

Committee Name:	Championship Interview Committee for Riverside, CA	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; 6 pm EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	12	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 (Bid Ambassador), Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Pete Tarnapoll, Charlie Tupitza, Paul Windrath					
Others in Attendance from Bidder: Shaheen Roostai –Sales Manager, Riverside Sports Commission; Shari Chun - Meet Director, Kevin Timko – Co-meet Director/Masters Swimmer/Riverside Aquatics Board					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 well before the deadline, for being thorough, and alerting us to a new facility for nationals.

Question/Answer Session:

Dates: The dates of April 27-30, 2017 were confirmed as the host's preference. They can host the meet May 4-7, 2017, but the earlier date gives the host and facility personnel more rest before their next big event.

Local Organization: Shari is the meet director, Shaheen will be involved in marketing, press releases, hotel coordination, transportation, welcome bags, VIP welcomes, and volunteer base, and Kevin will function more like a co-meet director sharing responsibilities with Shari.

Geography/Attendance: The last time USMS nationals was in southern California was 1990 in Los Angeles with 1592 competitors. Attendance at a meet in Riverside would be anticipated to be 1800 – 2000 swimmers.

Pool Configuration: Their possibilities for course configurations include 22 lanes competition with 11 lanes warm-up, 20 lanes competition with 15 lanes warm-up, 18 lanes competition with 17 lanes warm-up, and 16 lanes of competition with 19 lanes warm-up. With the options presented for 8-12 lane courses, 18 lanes for competition with 17 lanes for warm-up might be ideal; however when entries close, it may be evident that two 10 lane courses would be more ideal. They have 18 blocks currently, so getting two more blocks in a timely manner would be the biggest obstacle. One additional lane would also be needed to be added to the scoreboard, but the timing system can handle 20 lanes. The 9 and 10 lane configurations would be wall to wall. Turn wall surface is a non slip tiled "T" and plaster. Water depth would be 8-20 feet in both courses. Both courses start on the same side and bleachers can be moved as needed. Scoreboards are on opposite sides of the pool and both are visible to competitors although there is some question by committee members as to how easy it would be to see the one scoreboard.

Shade: Tents for timers are planned as well as umbrellas and misters for officials.

Budget: The budget line of \$20,000 for timing equipment includes money for additional touchpads (they have #14 working pads currently and plan to buy more), a 10th lane readout if needed, and to rent pads if needed. The lifeguard budget line was questioned and Riverside is willing to have as many lifeguards on staff for the event as Championship Committee feels is necessary.

Safety Marshals: The high need was discussed. Riverside feels confident in their volunteer base that they can provide adequate personnel. They expressed realizing that there is a difference between needs at an age group meet and a Masters competition.

Masters Meets: Riverside has never hosted a Masters meet, but they plan to bid for the 2016 Southern Pacific regional meet, and Mark Moore stated that if Riverside receives the national bid, they would get priority for hosting the regional meet.

Lighting: The pool environment lighting is very good and adequate.

Lift Chair: A lift chair is available.

Attendance at Prior Masters Nationals: Riverside is willing to send representatives to observe at least one prior Masters nationals.

Pool Length Certification: Wall to wall configuration with 9 or 10 lanes will need further measurements and Riverside is willing to provide this.

Officials: The host's obligations for the four key officials were reviewed.

Location: The Riverside complex is within a community college with downtown being about one mile away. There are numerous restaurants, coffee shops, etc. available within 5 blocks of downtown. Parking is \$5 per day with discounted event passes available.

Shuttle: Marriott will provide free shuttle to the Riverside complex. Some other shuttles within the area are planned to be up and running in 2016. There is also local bus transportation available.

Restrooms: Riverside is willing to bring in extra portable restrooms as they have done for other events.

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 7 p.m. EDT.

Summary/Analysis: Strengths of this bid include: Riverside representatives were very responsive to questions and receptive to input. They are enthusiastic about hosting a Masters event and are cognizant to differences between USA-S events and Master events. This is a new facility and in an area which has not hosted a Masters nationals in 25 years. Southern Pacific has many registered officials available. Concerns: There were none specifically mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. EDT.
