

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Indy Aquatics Masters, Indianapolis, IN	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch/Jim Clemmons		
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	Wed, July 15, 2015; 5pm EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	11	Absent:	n/a	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Jim Clemmons, Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Mark Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Charlie Tupitza, Paul Windrath					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Mel Goldstein – Meet Director; George Quigley – Indy Aquatics Masters President; Dean Hawks – IAM Head Coach; Schnette Quissner – Visit Indy; Meg Carlson – Safety Coordinator; Doug Adams – Senior Project Manager for renovation; Mike Adams / Mike Dilts – Shield Sexton Contractor for IU natatorium renovation; Karen Gernert – Public Relations					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. EDT

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.

Jeff thanked the bid team for submitting their bid and demonstrating a continued interest in supporting U.S Masters Swimming.

Question/Answer Session:

Dates: The dates of May 4-7, 2017 were confirmed as the host's preference. They can host the meet May 10-13, 2017, but the earlier date is preferred. **Note: Subsequent to the call, Mel corrected these dates and the preferred dates are Thursday- Sunday, May 11-14, 2017.** There are no conflicting events in Indy during either of these time periods.

Natorium Renovation: The current renovation involves the 'skin' of the facility including doors and windows, painting and recoating the competition area, replacing pool deck tiling, replacing the bulkhead, upgrading the pool filtration system and air handling system, architectural modifications to the swimmer entry area, updates to the concourse, new starting blocks with permanent numbering/ledge/take off timing capability, and state of the art scoreboard/video board. The pool length itself will not be modified, but Championship Committee pointed out that with a new bulkhead, all lanes will need to be measured again. Timeline for these \$20 million dollar modifications is for most to be completed by November 2015 with the remainder to be completed by the end of May 2016.

Warm-up Lanes: The current teaching pool is being altered to take out the slanting bottom which will allow for 12 lanes of warm-up (6 lanes each in two 25 yard courses) plus the dive well with 8 lanes, i.e. 20 lanes total for warm-up. It is possible a new sound system may be installed in the teaching pool area.

Concessions: It was noted that these have not been too swimmer friendly at past nationals. Services are contracted by the university. Mel felt 2013 offered better fare.

Meet Proceeds: This is 'a meet run by Masters for Masters'. All proceeds will go further the USMS Adult Learn to Swim program in Indy and to sustain Indy Aquatics Masters.

Other Meets Post Renovation: There are plans to host several other large meets post renovations and prior to a Masters nationals.

Pool Configuration: It was questioned as to whether the competition pool could host two courses width wise and side by side. No, the pool is not configured to set up courses in that manner.

Lessons Learned from Prior Nationals: Mel stated that the Gold Medal Hospitality was sub par in 2009 but was improved greatly in 2013. Parking deals were improved in cost and sold ahead of time for 2013, and this worked well. The working relationship with IU Health has been good and will continue. Using Masters swimmers as volunteers has worked well, and they take pride in continuing that.

Hotels/Shuttle: There are several hotels within walking distance, i.e. <3 blocks, so no shuttle is planned.

Volunteers: All volunteers will come from the IAM group of 350. They are all expected to participate as a competitor or volunteer or both, so IAM does not have to rely on other groups. Many are experienced from prior nationals.

W-9: This was not submitted with the bid, but Mel states it can be made available.

Safety Plan: IU Health, EMTs, and lifeguards are planned. IAM will provide safety marshals.

Public Relations: They are ready to work with the USMS national office on all newsletters.

Budget: EMTs will be for just 5 days instead of 5.5 days. Mel will check about adding the \$15 per swimmer to USMS under expenses. The budget of \$1000 for officials was questioned regarding providing hotel rooms to out of town officials. Mel responded that the majority of the officials utilized are local from Indiana and subsequently sent the meet referee's report from 2013 which verified this.

Announcer: Plans for an upgrade in the announcer from 2013 are being made.

WiFi: Available to all.

Surprises: There might be something planned per Mel!

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, 2, 2015 and it is expected that Jeff will contact all bidders on Monday, August 3rd. The winners are expected to attend convention in Kansas City and to make a presentation at the USMS House of Delegates.

The bidder left the call at 5:45 p.m. EDT.

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: Experience in hosting nationals, 20 warm-up lanes. Concerns: Two 8 lane courses, lack of attention to details in the bid and in past meets, and it may be time to go west for Spring nationals.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. EDT.
