

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Mt Hood, Oregon	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch/Erin Shields		
Minutes recorded by:	Lisa Watson	Date/time of meeting:	Tuesday, August 5, 2014		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	8	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):	Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Patty Nardozi, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Lisa Watson				
Others in Attendance from Bidder:	Dennis Baker--Meet Director, Jeanne Teisher--OMS Chair, Sandi Rousseau – Local Organizing Committee, Donna Ryan--Mt Hood Aquatics Program Coordinator, Kim Hyatt—Dean of Facilities				

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. Pacific 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.

Question/Answer Session:

Lead Organizations/Financial Responsibilities: Oregon Masters Swimming and Mt. Hood Community College. Four day meet; preferred date is August 18-21, 2016; alternate is August 11-14, 2016. The USMS Open Water National Championship 1-mile and 5k events will be Aug 19-20, 2016. It is not desirable to have conflicting USMS National Championship events (Open Water vs Pool), but the OW events are in North Carolina so it would likely only impact a small number of swimmers. Lessons learned from 2008 Nationals: Minor glitches which will be corrected: EMT's left on another call—this won't happen again. Concessions will be in an easier to access area. They may move hospitality to a bigger area so there is more room for awards. If they have a social it will likely be only one and on site (they had two in 2008).

Parking: There is plenty of free parking and they don't expect a conflict of any other event. However, there will be no overnight RV parking this time.

Who is the Host: Oregon Masters Swimming. About half the profits will go to the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center.

Concessions: They will have a new concessions group to provide food service and the host will work with them to provide athlete friendly options.

Officials: Jacki Allender (OMS Officials Chair) has been the USMS National Championship Referee in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2014. They have a great group of officials in Oregon. There are also officials from the Pacific Northwest that can be called upon to help.

Sponsorships: The College is considering Speedo as a sponsor. This needs to be coordinated with the national office.

Indoor Warmup Pool: There are six warmup lanes. The temperature of the air and the water for the indoor pool is 81 degrees, but water temperature can be maintained at any desired level. The building is warm. They plan on opening up and running fans to lower the temperature to 77-78 degrees.

Follow-up: The Championship Committee has similar calls with all of the bidders and then has a full committee conference call to discuss the bids and ultimately select the winning bidders. This call is scheduled August, 10, 2014, 7 pm eastern (4 pm pacific) and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders on Monday, August 15. The winners are expected to attend convention in Jacksonville and to make a presentation at the USMS House of Delegates.

The bidders left the call at 10:32 a.m. Pacific Time

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: National experience. Geography, this is the longest period of time since Summer Nationals has been on the west coast. Concerns: This is a four day meet—longer days.

The Championship Committee members involved in this interview were unanimous in recommending that the 2016 Summer Nationals be offered to Oregon. They also recommended that only awards for 2016 be made this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Pacific Time.
