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| Committee Name: | Championship | Session/Report #: | 1 - 1 |
| Committee Chair: | Jeff Roddin | Vice-Chair: | Kim Crouch |
| Minutes recorded by: | Paul Windrath | Meeting Date/Time: | July 23, 2017 @ 8:00 pm (EDT) |

Motions:

1. **MSA to select Mesa as the host for the 2019 USMS Spring (SC) Nationals**
2. **MSA to select Mission Viejo as the host for the 2019 USMS Summer (LC) Nationals**
3. **MSA to select Richmond (VA) as the host for the 2020 USMS Summer (LC) Nationals**

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| Number of Committee Members Present: 12 | Absent: 4 | Number of others on call: 2 |
| Committee Members present on call: Jeff Roddin (Chair), Kim Crouch (Vice-Chair), Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Erin Moro, Don Gilchrist, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jody Smith, Pete Tarnapoll, Charlie Tupitza, Paul Windrath | | |
| Committee Members absent/abstaining: Mark Moore, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Jillian Wilkins | | |
| Others present on call: Jay Eckert (USMS National Office), Casey Keiber (USMS National Office) | | |

Minutes:

The conference call was called to order at 8:00 pm EDT.

1. Jeff Roddin opened the conference call with a summary of what has transpired to date with the bidders including mentioning Federal Way, Tennessee, and Texas A&M being interested, but not submitting a bid. Sacramento also inquired, but it was determined they did not have a facility that could satisfactorily host a USMS National Championship and, therefore, not certifiable.
2. Jeff Roddin proposed that the Committee postpone approval of the Bidder Call Minutes (six of them) until all could be reviewed more completely. The Committee was in agreement.
3. Jeff provided an overview that all of the bids that were received were certifiable with a special comment that, although Sarasota has a pool that is slightly shallower at one end than desired, it is within the USMS rules. **Barry Fasbender made a motion to certify all of the bids per 104.3.5 (Mesa, Sarasota, U of Maryland, Richmond VA, Mission Viejo and SPIRE). Ed Saltzman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**
4. Jeff requested that the Committee discuss "Coaches and Meet hospitality access" before reviewing the bids so that Natalie Taylor could participate in the discussion before recusing herself (COI with the U of Maryland bid).
 - a. There has been on-going discussion regarding how the meet Host can monitor access to the hospitality area by USMS coaches. Currently, the number of eligible coaches from any single team is governed by the number of swimmers from that team entered in the meet plus the coach(es) must be USMS Certified (but not necessarily Designated). The question to the Championship Committee is: should there be additional accreditation requirements to gain access? Specifically, should they also be Designated (i.e. paid the annual fee)?
 - b. Committee members asked various questions and discussed different viewpoints.
 - c. Jeff proposed, and the Committee agreed, that we table discussion until Convention when the Coaches Committee can be brought into the discussion in real time.

5. The review of Bidders for the 2019 and 2020 Nationals came next:
 - a. 2019 USMS Spring (SC) Nationals: With only one bidder, there was no discussion. **Barry Fasbender moved that Mesa be awarded this Championship meet. Jim Clemmons seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**
 - b. 2019 USMS Summer (LC) Nationals: Jeff advised the Committee that a decision during this call was not a requirement (i.e. if we felt we needed more information from bidders we can make a decision later). The Committee also reviewed an on-line spreadsheet with various criterion and weighting scales to compare the 5 certified bids (Richmond VA, Sarasota, U of Maryland, SPIRE, Mission Viejo). There was agreement that this comparison spreadsheet is worthwhile and should continue to be refined for future bidders.
 - i. The Committee proceeded to discuss a number of factors (location, use of profits, number of warm-up lanes, etc.) that encompassed all of the bids.
 - ii. **Sandi Rousseau moved that Mission Viejo be selected as the host for the 2019 USMS Summer (LC) Nationals). Seconded by Jim Clemmons. After discussion about location & climate, the committee approved the motion with 2 nays.** The Committee also agreed that Jeff should strongly encourage Mission Viejo to secure backstroke ledges for the meet.
 - iii. Jeff mentioned that, although there was no obligation to select the 2020 USMS Summer (LC) National host, there were 4 certified bids we could consider and did have the authority to do so. **Ed Saltzman moved to select Richmond VA as the 2020 Summer (LC) National host. Barry Fasbender seconded. There was discussion about the pool (a 2008 Olympic Trial Myrtha pool), deck space, volunteer base, strong LMSC support and the additional 25m x 25m warm-down pool and Jumbotron. After discussion, the Committee unanimously approved Richmond VA as the host for the 2020 USMS Summer (LC) Nationals.**
 - c. Jeff closed the bid review with a comment about the number and quality of the Summer bids this year that all truly were great bids.
6. Kim Crouch reviewed the status of Minnesota's upcoming 2017 Summer Nationals. They are in: a) good shape, b) perhaps a bit short on officials, and c) were running smoothly with the on-line relay entry process through Club Assistant.
7. In closing, it was suggested that a small group begin a search for a host for the 2020 USMS Spring (SC) Nationals with the focus on Texas which was host to the very first USMS Nationals in 1970 (Amarillo, TX). This would coincide with the 50th anniversary of USMS.

Moved (Barry Fasbender), Second (Jim Clemmons, and Approved (unanimously) to adjourn at 6:30 pm EDT