

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Mesa, AZ	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau		
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Wed, August 15, 2012		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	6	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):	Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Ed Saltzman				
Others in Attendance from Bidder:	Josh Todd - Sports Development Manager, Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau; Paul Smith – Director of Mesa Aquatics; Erin Shields – Meet Director				

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM Eastern Time

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. The committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and then ultimately select the winning bidders.

Question/Answer Session:

Possible 2015 Consideration: Jeff explained the committee has the ability to award Nationals up to three years out (2015) and not just for 2014. Jeff asked Mesa about their availability to host in 2014 vs. 2015. Mesa said they really want to host another nationals and would be willing to host them in either 2014 or 2015.

Improvements from Prior Nationals: Group is more experienced, they have more ideas regarding volunteer pool, scoreboard is upgraded, and wifi is upgraded. Interested in generally improving the friendliness atmosphere and communication with swimmers and hosting a 'knock it out of the ball park' nationals.

Budget: A revised budget with minor mistakes corrected was sent out but the wrong file went out. Erin has the revised budget and will send it out to the committee.

Officials: It was noted that additional shade on the turn end of the pool would be welcomed by officials. Mesa will look at options to provide more shade without blocking vision from the stands to any significant degree. Mesa also has 10 officials within their own group, has an exceptional relationship with their LSC officials group, and has no concerns about recruitment for the meet.

Pool Configuration: It would be the same as at prior nationals with 18 competition lanes and 13 warm-up lanes.

Parking: Parking would be the same as prior nationals with the grassy area used. It has limited exit points but Mesa is willing to look at more volunteer assistance in this area.

Reserved Tents in Grassy Area: This area got somewhat brown during the meet but the permanent sprinkler system could not be on during the meet. They agreed to consider ramping up the watering just prior to the meet.

Local Masters Benefit: Mesa Masters will definitely benefit from profits. Associated with the last Masters nationals, membership increased approximately 15% and 90% of proceeds have gone toward scholarships for kids.

Distance Day Lanes: They are willing to explore options for more competition lanes on this day since they have 27 lanes in the competition pool.

Alternative Dates: Mesa could also host the meet during the first half of April.

Summary/Analysis: It was noted that this was a very complete and well done bid. Strengths include: 20 lanes of competition with more lanes possibly available on distance day, excellent history of hosting nationals, monies benefit the Masters group and their projects. Weaknesses include: recent hosting of nationals in this venue (2011), possibly hot weather related issues, and lack of enough shade for officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM Eastern Time
