

Committee Name:	Championship Committee (Interview for Mesa AZ)	Session #:	3	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch		
Minutes recorded by:	Jim Clemmons	Date/time of meeting:	July 19, 2017, 6pm EDT		

Actions Requiring Approval:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	13	Absent:	0	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; Erin Moro; Sandi Rousseau; Jody Smith; Pete Tarnapoll; Charlie Tupitza; Ed Saltzman (late)					
Nat'l Office members present: Jay Eckert; Casey Keiber					
Mesa Representatives present: Steve Hogan, Mesa Public Schools AD; Erin Shields Coy, Meet Director; Suzanne Keller, Visit Mesa Director of Sports Sales					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, EDT

1. Jeff thanked the participants in advance of the discussion for attending and asked Mesa to introduce their attendees. The Nat'l Office and Championship Committee members then introduced themselves
2. Jeff clarified some changes that have occurred since Mesa last hosted in 2011. Relay fee increase and relay entry methods. He also confirmed the host's intent to hold the meet the last weekend in April 2018. He notified them of the Beer garden potential and the fact that it's well received by the adult swimming community. Steve replied that because it's a Jr. HS campus it's possible something could be done Sat/Sun but he'd have to check with legal folks and confirm.
3. Sandi asked if there have been any significant changes since 2011. Steve and Erin replied that nothing much has changed other than an upgrade to the scoreboard and timing system and that the decks had been resurfaced a year or so ago.
4. Barry inquired as to the locker room/showers and toilet status. Steve said that they are basically the same as 2011: adjacent to the pool, there are 30 lockers, three toilets and showers for women and the same for men. Close by is a larger locker room used for the student body that provides much more in the way of bathroom facilities and lockers. Steve also mentioned that since he's the AD for Mesa Schools, he can control access to the areas necessary for the meet entrants to have their meet needs met.
5. Kim asked about the parking situation noting that due to one access/egress point, it was a log jam at the end of the day. Is there any way to mitigate the situation? Steve thanked her for the information as he was not aware that it was an issue and that they still use the nearby field for parking needs. Steve and Erin stated that they would look at the area and consider opening additional egress points so getting out won't be as challenging. Kim then asked about announcer plans. Steve mentioned Duncan Scott and that he has other options for announcing should the need present itself.
6. Charlie mentioned that the sun was extremely prevalent during 2011 with minimum shade being provided. Erin said the team plans to rent pop-ups again and that there are areas available for team tents. Steve also said that there's a grassy area nearby with trees providing additional shade.
7. Jeff mentioned that backstroke ledges are not required at this time, but they are in high demand to swimmers. For instance, Indy will have them in 2018 and many swimmers will then come to expect them the following year. Erin said they understand and can look into getting them. The starting blocks have wedges for track start.
8. Jay asked about the pathway to the gym. Erin replied that they open a couple of gates to provide a direct path and eliminate a long walk around the fencing. he then asked about nutrition partners and Erin said same area as last time. Jay asked about the feasibility to stage an Endless Pool, noting he needs 220vac electrical, water and an approx 8'x16' space. Erin said she'll have to check with the City of Mesa to meet local requirements and Steve said that, if approved, it could be set near the tennis courts.

9. Casey asked for a review of the locker room situation and tech suit changing area. Steve iterated that there are large locker rooms and there will be a temporary tent erected to provide additional space.
10. Kim asked about air conditioning...Steve replied that everything's AC'd...has to be; welcome to Arizona.
11. Jeff asked if the Mesa reps had any questions for the committee or himself. Suzanne said no, she didn't, that it was her first time being this involved and looked forward to helping host a successful event. Erin asked about merchandise sales and Jeff said there are more merchandise options than 2011 that hopefully are more attractive to hosts. We can also just advertise a link to a host's "online store" if they wish.
12. Charlie than inquired about local car rentals, that the airport was expensive. Erin said that Visit Mesa will do something for car costs, that there are shuttle options and that they now have a new light rail system that will get you from the airport to the Mesa area for a couple bucks. Suzanne said she was in agreement with Erin and that in addition to taxis and Uber/Lyft options she'll provide more information.
13. Jeff reminded the Mesa team that shuttle and social options are not a requirement. Steve asked how the last social went off and it was agreed that the meet summary would have to be re-reviewed as no one could recall specifically. Steve said they would probably hold it out on a golf course and have it catered by Outback Steakhouse or Back Forty BBQ.
14. Steve and Jeff discussed the press release process with Jeff noting anything regarding any meet would come out from the NO likely around the time of Convention.
15. Jeff thanked all of the participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm EDT.
