

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Sarasota, Florida	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch/Erin Shields		
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	Tuesday, August 5, 2014		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	8	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):	Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Patty Nardozi, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Lisa Watson				
Others in Attendance from Bidder:	Rachel Bowman – Local Organizing Committee				

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Jeff explained the purpose of the call as an opportunity for committee members to ask questions that were left unexplained in the bid or that needed further explanation as well as for bidders to ask any questions that they might have. It was explained that the Championship Committee now selects the host for each national championship meet.

Question/Answer Session:

Lead Organizations/Financial Responsibilities: Sarasota Y Sharks USMS club. Rachel Bowman of the Local Organizing Committee explained that they will run one 8-lane course for the August 10-14, 2016 meet. She said that they had a great volunteer base because they treated their volunteers well. They learned many lessons from the 2013 Pan-American Masters Championship. For example, know how many volunteers you need (they needed 800 volunteers for that meet).

Temperature and Humidity: They use a Symbiont Geothermal system to keep the pool temperature between 79-80 degrees. They have no problem with pool temperature in the summer.

Lightning Detector: If the current in the air within 7 miles of the site is too large an alarm sounds. They will then tell the swimmers where to go. They prefer a 5 day meet because thunder storms generally do not come in until after 4 pm.

Warmup Pools: The outdoor warm up pool is the same temperature as the completion pool; the pools are separated by a bulkhead. The outdoor warm up pool is in the diving well part of the pool. The indoor warmup pool is a 3 minute walk away. It is kept at 84-85 degrees. They may be able to drop the temperature. The building the indoor pool is in is not air conditioned. The air is the same temperature as water in that building.

Share: Most of the bleachers are shaded: they are covered on south side and north side. Tents can be used if needed.

Scoreboard: The scoreboard is location on the SE corner of pool

Starting End for 50's: All 50's should start at bulk head end because there is only room for timers at the other end.

Course Measurement: They use a tape rather than laser to measure the length before and after each session.

Short Course Nationals: They were asked if they considered bidding for Spring Nationals. They could get volunteers but deck space would be tight for a large Short Course Nationals.

Officials: They have a good base for officials; they treat them well. There are lots officials in the area who like to work their meets.

Check List for Hosts: The Championship liaison for the meet will help the host. The Meet Contract lists the host responsibilities. The Meet Directors Guide provides details on running a Masters National Championship.

Follow-up: The Championship Committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and ultimately select the winning bidders. This call is scheduled August, 10, 2014, 7 pm eastern (4 pm pacific) and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders on Monday, August 15. The winners are expected to attend convention in Jacksonville and to make a presentation at the USMS House of Delegates.

The bidder left the call at 9:51 a.m. Pacific Time.

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: Competition pool is excellent with 8 lanes and there are 12 warmup lanes. Host has run large meets. They have a great volunteer group. Five day meet—shorter days. Concerns include: No national experience. The completion pool area can be very hot and humid this time of the year. Thunder storms can cause a delay in the meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
