

USMS Convention—Atlanta, Ga. 2008

Committee Name: Championship	Session 2	Report: 18
Chair: Mark Moore	Vice Chair: Jeff Roddin	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: Sept 27, 2008	

Action Items:

1. **MSA TO SUBMIT A RULES PROPOSAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD MAKE CLUB SCORING AND AWARDS CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY.**
2. **MSA TO SUBMIT A RULES PROPOSAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE SPECIFYING RELAY ENTRIES FOR SWIMMERS AT NATIONALS.**
3. **MSA TO SUBMIT A RULES PROPOSAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD MAKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTION THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.**

Number of committee members present: 17 **Absent: 2** **Number of Other Delegates: 17**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Lisa Watson, Lisa Dahl, Robin Segnitz, Hugh Moore, Diane Stovall, Debbie Cavanaugh, Tom Boak, Jack Groselle, Michael Moore, Jeff Roddin, Jill Gellatly, Barb Protzman, Jody Smith, Sandi Rousseau, Jim Matysek (ex-officio), Erroll Graham, Mark Moore (chair).

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

1. **RULE PROPOSALS THAT AFFECT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
MSA TO SUBMIT A RULES PROPOSAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD MAKE CLUB SCORING AND AWARDS CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY. Our rationale is that this would remove specifics of the scoring structure from the rulebook and also allow changes to make on a yearly basis if needed. There was not a consensus of the committee to submit rules proposals on Event Limit and Standard Times. There was an overwhelming majority of the committee to reject R18 on Eligible Bidders.
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There was lengthy discussion on whether or not to submit a rules proposal on bidding procedures. Again, the vast majority of the committee felt that the bid selection should be the responsibility of the Championship Committee, and that this could prevent the negative experiences that losing bidders face when addressing the House of Delegates and thus discourages them from bidding again. **MSA TO SUBMIT A RULES PROPOSAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE THAT WOULD MAKE CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.**
2. **MEET DIRECTORS GUIDE**
Sandi Rousseau and Tom Boak have been working on revisions to the current Meet Director's Guide. Sandi questioned the committee as to whether or not we should mandate online check-in for deck seeded events. The committee felt that meet hosts should still be given the choice of having online or paper check in for these events.
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP BID PACKET**
Debbie Cavanaugh reported that she has approached USA Swimming to find out their procedures for soliciting and awarding championship meets. USA actually runs these meets, paying \$20,000 to the meet hosts for the site. The meet host only provides hospitality services, whereas USA handles all other aspects of running the meet, including getting timers and officials. It was noted that a definite drawback to this would be that only a few sites are chosen, so swimmers will be going to the same venues repeatedly, rather than having different locations. Our committee is trying to find ways to make this procedure less stressful for the potential bidders. One

way would be to streamline the application form, making it much simpler to fill out. Also, a designated Championship Committee member should work with that potential bidder before they bid, and go through the whole application process with them. Previous and future bidders from the audience were asked to identify problems that they faced when making a bid. One question was whether it was necessary to require the onsite ambulance for the duration of the meet, noting the considerable expense to the meet hosts. It seems to the committee that this could be a flexible situation, depending on the site and its access to medical services. Michael Moore will ask Jim Wheeler in Risk Management as to whether this requirement could be amended to allow more flexibility.

4. 2011 BIDS

Both Ohio State and Santa Clarita have expressed interest in hosting LC Nationals in 2011. The committee discussed Mark Gill's request that we not host a 2011 LC Nationals if Ft Lauderdale wins the bid to host the Pan American Games that same year. However, since the bid will not be announced until October 2009, that would be after our 2009 Convention and bid selection. The committee felt that we needed to go ahead and plan for a LC Nationals, since it was uncertain as to whether Ft Lauderdale would win the bid.

Subcommittee on Bid Solicitation: Tom Boak will chair a subcommittee whose mission will be to actively seek out potential bidders throughout the country that would be capable of hosting a national championship meet. Other Championship members on this subcommittee: Jody Smith, Jill Gellatly, Debbie Cavanaugh, and Hugh Moore. It was also recommended that Executive Director Rob Butcher should serve on this subcommittee as well.

The committee also felt that we should request funding from Finance to allow for members to visit these facilities.

5. ON GOING COMMITTEE PROJECTS/TASKS

Other projects that the committee will pursue during the year include having a liaison to USMS SWIMMER, and working on a Strategic Plan. Mark noted that we need to order more Championship patches, because the cost per patch is less with higher quantities.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM
