

**U.S. Masters Swimming Championship Committee Minutes**  
**Conference Calls to National Meet Bidders – Austin & Indianapolis**  
**July 28, 2011**

**Action Items:**

- MSA to recommend to the Championship Committee that Indy Aquatic Masters in Indianapolis be selected as host of the 2013 US Masters Swimming Spring National Championships
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**Austin, Texas Call:**

**Members Present:** Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Ed Saltzman, Barry Fasbender, Jim Clemmons, Deb Cavanaugh, Michael Moore, Jody Smith, Tyler Blessing, Patty Nardozzi, Michael Heather (ex officio)

**Guests Present:** Anne Nellis, Meet Director & Director of Longhorn Aquatics; Charles Logan, Director of The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center; Jamie Lukeman, LOG President & Assistant Director of Longhorn Aquatics

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8 AM Pacific by Jeff Roddin, Chair.

**Introductions:** Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Jeff 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 and recommends this host to the House of Delegates.

**Question/Answer Session:**

- Starting Blocks: It was clarified that the starting blocks are Keifer custom and the blocks from one course to the other course vary by only 1 degree of slant.
- Meet Dates: Meet dates were clarified as April 25-28, 2013 (4 day meet, Thursday-Sunday)
- Timers: After hosting the 2008 SC nationals, they have a better understanding of how to recruit timers and how much to pay and plan to use the same club sport groups.
- Shuttle: They have a better understanding of the needs for shuttle service, size of vehicle, etc. and that they can now charge for this service.
- Hospitality: They were complimented on the hospitality services for volunteers and Gold Medal Sponsors provided in 2008, and they plan to provide similar services.
- Officials: Some LSC officials are aware of the bid and are supportive. At this time no known significant USA-S meet conflicts are known that would hinder recruitment of officials.
- Pool measurement: They have no problem with twice daily pool measurements of the courses and are used to doing this procedure.
- Budget: They are now aware of some changes in how USMS handles funds for Hy-tek, entry processing, etc. and can revise their budget accordingly.
- Austin Sports Commission Grant: They would be applying for a grant given to organizations that secure bids for events that are bid on across the USA, and this would also provide some income for expenses.

- Profits: Profits would be split between Longhorn Aquatics and the Texas Swim Center. Monies in Longhorn Aquatics would go into the general events fund and would benefit Masters swimming.
- Warm-up Lanes: They are willing to put in enough lane lines for ten warm-up lanes despite having only five wall targets (the dive well have no wall targets).
- Logo/Merchandise Processes: Jeff explained the development of the logo process and the option to use USMS for merchandise sales with a 75% host/25% USMS split of profits.

### **Summary Statements:**

- Charles Logan: Reviewed facility upgrades since the nationals in 2008
- Anne Nellis: Stated a new conference center hotel is now on campus and located within two blocks of the pool
- Jeff Roddin: Reviewed the timeline for a decision to be made by the Championship Committee and that bidders would be notified on August 9, 2011.

**Analysis:** The Austin representatives and Tyler Blessing left the call. The remaining Championship Committee members discussed the bid. No significant concerns were expressed by the committee. The track record for hosting nationals is good. There are fewer warm-up lanes than the Indy bid. It was also noted that USMS has had many more SC nationals in the southern part of the USA in recent years.

### **Indianapolis, Indiana Call:**

**Members Present:** Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Ed Saltzman, Barry Fasbender, Jim Clemmons, Deb Cavanaugh, Michael Moore, Jody Smith, Patty Nardoizzi, Robin Segnitz, Michael Heather (ex officio)

**Guests Present:** Mel Goldstein, IAM Sr. Consultant, Coach, Co-Meet Director; Kris Houchens, IAM Head Coach, Co-Meet Director; Lucy Duncan, USA-S Official/Proposed Meet Referee; Michelle Harter, IAM, LOC Controller/Marketing Coordinator; Ben Christoffel, IAM Program Director; Ed Merklings, IUPUI Natatorium Facilities Director; Shinette Quissier, National Sales Manager for Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Center

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9 AM Pacific by Jeff Roddin, Chair.

**Introductions:** Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Jeff 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 and recommends this host to the House of Delegates.

### **Question/Answer Session:**

- Hotels: There is no need for a shuttle due to a significant increase in hotel access within a two block area. 300 rooms have been reserved at this point and there is no hotel crunch due to the Indy 500 qualifying rounds being moved to later in the month.

- Volunteers: All previous volunteer relationships are in place with the newly formed Indy Aquatic Masters club, so no difficulties are anticipated in finding volunteers for the meet.
- Officials: There are greater than 600 USA-S officials in Indiana and they are supportive of the meet. At this time no known significant USA-S meet conflicts are known that would hinder recruitment of officials.
- Pool measurement: They have no problem with twice daily pool measurements of the courses and have laser equipment to do this.
- Concessions: They are working with a new concessionaire and anticipate acceptable food options for competitors.
- Profits: All profits go to IAM for program building and supporting aquatics programs of their choice such as the Soul Sprint Classic (a program for minorities) and the Swimming for Everyone Foundation.
- Pool Temperatures: All pools can be temperature controlled individually and can be at any temperature we desire.

#### **Summary Statements:**

- Ben Christoffel: IAM is a passionate group of Masters swimmers and will do a great job to host nationals
- Michelle Harter: They plan to provide the WOW factor at their meet for long time nationals swimmers as well as attracting first time participants
- Kris Houchens: Excited to be a co-meet director
- Mel Goldstein: IAM has an experienced group who can host a great meet for USMS
- Jeff Roddin: Reviewed the timeline for a decision to be made by the Championship Committee and that bidders would be notified on August 9, 2011.

**Analysis:** The Indy representatives left the call. The remaining Championship Committee members discussed the bid. Concerns were expressed about hospitality in 2009, i.e. ran out of food, limited access, etc. and it was decided that Jeff would get follow up information from Mel about planned changes. Comments were also expressed regarding Hy-tek being asked to bring their own computers and the merchandise being less than ideal. It was also noted that USMS has had many more SC nationals in the southern part of the USA in recent years and that Indy was asked to re-submit their bid after last year's presentation. May dates may seem more desirable after two SC nationals in April.

**MSA to take a straw poll of the subcommittee and results were 9 in favor of Indianapolis (one vote changed after the meeting from abstention to yes), 1 in favor of Austin, and no abstentions.**

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**Minutes:** Minutes from this subcommittee will be sent to all subcommittee members

**Adjournment:** MSA to adjourn at 10 AM Pacific.

Minutes submitted by Sandi Rousseau