

Committee Name:	Championship Committee (Interview for Richmond, VA)	Session #:	2	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch		
Minutes recorded by:	Charlie Tupitza	Date/time of meeting:	July 12, 2017, 11:30am EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	10	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Jay Eckert (USMS Staff), Casey Keiber (USMS Staff), Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Ed Saltzman, Charlie Tupitza, Jillian Wilkins					
In Attendance from Bidder: Adam Kennedy, CEO of SwimRVA, Danielle Vincenti of Richmond Region Tourism.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am Eastern Daylight 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. We will be awarding both 2019 Nationals and may also award 2020 Summer Nationals.

Question/Answer Session:

Dates: they are happy to support a 5-day format and are flexible with dates. It was suggested by the committee they host the meet with a Wednesday through Sunday timeline and have Tuesday open for swimming in the afternoon by the committee. Richmond agreed to support it.

Warm-up space: They will provide 6 lanes next to the competition pool and an additional outdoor temporary 25x25 meter 8 lane pool approximately 60ft from warm-up pool doors. They would like to encourage swimmers to use the indoor pool for warm up and outdoor pool for warm down. There will be a 15 foot 720p video display board at the outdoor warm-up pool, which can show livestream video from inside. The PA system will be piped to the warm-up pool.

Facility: Jeff asked Adam to compare SwimRVA with the Greensboro Aquatic Center. The mezzanine seating is a little higher than Greensboro with good site lines. Deck space a little smaller comparable to Greensboro with seating for 700. The yoga room will be available for use. Jeff asked about flow of the athletes as they arrive as outlined in the bid. After discussion Adam said they would adjust location for awards to be easier to service swimmers as well as moving the registration area. The tent is approximately 40' x 80', air conditioned, and is accessible from the building and has a second entry/exit door. The Gold medal room will be in the Community Room. (see diagram) They will use the room next to support 25-30 chairs for the officials. There is media space in the mezzanine with a table set up over the rail for announcer and video. Two six foot sections will be available for press and USMS. Workout room by pool and lifeguard room will be secured with overnight security. There is 18'4" deep space behind the blocks.

Meet Proceeds: SwimRVA exec Adam Kennedy stated all proceeds are to be donated for use in their program to eliminate unintentional drowning in support of underprivileged youth in the Richmond area.

Tourism: Danielle Vincenti of Visit Richmond stated she is responsible for support before during the event. She mentioned Richmond's authentic historical experience with many outdoor and recreation experiences such as class 3-4 rapids running through down town, over twenty microbreweries, as well as wineries to visit. There is a bike trail from Richmond to Jamestown, VA. Richmond was very much part of Civil War history and there are a great number of unique sites to see. There are 18,000 hotel rooms in the Greater Richmond area. Twenty-five hotels within ten miles of the facility

Backstroke ledges: They will have them at both ends, total of 16 two for each lane.

Relays: Jeff informed Richmond about a change to relay fees from the sample budget provided in the bid packet. Relay fees will be \$16 per relay (up from \$12 per relay), however, there will be processing fees as a result of offering online relay entry.

Announcer: they are aware of the requirements.

Parking: There will be 396 free parking spaces on the property and an additional 360 in shopping center behind the pool.

Shuttle: no plans for a shuttle.

Pool Deck and Vendor Needs – Staff requested room for nutritional products vendor, and endless pool. Need 16' x 8' for endless pool and electricity. Host said yes. Swim and Tri out of Knoxville TN will run the store. USMS will communicate with them to avoid contractual conflicts with sponsors and suggest they provide sponsor goods.

Other: they will not have a beer garden at the pool due to local laws. Stone brewery is planning to build a World Bistro on the river in the near future.

Decision time line: Champ committee expects to have a decision by end of July. Winner could attend the convention but not required.

Concluded with bidder at 12:06pm EDT with committee staying on for brief post discussion.

Post conference discussion – overall very positive. Jeff will follow up to get more details on the deck space and temporary pool.

Call ended at 12:45pm EDT
