

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida. 2011

Committee Name: Championship	Session #: 1	Report #: 13
Committee Chair: Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair: Sandi Rousseau	
Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting: 9/15/11	2 PM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. MSA to suspend Rule 103.12.2C (defines a tertiary system for timing) and to suspend the requirement for 2 timers per lane at 2012 Summer Nationals as required by Rule 104.5.10C.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes of the August 8 conference call.
2. MSA to approve the Hasty Awards medal design for 2012 Summer Nationals.
3. MSA to set the order of events on Day 1 at 2012 Summer Nationals (July 5) for the 1500m freestyle to precede the 800m freestyle.
4. MSA to approve NQTs for 2012 Spring and Summer Nationals using the same calculation formulas used for the past few years.

Number of committee members present: 18

Absent: 7

Number of other delegates present: 24

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Ed Saltzman, Tom Boak (appointed), Mark Moore, Robin Segnitz, Kim Crouch, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jack Groselle, Jim Clemmons (appointed), Michael Moore, Barry Fasbender, Jody Smith, Paul Smith (ex-officio), Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Tyler Blessing.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM. Chair Jeff Roddin had the committee members introduce themselves. New delegates in the audience also introduced themselves. He thanked the National Office for their increased assistance at Nationals, which has greatly eased the burden for meet hosts.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -MSA to approve the minutes of the August 8 Conference Call.
2. **2011 NATIONALS**

A. Mesa (Spring)

Jody Smith was the liaison for Mesa. She thanked meet director Erin Shields and Paul Smith for the work they did to make this meet a big success. Sandi Rousseau served as assistant liaison for this meet. Jody commented that this proved to be a great partnership between the meet host and the facility management as well as the partnership between the age group and Masters teams. The timeline went on schedule, vendors were set up in a convenient spot, and there was a good turnout of 1817 swimmers. Ed Saltzman commented on the support of the city: the mayor even attended the social. Jeff stated that Mesa's final report was very thorough and should be an excellent resource for future meet hosts. No protests were filed.

B. Auburn (Summer)

Debbie Cavanaugh was the liaison for Auburn. She cited the low turnout of only 688 swimmers. Possible factors were likely travel considerations and the scheduling of the meet for Wednesday –Saturday, which added an extra weekday. Hospitality was very inadequate. Debbie suggested that our committee look further into our intent for Gold Medal Sponsorships. There was a shortage of volunteers, particularly timers. On the positive side, the officiating was excellent, including Ed Saltzman who served as the officials liaison and Herb Schwaab as admin referee. The timeline went on schedule. Auburn is an excellent facility and meet director Sarah Stallkamp did a good job. No protests were filed.

Carolyn Boak asked the Championship Committee if we were concerned that a big Zone meet was held 6 days after Nationals. Jeff said that we did not feel that this hindered attendance, since the meet was on the West coast. It was mentioned that the dates for Auburn were very early in August and this could have impacted other meets that usually were scheduled at this time. Sandi said we should tell the LMSCs to work around the dates for Nationals next year, particularly since Omaha will be so much earlier than usual. She also suggested we have a subcommittee formed to look into this issue.

3. 2012 NATIONALS

A. Greensboro (Spring)

Co-meet directors Don Gilchrist and Hill Carrow thanked the committee for supporting their bid last year, even though the pool had not yet been built. Don stated that the facility has now been open for a few weeks and the first meet was held last weekend. 8 events are being scheduled at the facility prior to Nationals. All hotels will have a shuttle service provided to the pool. Masters groups throughout North Carolina have committed to providing volunteer support for the meet. There will be ample officials at the meet. Committees have been formed to cover all various aspects of the meet.

B. Omaha (Summer)

Tom Boak is the meet director for this meet. He has been working with the Nebraska LMSC on recruiting volunteers. There will be a 13 lane warm-up pool, and the vendor village will be located next to it. Hotels are being handled by the Omaha Sports Commission. There will be no timers needed on deck since the backup system is a fully integrated video system. However, there will be 1 deck control person per every 2 lanes to assist swimmers. Two different medal designs were submitted. **MSA to approve the Hasty Awards medal design.** Jody suggested that our committee look into the rebate policy with meet hotels. Tom stated that Omaha will be following the order of events listed in the rule book: however, they would like for the 1500 to precede the 800 on the Distance Day. **MSA to approve the order of events on Day 1 at 2012 Summer Nationals (July 5) for the 1500 m freestyle to precede the 800m freestyle.** Tom also announced that Executive Director Rob Butcher has proposed having 400m medley and freestyle relays at the end of the Distance Day, if the timeline allows. The committee felt that this would not be feasible, given the long timeline that day and the difficulties this would pose for travel arrangements.

Jack Groselle made a motion to allow swimmers to swim both distance events in Omaha if they make the NQTs in both events and if the timeline allows. Due to time constraints, this was tabled and will be discussed again at the next meeting if there is time or as committee business after convention.

4. Legislative/Rule Changes that affect Championship Committee

The Championship Committee had submitted an emergency rules proposal to allow for the backup video system being used at Omaha, which does not require the need for timers. This rule proposal was rejected, since it would need a 90% vote from the HOD to pass. Rules Chair Kathy Casey recommended that we move to suspend the current rule instead. Because at the 2012 Summer Nationals in Omaha, the secondary system will be a fully integrated video system, the Championship Committee is requesting the suspension of Rule 103.12.2C and requesting suspension of the requirement for 2 timers per lane in Rule 104.5.10C. There will be personnel to perform non-timing duties normally performed by lane timers. **MSA to suspend Rule 103.12.2C (which defines a tertiary system for timing) and to suspend the requirement for 2 timers per lane at nationals, as required by Rule 104.5.10C.**

5. NQT's

A. 2012 NQTs

Jeff explained the current system being used to calculate NQT's for Nationals, which is also proposed for 2012 Nationals. **MSA to approve NQTs for 2012 Spring and Summer Nationals, using the same calculation formulas used for the past few years.**

B. Written Policy of FAQs

Michael Moore has written a list of FAQs and responses regarding NQTs. The committee will discuss these at a later time.