

USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: Championship

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Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson Date/time of this meeting: September 17 8 AM

ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

No items listed in this section.

ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

1. **MSA to submit an emergency rules proposal that would allow the Championship Committee to determine the entry fees for Nationals.**
2. **MSA to set up a subcommittee to look further at NQTs for LC Nationals.**
3. **MSA to set up a task force to look at the current bid package and suggest revisions the this committee.**

Committee Chair: Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair: Jerry Clark

Number of committee members present: 19 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 25

Committee members present: Lisa Watson, Debbie Cavanaugh, Steve Newman, Heather Hagadorn, Errol Graham,,Jane Moore, Barb Protzman, Kristy King, Carolyn Boak, Diane Stowell, Tom Spence, Mark Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Jeff Roddin, Jerry Clark, Mark Gill, Mel Goldstein, Laura Winslow, Barry Fasbender.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 8 AM

1. ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY RULES PROPOSAL REGARDING SURCHARGE AT NATIONALS

Since the Rules Committee indicated that they would endorse an emergency rules proposal that allows the Championship Committee to set the policy for the Nationals surcharge and entry fees.

ACTION ITEM- MSA to submit an emergency rules proposal that would allow the Championship Committee to determine the entry fees for Nationals. This would replace Article 104.5.4D, (1) through (3) on page 45 in the Rule Book regarding Entry Fees at National Championships. The new proposal states "USMS may establish entry fees to help the meet sponsor pay meet expenses and earn additional funds. The Championship Committee shall determine the entry fees." Rationale is that this takes details out of the Rule Book and allows the Championship Committee to make a policy change on the entry fees as needed without being restricted by the two year window for non-emergency rule changes. Any changes in entry fees would be included in the convention minutes for the Championship Committee, which would require a majority approval by the HOD. If this rule proposal passes the HOD, the Championship Committee will withdraw it's previous proposal which simple lists a new surcharge of \$40. Sandi Rousseau made a motion that if this rule proposal passes, the Championship Committee should set a surcharge of \$40, individual entry fees of \$4, and relay fees of \$12 starting in r2006.

ACTION ITEM- MSA to set a Nationals surcharge of \$40, individual entry fees of \$4, and relay fees of \$12 starting in 2006, should the Rule Proposal 104.54D as listed above pass the HOD.

2. NATIONAL QUALIFYING TIMES FOR LC NATIONALS

There was discussion regarding the stricter LC time standards that were set last year for Mission Viejo. These standards were 5th place from National Top Ten standings + 11%. Carolyn Boak suggested we increase the percentage to 13% to ease the standards a little bit, which seemed to have more impact on the older age groups. Jeff Roddin suggested eliminating NQTs for 75 and up. Steve Newman was concerned that NQTs were not enforced and suggested setting a penalty for swimmers who did not make the NQT.

ACTION ITEM-MSA to set up a subcommittee to look further at NQTs for LC Nationals. Jeff Roddin, Carolyn Boak, Kristy King, Mel Goldstein, Lisa Watson, Laura Winslow, and Tom Spence volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. Walt Reid also volunteered to work with this committee. Stu Marvin, host of the 2005 SC Nationals in Ft Lauderdale, and Mark Moore, host of the 2005 LC Nationals in Mission Viejo, volunteered to do a follow up report from their respective meets indicating the percentage of swimmers who missed their NQTs..

3. SUPER SEEDING

Barry reported on the concept of Super Seeding, asking for feedback from the Championship Committee as to whether or not this might be a means of making National meets more efficient. Super Seeding would take out the fastest heat of

swimmers from each age group, and seed everyone else by time. All the fastest heats would then be swum last in each event. Mark Gill stated that this might work for SC, but would not work for LC, since there are not as many swimmers in each age group competing. Jeff Roddin said that this would require verifying the times for the fastest swimmers, which would place a lot more work on the part of USMS and the meet host. Carolyn Boak suggested that an alternative might be to swim a heat of the fastest swimmers of an age group every few heats instead of having all fast heats swum at the end of the event. Members of the audience commented that this would prevent swimmers within each age group from seeing each other, which is a nice aspect of Nationals. Errol Graham suggested that it might helpful instead to have a heat for the slowest swimmers in each event, which could be a substantial time saver.

4. BID PACKAGE

There was discussion about the current bid package. Several bidders have reported that the package is too detailed and gives the potential bidder a very negative feeling.

ACITON ITEM-MSA to form a task force to look at the current bid package and suggest revisions to this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:15 AM

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Continue to look at NQTs. The established subcommittee will look into this.
2. Look at current requirements for the number of watches and buttons required per lane. Does this need correcting?
3. Discuss future modifications to the national surcharge and entry fees, such as the graduated surcharge that was discussed at this convention.
4. Look further at ways to make the job of putting on Nationals easier for the meet host. One suggestion was that perhaps the National Office could take over the responsibility for printing the heat sheet.
5. Discuss ways to attract potential bidders. A task force will be formed to look at the current bid package and suggest possible revisions.
6. It was suggested that Hy Tek should give NQT statistics from each meet as part of it's duties. The committee will look into this possibility.