

Committee Name:	Championship Committee (Interview for San Antonio TX)	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Jim Clemmons		
Minutes recorded by:	Pete Tarnapoll	Date/time of meeting:	July 11, 2018 5pm EDT		

Actions Requiring Approval:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (chair); Jim Clemmons (vice chair), Ed Saltzman; Linda Bostic; Barry Fasbender; Krisie Melsen; Cheryl Kupan; Pete Tarnapoll; Erin Moro; Sandi Rousseau; Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Peter Guadagni (Exec Committee Liaison)		
National Office members present: Jay Eckert; Casey Keiber; Bill Brenner		
San Antonio Representatives present: David Voth, San Antonio Sports; Riley Walker, San Antonio Sports. Terry Veters, Northside ISD; Kristin Libardoni, Northside Aquatics.		

Minutes

The conference call was called to order at 5:00pm, EDT

- Jeff thanked the participants in advance of the discussion for attending, brief overview and very similar to our call with SAT in 2012 and asked San Antonio to introduce its attendees. The Nat'l Office and Championship Committee members then introduced themselves.
- Jeff asked the Championship Committee to ask questions of the San Antonio (SA) representatives:
 - Sandi Rousseau – what were the lessons you learned from hosting previously, as it relates to what SA would do differently should it win the bid:
 - Want to be able to engage more closely with hotels to make sure the best possible rates are offered and the shuttle tied most effectively into that for the entire meet.
 - SA's desired outcomes are USMS's desired outcomes.
 - We learned that even little details are important: didn't anticipate toilet paper appropriately at the beginning of the meet, for instance.
 - Concessions: the menu could have been better suited for adults/swimmers (versus facility's normal HS and college swimmers), there were challenges with the company that was hired for this role, and we struggled with having concessions in the afternoons – we can improve on this aspect.
 - Sandi asked if SA had the flexibility to choose the concessionaire and the bidder confirmed they do.
 - Jeff Roddin – ask the bidder if they were open to either of their two proposed dates and how the cities Fiesta celebration would impact either date.
 - SA indicated it was open to either set of dates, and that the Fiesta period covers both of them.
 - Jeff Roddin – since you hosted we had 6 championship events and served alcohol at half of them. Would that be a possibility with SA?
 - SA indicated that the school district doesn't allow alcohol consumption at the facility.
 - Ed Saltzman – talk about your volunteer base and where do you pull from.
 - The facility has one of largest swim teams in TX. Each family is required to serve as volunteers. San Antonio Sports also provides support group people. SA also has a database of about 8,000 active, engaged volunteers because of market's sports destination status. SA indicated that getting volunteers for events in SA is not a problem and wouldn't be for this event either.
 - Ed Saltzman – ask the bidder to talk about obtaining officials for the meet, since officials would be their responsibility.

- SA indicated they have a strong local officials pool, and had no issues getting officials when it last hosted. SA also said that it can get comped rooms for officials should any need to be sourced from other markets. SA has not experienced any issues with officials for any meets. Many times, in fact, it has too many officials...they work hard to make sure hospitality for officials is taken care of. Additionally, they are training internal staff to be officials.
 - Jay Eckert – Asked the bidder to expand on the relationship it has with the local masters team; does the Masters team have a volunteer requirement?
 - Strong relationship, owing to the team has grown to more practices per day, so they have more USMS members...adding in-house meets...people want to help out, as per pride in team. No set rule for USMS volunteering, but they seem to do so on their own.
 - Sandi – will Masters team benefit from meet proceeds?
 - They will have opportunity to fundraise on deck...everything they do for events in SA is funneled back into the market...Bidder asked, "What best practices in terms of legacy programs has USMS found that they can implement in SA." Jeff Roddin: one thing many do is bring in other groups (timing shifts) and they pay them for it (donation to team in exchange for covering timing shifts). Determine best practices in other markets and they're will to implement them in SA. Natalie Taylor: fund free adult learn to swim programs. Jeff Strahota: Indy has a specific program earmarked for proceeds (e.g., splash pad).
 - Cheryl Kupan – asked about parking. Can parking passes be purchased ahead of time.
 - Yes. The bidder has implemented the same for other meets and will do so here, too.
- Jeff Roddin asked SA if it had any questions for the Championship Committee:
 - Idea of embracing a masters legacy program would be important to SA. Please send more ideas if the Championship Committee has them, and SA will also come up with some on their own.
 - How can we improve the experience or improve chances to come back? Jeff Roddin: we encourage you to reach out to the South Texas LMSC...SA would benefit from having their support. SA indicated they will get such a meeting scheduled.
- Additional Championship Committee Questions:
 - Erin Moro – would they be able to get Olympians at nationals like in 2015 (e.g. Matt Grevers, Anthony Ervin, Josh Davis, etc.).
 - SA said that was a possibility because they have great relationships with 2016 team via training sessions held at their facility. Several Olympians are also in SA's HOF and this would be a great reason to reach back out.
 - Jay Eckert –in 2015 some booths were moved up to concourse area. Is that still an option for shade and to be closer to spectators:
 - Yes, we have the option of having vendors upstairs and for providing a better vending experience.
 - Barry Fasbender – has never seen a pool lane certification where every single lane is measured exactly the same.
 - SA will investigate further and will send something to Barry if warranted. Jeff stated the competition course is fixed (wall to wall) and the measurements are already on file with USMS. SA stated there have been no changes to the facility since the measurements were taken. Jeff confirmed that means the courses are still considered certified.
 - Jay Eckert –asked the bidder if they intend to apply for Texas Events Trust Fund grants for this event, and if USMS will be eligible for this program like in 2015.
 - SA indicated the process and reimbursable expenses have changed slightly since 2015, but they do plan to apply for grant funding and that USMS can be part of application.
- Jeff thanked all of the participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm EDT.
