

# USMS Convention — Anaheim (Garden Grove), California 2013

<b>Committee Name:</b> Championship	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 9
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Jeff Roddin	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Erin Shields	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Lisa Watson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> September 12, 2013	2:45 PM

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

## Motions Passed:

1. MSA TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 9 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS AND AUGUST 9 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING IN MISSION VIEJO.
2. MSA TO ELIMINATE THE ASCA REQUIREMENT FOR COACHES HOSPITALITY AT NATIONAL MEETS.
3. MSA TO HAVE THE NATIONAL OFFICE MAIL OUT HARD COPIES OF NATIONAL MEET RESULTS RATHER THAN THE MEET HOST.
4. MSA TO AMEND THE ORDER OF EVENTS FOR SANTA CLARA BY SWITCHING THE RELAYS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
5. MSA TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDER OF EVENTS FOR MARYLAND BY MOVING THE 200M BREAST TO THE END OF THE DAY ON SUNDAY.

Number of committee members present: 19

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 36

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (Chair), Erin Shields (Vice Chair), Lisa Watson, Kim Crouch, Mark Moore, Debbie Cavanaugh, Ed Saltzman, Jillian Wilkins, Don Gilchrist, Jack Groselle, Barry Fasbender, Sandi Rousseau, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Jeff Strahota, Michael Moore, Jim Clemmons, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), Tyler Blessing, Kyle Deery (ex-officio)

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 PM

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Roddin called the meeting to order and had the committee members introduce themselves to the audience.

**A. MSA TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 9 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS AND AUGUST 9 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING IN MISSION VIEJO.**

**B. MSA TO ELIMINATE THE ASCA REQUIREMENT FOR COACHES HOSPITALITY AT NATIONALS AND TO ONLY REQUIRE THE COACH TO BE A CURRENT USMS MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.**

**C. MSA TO HAVE THE NATIONAL OFFICE MAIL OUT HARDCOPY RESULTS INSTEAD OF THE HOST (NATIONAL OFFICE WOULD RETAIN THE FEES).**

### 2. RECAP/DEBRIEF OF 2013 NATIONALS

**A. INDIANAPOLIS** Mel Goldstein gave a recap of Spring Nationals 2013. The meet was very successful and well run. Mel proposed that the Championship Committee change the policy for relay entries to allow coaches to enter relays online prior to the meet. Jeff replied that we will be discussing this topic in the next session. Mel mentioned that a computer was set up at the Awards table for easy access in printing out the labels for the medals. Indy accepted credit card payments for relays as a payment option.

**B. MISSION VIEJO** Mark Moore, Mission Viejo meet director, addressed the committee. Mission Viejo had the largest attendance of any USMS Long Course National Meet at nearly 1400 swimmers. The meet was very successful, and ran well despite a challenging first day. Lisa complimented Mark on his idea for giving \$4 coupons for the concession stand to those swimmers who had their 6<sup>th</sup> event eliminated. Jeff asked about merchandise sales. Mark said he would have these figures when he submits his meet report.

### 3. REVIEW/DISCUSS STATUS AND PLANNING/APPROVE AWARDS FOR 2014 NATIONALS

**A. SANTA CLARA (SC-May 1-4)** Steve Hurko spoke as the Santa Clara representative. Hotels have been lined up

and will be posted online within 2 weeks. Super Shuttle is being used as the shuttle service. Referees and volunteers are in place and the meet info is ready to be published. Santa Clara plans to give out commemorative water bottles to participants. Sandi Rousseau and Jim Clemmons are the liaisons for this meet. The logo was presented to the committee. Sandi asked Kyle if the sponsor's name was required to be on the medals. Kyle reported that it was not a requirement, but would be nice if it was at least on the ribbon. There was much discussion about whether or not the logo should be put on the medal itself. The committee will discuss this issue further. The committee discussed the order of events for Santa Clara. Barry pointed at that at previous meets with this same order of events, Saturday was about 2 hours longer than Friday. It was proposed that the relays for Friday and Saturday be switched so that 3 relays would be on Friday and 2 relays on Saturday. **MSA TO AMEND THE ORDER OF EVENTS FOR SANTA CLARA BY SWITCHING THE RELAYS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.**

**B. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND (LC-Aug 13-17)** Carrie Tupper and Natalie Ferdinand spoke as representatives for Maryland. The logo was presented to the committee. Hotels have been lined up. Maryland will be using a 5 day format and is proposing a format similar to Mission Viejo. The committee reviewed the proposed format. **MSA TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDER OF EVENTS FOR MARYLAND BY MOVING THE 200 BREAST TO THE LAST EVENT ON SUNDAY.** There was discussion regarding the distance events. Since Mission Viejo had really long sessions for the distance days and had allowed swimmers to swim both the 800 and 1500 if they made the NQT in the 800, the committee discussed requiring the NQT in the 1500 and allowing swimmers to swim either the 800 or 1500 but not both.

#### 4. REVIEW/DISCUSS STATUS AND PLANNING FOR 2015 NATIONALS

A. San Antonio (SC-April 23-26) Susan Ingraham and George Block represented San Antonio at the meeting. A central portal will be set up for room reservations. The shuttle set up will depend on whether most swimmers prefer staying in the downtown area or near the pool. There will be a shuttle provided for any social events. There is ample pool space at this meet with both indoor and outdoor pools available.

B. SPIRE –Geneva, Ohio (LC-August 6-9) Diana Munz represented SPIRE and addressed the committee. SPIRE has a 10 lane 50 meter

pool and a separate warm pool and lots of deck space. There is seating capacity for 2400. Hotel offerings include many bed and

breakfast options. There are many wineries in this region.

C. Other- Kyle Deery announced that Marriott, who is the sponsor for LC National Meets, has an account representative that can work with meet hosts in obtaining hotel room blocks with no attrition clauses. The current account representative is Sandra Anderson-she can actually work with meet hosts for any USMS sanctioned meet and not just Nationals.

#### 5. LEGISLATION

There was a motion to make an emergency rules proposal to amend Rule 104.5.3C2 to give the Championship Committee the option to require NQTs for both distance events if deemed necessary, since this might be needed for Maryland in 2014. With an emergency rules proposal, it would need to first be accepted by the Rules committee as an emergency and then have a 90% approval by the HOD to pass. Jeff took a straw poll of the committee – the committee was divided in their vote. MSF-the motion failed.

#### 6. NQT's

A, 2014 Nationals The committee decided to make no change in policy for 2014 Nationals to the existing NQT standards.

B. Distance events The committee had discussion regarding possible policy changes, looking at issues such as how NQTs actually affect the meet. Michael Moore and Jillian Wilkins will form a subcommittee to look at NQT data from previous Nationals. Another issue discussed was the check in policy for deck seeded events. The committee will continue further discussion of these topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.