

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Santa Clara, CA	Session#: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Wed, August 15, 2012

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, Sandi Rousseau, Jim Clemmons, Kim Crouch, Jack Groselle, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson		
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Jaime Benes – Meet Director		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 AM Eastern 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. The committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and then ultimately select the winning bidders.

Question/Answer Session:

Possible 2015 Consideration: Jeff explained the committee has the ability to award Nationals up to three years out (2015) and not just for 2014. Jeff asked Santa Clara about their availability to host in 2014 vs. 2015. Santa Clara said they would be willing to host them in either 2014 or 2015.

Toilet Facilities: The initial number of listed toilets was in the locker rooms only and there are additional toilets in the grandstand area. They would also be willing to bring in portable toilets if needed.

Pool Measurements: Measurements for all lanes were not submitted with the bid but there have been no structural changes and a pool measurement of all lanes was more recently done approximately four years ago.

Parking: The grassy area surrounding the complex would be used as well as the neighboring St. Justin's lot. There would be a charge for parking in these areas.

Pool Depth: Clarification was asked about pool depth as it was listed as two different depths in the bid. Depth was confirmed at 4.5 to 6 feet as noted on the sketch in the bid.

Wifi: This is available and free of charge.

Pool Temperature: It was confirmed that pool temperature in all pools can be controlled and set as desired by the committee.

Grandstand Capacity: The grandstand will seat 1000 persons.

Budget: A revision of the budget has been done but not sent out.

Meet Profits: Profits are used to benefit all swimmers and used primarily for equipment upgrades and replacements. The jumbotron is one example and has been a nice addition to the facility.

Officials: The bidder has no concerns regarding recruitment of officials from their area.

Alternative Dates: Dates are flexible except for later in May due to an international meet. Santa Clara's preference is near the end of April.

Volunteers: Their volunteer base is still very strong from the Santa Clara Swim Club parents and they are almost self sufficient in providing volunteers.

Hospitality: This would be hosted near the dive well as usual for meets at this facility.

Vendors: Placing vendors near the grassy pool entry area continues to work well.

Meet Experience: Jamie has not attended a Masters nationals but John Bitter was involved in the 2001 Masters nationals. Jaime will plan to attend a Masters nationals as soon as possible.

Hotels/Shuttle: Both Marriott and Biltmore are key hotels. Both are willing to provide a shuttle and Santa Clara is awaiting this bid.

Questions from Santa Clara:

Jaime asked what are the most important aspects of a national meet to this committee. Response was quality of championship including warm-up space (13 lanes), access to an adequate volunteer base, access to an adequate number of officials, and some benefit going to the Masters group. The banquet/social was explained as an optional offering by the host.

Summary/Analysis: It was noted that Santa Clara has hosted a well run nationals in the past with the last one being 2001. Strengths include: 20 lanes of competition and 13 warm-up lanes, history of hosting a well run nationals, excellent volunteer base, monies benefit the Masters group, and it has been since 2009 that a SC nationals has been on the west coast. Weaknesses include: pool depth not as deep as some would prefer and the meet director has not yet attended a nationals

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM Eastern Time
