

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 22, 2011

I. INTRODUCTION

Chair Jeff Roddin called the conference call meeting to order at 8 PM EST, 7 PM CST, 6 PM MST, and 5 PM PST.

A. Roll Call

Attending the call were Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Tyler Blessing, Ken Brisbin, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jim Clemmons, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Jane Moore (ex-officio), Mark Moore, Michael Moore, Patty Nardozi, Ed Saltzman, Robin Segnitz, Jody Smith, Chris Stevenson, Jeff Strahota, and Lisa Watson.

B. The minutes from the Championship Committee meeting in Mesa on April 28 were approved.

II. MEET UPDATES

A. Mesa Recap (Jody Smith-Liaison)

Mesa has sent Jeff an advanced copy of their final report. Jody has sent in her evaluation and reported that the evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Only areas of concern were lack of locker room and meeting room space. The Mesa meet hosts did an outstanding job in running this meet.

B. 2011 LC-Auburn (Debbie Cavanaugh-Liaison)

Debbie and Jeff will be going to Auburn this weekend for the site visit. Ed Saltzman will also be there as the Officials Liaison. Coincidentally, Ed will be at Auburn officiating a meet this weekend, so he will join in on the site visit meetings. As of now, there is a low turnout for the meet, and Jeff will put a post on the Discussion Forum to spur interest.

C. 2012 SC-Greensboro (Jeff Roddin-Liaison)

Greensboro has already contracted Joel Black as meet referee and Herb Schwab as Admin referee. They are currently working with the local hotels to contract for room blocks.

They just had a big organizational meeting last week. The facility is still scheduled to be completed this summer. Jeff Strahota commented that Greensboro has just been awarded the bid for Y Nationals next spring, which will be held 2 weeks prior to Nationals. Jeff Roddin commented that this would be beneficial to have run a big meet prior to our National meet.

D. 2012 LC-Omaha (Sandi Rousseau- Liaison)

Sandi announced that Mark Gill is leaving the National Office due to personal reasons and will take a job as a full time professor. Mark was the designated meet director for Omaha. That position has now been offered to Tom Boak who has accepted the position. Tom has been on a site visit to Omaha, and is also very well focused on budget aspects of the meet. He will be compensated for his role, as Mark would have been as a National Office employee. Sandi noted that the Board

of Directors has accepted this meet as a possible deficit. The logo has been approved. The meet referee will be Jackie Allen from Oregon.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Jim Clemmons, Chair of this subcommittee, has sent the revised policy to the committee and will post it on the Discussion Forum for feedback.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Omaha backup timing system (Sandi Rousseau)

Sandi announced that at the Olympic Trials, a video system will be used for back-up timing and there will be no timers. We need to amend our current rule(s) to allow for this situation. Sandi consulted with Rules Chair Kathy Casey on this issue. Kathy said we should make a rule proposal based on USA rules which allow use of the video system. This can be put through as an Emergency Rules proposal, since it is a Legislation year. This proposal must go to the Rules Committee by July 10. Sandi will put a rule proposal on the Discussion Forum for feedback and we will have an email vote. Mike Heather pointed out that as an emergency rule, this would need a 90% approval from the House of Delegates to pass. Sandi suggested that instead of timers, we could have lane marshals to help guide swimmers to their lane, and also assist swimmers to get on the blocks if needed. Kathy expressed concern whether the Omega system had its own backup in case of loss of power. Jeff Roddin pointed out that it would be very expensive to have timers on deck, since we would have to pay the facility for their food, so this situation will actually help save us money to restrict the needed volunteers. Michael Moore suggested a marshaling system where swimmers have to check in to swim, but Sandi didn't feel like we needed that formal a procedure.

B. NQT FAQ (Jeff Roddin)

Jeff noted that Anna Lea Matysek has already posted a similar set of questions. He requested a volunteer from our committee to work up a list of questions for us to post. Michael Moore volunteered to do this.

C. Seed Time Changes (Tyler Blessing)

Tyler contacted Jim Matysek about the possibility of allowing Nationals entrants to make seed time changes on their entries, as long as it is done before the psych sheet goes out. Jim said it was feasible to do, and that allowing Relay Only swimmers a later entry would also be possible to do. Jim did say the work on this would be a question of priority, with many other tasks also needed to be accomplished. Jeff Roddin should discuss this with Mike Heather to get a feasible time plan formed. Our committee would like for this to be in place if possible in time for the 2012 National meets. Jeff also pointed out that he had gotten a lot of questions regarding sandbagging for times. One blatant sandbag time was caught for Auburn, but it is rare that a time will be pulled. Jeff commented that if swimmers are allowed to make seed time changes on their own, it might be less likely that a blatant sandbag time change would be caught. It has happened just once in the past several years, so it is not a widespread issue. One solution would be to only allow a time change to one from the Top Times database, but that would not be practical since not all meets get uploaded in a timely manner. One

option our committee had also discussed was changing events after the swimmer had entered the meet. Jeff stated that if we rely on selecting existing times from the Top Ten database, it may not be practical to change an event if there is no time in the database for the new event. Our committee will continue this discussion on the Forum and also at Convention.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Automatic Splits at Nationals (Ken Brisbin)

Ken pointed out that the system for splits currently varies at different Nationals. Ken will work with Kathy to establish a set policy for meet hosts. Kathy said that this would be a policy change for the meet director's handbook. She will need to review it with Walt Reid. Mark Moore stated that it was helpful to the officials to have splits done automatically, as it would save the split requests. Chris Stevenson asked if the National Office could handle this instead of Walt. Sandi responded that it is Walt's homemade program and not really a National Office responsibility. Jeff Roddin commented that the automatic system would ease the burden of the meet host. One concern would be for missed pad hits giving incorrect splits. It was also suggested that it might be nice to include splits in the event rankings. However, some swimmers don't want all of their splits listed as results.

VI. BID SELECTION PROCESS FOR 2013 NATIONALS-bids due July 15

A. Potential Bidders:

- 1. Spring: Indianapolis; Austin, Tx; Santa Clara, CA**
- 2. Summer: Mission Viejo**
- 3. 2014- (FYI): potential bidders-Cedar Rapids, IA; Greenville, SC; Albuquerque, NM**

B. Schedule-

Jeff reviewed our policy for bids. When bids come in, we'll use the Discussion Forum for questions, with a deadline of a week after bids are due. There will be a conference call with all bidders: committee members should contact Jeff if they are interested in being included in this process. This process should start about July 28. The conference call subcommittee should aim to complete their calls prior to Nationals.

There will be a full committee conference call on August 8 to make the final decision. Jeff will notify the winners of the bids.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff asked the past winners on our committee of the Raleigh Area Championship Award to think of someone to nominate for this year's award.

Next Championship Committee conference call will be Monday, August 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM EST, 8 PM CST, 7 PM MST, 6 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Watson