

USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

Committee Name:	Championship	Session	#1
Committee Chair:	Jeff Roddin	Vice Chair:	Kim Crouch
Minutes recorded by:	Natalie Taylor	Date/time of meeting:	9/14/2017, 1:30pm

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes from the six bidder conference calls and the Nationals selection conference call held in July
2. MSA to approve medal design for Indy Spring Nationals
3. MSA to approve order of events for Indy Spring Nationals
4. MSA to approve NQTs for 2018 SCY Spring Nationals (Indy)
5. MSA to not support R.19 as amended

Number of committee members present: 12

Absent: 8

Number of other delegates present: 36

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Jeff Roddin, Kim Crouch, Casey Keiber (USMS staff), Ed Tsuzuki(ExO, EC), Jim Clemmons, Mark Moore, Erin Moro, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Charlie Tupitza

Committee Members Absent:

Jay Eckert (USMS staff), Donn Livoni (ExO), Barry Fasbender, Don Gilchrist, Jody Smith, Pete Tarnapoll, Jillian Wilkins, Paul Windrath

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm CST.

1. Jeff asked committee to introduce themselves
2. Approve Minutes from six bidder conference calls and the Nationals selection conference call in July.
3. Recap/debrief 2017 Nationals
 - A. 2017 Spring (Riverside)

Host (Shaheen) gave an overview of statistics from the event. There were 8529 splashes, 64 National Records, 2% scratches and 12% no shows. There was also a net profit of \$70k+.

Herb Schwab (Hytek Operator) said there was an unusually large number of complaints by swimmers who missed the check-in deadline for deck seeded events. Suggest that check-in computers be closer to registration. This may cut down on the number of missed check-ins.

There was a rogue 100 backstroke swimmer who was identified and results from that lane were changed to NS.

Odd and even courses seemed to be a challenge for some swimmers. Had several who missed their events. Next time consider explaining this in pre-event emails.

Used every lane on 1 course for sprint lanes during general warm up. Seemed to alleviate long lines for sprint lanes, but created longer walk to get back to start end. Consider having a few two-way (non-sprint) lanes to allow some to swim back.

Christine (South Pacific) noted an issue with water quality. Swimmers complained of rashes after using the small warm up pool and coughing after swimming in the comp pool. Questioned if there was anything USMS could do to prevent similar issues in the future.
 - B. 2017 Summer (Minnesota)

Tom Moore and Krisie presented on the event. 184 teams, 39 World Records.

Used Laura Winslow and her team for registration and help desk. Went very well.

Consistent timeline over the 5 days of around 10 hours each.

Starting block incident where swimmers were paraded turned a negative into a positive.

Pros:

Athlete centric planning used. Helped with facility layout especially.

Added a second (30 minute) warm up period to sessions

There was not diving into the warm up pool. Had a written plan to coordinate between safety marshalls and on deck coaches.

Safety Marshalls had laminated directions. Committee requested a copy of those directions to share with future hosts. Sandi mentioned the committee has an ongoing task force to continue to look into improvements regarding safety (e.g. instructional video for proper warm-up activities).

2 way sprint lanes used (same lane from each end separated by a midpoint rope). Worked with on deck coaches to manage.

Swimmers picked up medals daily. Possibly because they passed them while entering and exiting the facility each day.

Cons:

Could not allow 1500 and 800 double for distance swimmers

Slippery deck. Possibly provide more education for swimmers about tile deck and slippery conditions.

Catering - complaints about food not being bland enough

Vendor/Massage - complaints about not enough massage therapists available

Timelines - too long. Possibly limit entries or require NQTs for more events, maybe 400 and above.

Have deck seeded events close the night before instead of 7am so heat sheets can be posted more timely.

Provide links to the meet on the USMS front page. Information was difficult to find.

Cost of EMTs on site was higher than at other places. Gave example of an incident on upperfloor and EMTs from hospital across the street arrived before the EMT from the pool deck. Requested the committee take a closer look at specific layout before enforcing broad EMT requirements to all.

3. Review/discuss 2018 Nationals

A. 2018 Spring Nationals (Indy, May 10-13)

EMTs will be low cost or donated. Learning from Minnesota.

\$20m facility renovation - brand new, non-slippery deck

Medal design and order of events approved by committee

Herb will be Hytek operator

Parking will be pre sale - handled by IUPUI staff

Social on Friday at Indianapolis baseball game

Events, day, lane and program sponsorships have been set up

Hotels are complete and posted on the Indy Masters website. Will work to post them on the USMS website. Was noted that the time of the meet is around the Indianapolis 500 race and the hotel block will expire on a specific date so book rooms early to get the best rate.

(1) Logo/Awards: Approved by committee

(2) Order of Events: Approved by committee (see below)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1000	400 IM	500 Free W	500 Free M
1650	200 Free	200 Breast	100 Breast
	100 Back	100 Free	50 Fly
	50 Breast	50 Back	200 Free Relay
	100 Fly	200 Fly	200 IM
	Mixed 200 Free Relay	100 IM	50 Free
	Mixed 200 Medley Relay	200 Medley Relay	200 Back

B. Pan Ams (Orlando, July 28 - August 3)

Rowdy Gaines and Scott Bay presented.

Currently undergoing a \$4.5M renovation - adding spectator seating, improving teaching pool, new lane lines, starting blocks and locker rooms.

Have been working with the National Office to make sure that USMS sponsors are taken care of and don't have any conflicts with other sponsors

Awards from 1st - 10th place, including 18-24 age group

18-24 swimmers may compete in all individual events and 72+ relays (but not 100+ relays). They will NOT be eligible for UANA but will be eligible for USMS purposes (Top 10, Records, etc.).

Registration will be done through Club Assistant, including relays. Trial run at Rowdy Gaines meet next month.

Open water location to be confirmed soon (delayed by hurricane Irma)

June 15 registration close date expected. Tiered registration with lower pricing for early registration.

Worked with Sea World to provide reduced priced tickets to Sea World and free tickets to Aquatica Water Park

14 lanes of warm up. Warm-up plan is TBD but may be similar to Stanford (may only use facility on days they are entered).

However, this is still being discussed and may also be contingent upon the size of the meet. Another option may be the pool will open to all at the end of each session.

Same OOE as Sarasota from 2013. 8 day format.

UANA Technical committee requires timeline not be longer than 10 hours. Ongoing discussions about entry caps

Can enter 5 events, not including relays.

Question raised about swimming during thunderstorms with current YMCA policy. This is currently being discussed.

4. Review/discuss any proposed Legislation/Rules changes that affect Championship Committee (Articles 103/104)

R.13 - N/A (our submission; therefore in favor)

R.16 - committee did not see a need for specific wording regarding a meet referee report in the rule book. This is already done in practice and a rule is not needed to ensure it continues to happen. This can be in the contract and/or the Meet Director's Guide (i.e. policy vs rule)

R.17 - committee is against the proposal

R.18 - N/A (our submission; therefore in favor)

R.19 - committee does not support the rule as amended and has a suggested amendment to include the Championship committee in the proposal

5. NQT's

Committee approved the NQTs for Indy. They will be posted on the USMS website in the near future.

Discussion around NQT policy to be tackled in off season. For instance, consider allowing anybody to swim 50s, 100s and 200s but have NQTs for 400+. Review Meet Manager data from Riverside and Minn to see how changes like this could impact timelines.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Review NQT policy

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 CST .
