

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Maryland	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau		
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Thurs, August 16, 2012		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	5	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):	Sandi Rousseau, Tyler Blessing, Kim Crouch, Jack Groselle, Ed Saltzman				
Others in Attendance from Bidder:	Carrie Tupper – Associate Director of Aquatics, University of Maryland; Natalie Ferdinand – Coordinator for Aquatics Programs, University of Maryland				

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM Pacific Time

Introductions: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Sandi 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: Sandi explained the committee has the ability to award Nationals up to three years out (2015) and not just for 2014. Maryland was asked about their availability to host in 2014 vs. 2015. Maryland said they really want to host a Masters nationals and would be willing to host them in either 2014 or 2015.

Warm-up Lanes: The 7 lane indoor pool is currently planned to be used. They will consider the possibility of renovations to change it to 9 lanes. Prior experience with offering the 7 lane (25 yd x 25 meter) outdoor pool to University users alongside competitors, i.e. some lanes for university students and some for competitors, did not work well in the past, so they will consider some hours for Masters only swimmers every day.

Attendance at Masters Nationals: Carrie Tupper has not had the experience of attending a nationals but will plan to do so as soon as possible.

Pool Measurement: Measurement of all lanes with the bulkheads is on file with USMS. They will plan to measure prior to and after competition each day of the meet and this is their usual protocol. They have a laser measuring device.

Profits: Meet profits will benefit the Masters swimming program by way of equipment purchases, coaching, coach certification, travel, and marketing.

Food Services/Concessions: They feel comfortable with serving 200+ gold medal sponsors plus officials and volunteers. They have longstanding relationships with College Park establishments. Concessions are run by dining services at the University of Maryland and they offer generally healthy food selections and input for foods provided during the meet can be given to them.

Wifi: Available to all and free.

Parking: The nearby garage will be available to competitors for a daily fee (one fee for in and out the same day).

Officials: Maryland has no concerns with plenty of officials in the area.

Timers: They would plan on some paid and some volunteer timers. The university has many clubs that have community service requirements and they are willing to put staff into volunteer positions if needed.

Double Ended Starts: If the number of competitors warrants it, they have experience with double ended starts and are willing to do them.

Medical: They confirmed there will be ambulance and EMTs on site.

Vendors: Vendors have been pleased to be located in the adjoining gym.

Alternative Dates: Maryland's bid dates are August 14-17, 2014. They are willing to offer a five day format from August 13-17, 2014. August is the preferred month due to day camps during July and early August. They are open to hosting one week later as school does not start there until September 3, 2014.

Questions from University of Maryland: A question was asked as to what are the main issues of concern to the Championship Committee in running a Masters nationals. Response included adequate warm-up space, efficiently run meet, adequate medical support, nutritious concessions, good signage, and good communication with swimmers preparing to attend. A second question involved general information about heat sheets and program production; information was provided.

Summary/Analysis: Strengths include: Flexibility in dates to avoid World Champs and IGLA dates, willing to block out more warm-up lanes in the outdoor pool for certain times as well as consider if reconfiguring the indoor warm-up pool to accommodate 9 lanes rather than 7 during next year's renovation is a possibility, willing to do a five day format, and profits benefit the Masters group. Weaknesses include: Number of warm-up lanes may be too few for a possible huge attendance in this area of the country.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM Pacific Time
