

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Friday, September 24, 1993; 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:30 - 6:00 pm
Regency Room "A"

Committee Members Present: Bill Barthold, Chairman; Stu Marvin, Sandy Rousseau, Kathy Kohn, Gene Donner, Bob Merrick, Bill Mulliken, Judy Bonning, Jim Miller, MD; Emmett Hines, Bill Black, Laura Val, Stephanie Walsh

Meeting called to order by Bill Barthold, Chairman. The meeting opened with a review of 1993 National Championships. Paul Windrath, Meet Director for Long Course, gave his report, praising Bob Clausen's seeding and result processing. He suggested considering National Qualifying Times for future Long Course Nationals. Santa Clara's Short Course Nationals were reviewed, with comments that communications between Santa Clara and the Championship Committee could have been improved. It was noted that the final report from this championship is still incomplete.

Review Bids for 1995 Championships. Bidders presenting for 1995 Short Course National Championships are Fort Lauderdale/Hall of Fame and the University of Pittsburgh. Long Course bids were received from Portland, Oregon and Stanford University. MSC to recommend Fort Lauderdale, while recognizing the high quality of the University of Pittsburgh. For Long Course, MSC to recommend both, with a discussion of the pros and cons of both sites.

L-6. MSC to not support L-6.

1994 Championship Reports. Update reports were heard from Tempe, Arizona for Short Course and Buffalo, NY for Long Course. The committee approved logos and awards for both individual medals and team award designs for both championships.

Safety Considerations. The Sports Medicine and Research Committee asked the Championship Committee to indicate on the entry form that swimmers failing to observe warm-up procedures may be subject to disqualification. After active discussion, MSC that the Championship Committee supports the right of the meet referee of a National Championship under rule 102.15.2 to disqualify a competitor for violation of safety rules which prohibits diving into the pool during warm-up or warm-down.

Analysis of National Qualifying Times. Julie Paque and Sandy Rousseau made presentations summarizing the impact of NQTs on the Santa Clara meet and the results of an opinion poll taken at Santa Clara and distributed across the country. Julie's report concluded that NQTs achieved the goal of shortening the meet. The vast majority of respondents felt that NQTs were desirable and generally well received. The committee decided to continue to examine ways to fairly administer NQTs. MSC to institute NQTs at Tempe, Arizona.

There was some discussion that NQTs needed to be developed for Long Course, also.

Championship Administration Model. Bill Black presented an updated Championship Administration Model discussion paper. After lengthy discussion, MSC that a sub-committee dealing with centralized entry processing and the paper-side activities for National Championships should continue to explore this and related concepts.

Marketing. Richard Burns asked for a sense of the committee regarding national sponsor/advertising that can be used for Nationals as well as other activities. Discussion concluded with the sense that this would be a problem with many facilities that may have conflicting sponsorships.

1996 Championships in Atlanta. Tom Boak asked the committee to consider a nonbinding resolution indicating preliminary interest in exploring the possibility of holding the 1996 Short Course National Championships in Atlanta at the site of the 1996 Olympic pool at Georgia Tech in May. As this would technically be an out of rotation bid, the provisions of 104.3.2.1 would be applicable. Mike Edwards, Executive Director of Facilities for the new venues at Georgia Tech, discussed the situation in Atlanta and requested confirmation that an out-of-rotation bid would not necessarily be rejected without being heard by the Championship Committee. After discussion, MSC that the Championship Committee ask the House of Delegates to consider a bid from Atlanta (out-of-rotation) with equal weight to in-rotation bids.

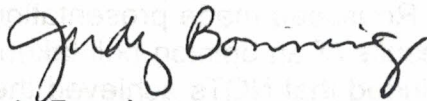
Swimmer Sanction. Jim Miller introduced discussion regarding a request from Minneapolis to impose sanctions against a swimmer who knowingly swam in another person's place. MSC that the Committee recommend that a sanction beyond a reprimand be imposed. MSC that the sanction be a suspension from the 1994 Short Course and Long Course Championships. MSC that this recommendation be referred to the appropriate body as determined.

Protest Form. Jim Miller presented a new protest form, which was approved by the committee.

Relay Procedures. Relay procedures protocol has been clarified and amended and will go in meet information books as it was executed in Minneapolis.

Meet Management Vendors. MSC to recommend Bob Claussen and Hy-Tek as acceptable vendors for 1994 Championships, and that the committee will allow the host to enter into negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Bonning