atlanta concessions were run by a separate group, but the meet hosts met with them months prior to the meet to suggest specific food items. Jeff said this should all be in the Meet Director's guide. Sandi suggested we include some sample menus. Tom, who is the Omaha meet director, informed the committee that the cost of Gold Medal Sponsorships would be much higher in Omaha. He will be going to Omaha the weekend of Oct 22-24 and would like to have these guidelines available when he meets with the Hospitality and Concessions representatives. Sandi suggested we get feedback from previous Nationals who

ran successful Hospitality services for ideas on what to include in these guidelines. **MSA TO ADD SECTION IN MEET DIRECTOR'S GUIDE ON HOSPITALITY GUIDELINES.** Of the 2 SC bids presented, the SC subcommittee recommended Indianapolis for 2013, stating that Austin would certainly be a viable bid for the future. The Championship Committee unanimously agreed with the subcommittee's recommendation. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2013 SC NATIONALS TO INDIANAPOLIS.**

#### **2013 LC (SUMMER) NATIONALS**

Mark Moore left the call at this time. Tyler Blessing came on the call. The 2 bids for LC Nationals are Mission Viejo and San Antonio. Jeff summarized the LC subcommittee's findings from the July 31<sup>st</sup> conference call. Mission Viejo has proven to be a successful meet host, hosting LC Nationals in 2005. Their geographic location is also favorable- the last LC Nationals on the west coast was in 2008 in Portland. Jeff did mention an offline complaint that was directed at Mission Viejo for hosting a Zone meet 1 week after LC Nationals in Auburn- the rule book states that regional meets should not be held this close to a National event. Jeff discussed this with Mission Viejo and the SPMA Chair- they were aware of the rule, but due to a scheduling shift of the USA meets in southern California this summer, this week was their only option to have this event. Jeff noted that San Antonio was a new bidder, which is a plus since we want to encourage new bids. Concerns included lack of warm-up space (6 lanes) and the feeling that San Antonio was not fully prepared for their bid presentation. There had been concerns raised about the width of the bulkhead area, but it was discovered that a number of large meets have been held successfully there, and there was sufficient space. Jack commented that he was very impressed with the River Walk and thought San Antonio would make a great vacation destination. Jeff noted that this was discussed by the LC subcommittee and they agreed that San Antonio could be a very appealing bid for the future. Of the 2 bids, the LC subcommittee recommended Mission Viejo for 2013 LC Nationals, noting that San Antonio could certainly be a viable future bid. The Championship Committee had some discussion on the 5 day order of events proposed for Mission Viejo. The committee felt that some adjustments might need to be made in their proposed schedule. The Championship Committee selected Mission Viejo as the winning bid with a vote of 13-1. **MSA TO AWARD THE BID FOR 2013 LC NATIONALS TO MISSION VIEJO WITH A 5 DAY FORMAT, WITH THE ORDER OF EVENTS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.** Jeff will contact IGLA about the concern of the 2013 IGLA meet conflicting with the Mission Viejo dates. Jeff also informed the Committee that the Pan Am meet would be held in June 5-10, 2013 in Sarasota, but the committee felt this would not be a conflict, since there are 2 months between the events and they are located on opposite coasts. Debbie suggested we get feedback from the bidders on the bidding process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM Eastern.  
Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Watson