

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: CHAMPIONSHIP Committee Session: 2

Day and Date of Meeting: Friday, October 13, 2000

Action

Items

***The Championship Committee voted to include a facility checklist form with the liaison guidelines for Nationals.

***The USMS National Meet Survey results were reviewed. Among the findings was that the ideal length of each meet session was estimated at 7-8 hours. Since many Nationals, particularly LC, have sessions exceeding that length, the committee is focusing on ways to reduce that time factor, such as total deck seeding and tighter NQTs.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 15 Number of committee members absent: 1

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 36

Minutes

- I. 2003 Masters Games: Hill Carrow discussed plans for the proposed 2003 Masters Games and requested support and input from USMS in this process.
- II. Review of 2000 SC Championships: Barry Fasbender was the meet liaison for Indianapolis. The meet was given an excellent overall review. Some suggestions for improvement of Championship policies relating to awards and split books were discussed.
- III. Review of 2000 LC Championships: Jim Miller was the meet liaison for Baltimore. An excellent job was done in running the longest LC Nationals in USMS history. Discrepancies in the heights of the starting blocks on each end were discovered at the conclusion of the meet. In light of these findings, the committee made the decision to be more cognizant of technical aspects of National facilities in the future.
- IV. Subcommittee Updates: The Meet Manager's Manual, liaison guidelines, and meet evaluation forms are currently being updated. **The Championship Committee voted to include a facility checklist with the meet liaison guidelines for Nationals.** Letters sent to facility venues was very successful in soliciting interest in National bids.
- V. USMS National Meet Survey: **The USMS National Meet Survey results were reviewed. Among the findings was that the ideal length of each meet session was estimated at 7-8 hours. Since many Nationals, particularly LC, have sessions exceeding that length, the committee is focusing on ways to reduce that time factor, such as total deck seeding and tighter NQTs.** For summary highlights of the survey, see attachment.

Adjournment : The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

- * The committee will continue to review options for decreasing the length of National meet sessions.