

Committee Name:	Championship Committee Interview with Federal Way - Spring 2021	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Jim Clemmons	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by:	Sandi Rousseau	Date/time of meeting:	July 11, 2019 3 PM EST

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 7	Number of others present: 6
Committee members present: Jim Clemmons (Chair), Erin Moro (Vice Chair), Linda Bostic, Barry Fashbender, Bob Heath, Cheryl Kupan, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, and Jillian Wilkins		
Bidder Attendees: Sally Dillon (PNA President), Steve Freeborn (Meet Director), Hugh Moore (Past Nationals' Meet Director), and Mike Dunwiddie (Facility Manager Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center)		
Others in attendance: Jay Eckert (National Office), Onshalee Promchitmart (National Office)		

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 PM EST by Jim Clemmons.

Introductions: Committee members, national office staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of meeting: Jim thanked everyone for making the call and helping with the bid evaluation. He explained the purpose of the call as an opportunity for PNA to tell us why they should host nationals, for committee members and national office staff to ask questions that were left unexplained in the bid or that needed further explanation, and for the bidder to ask any questions they might have.

Host Comments:

Sally Dillon: Commented on PNA's long history of hosting excellent national championships with the last one being in 2007 and PNA's desire to give back to their local swimmers by hosting a close by nationals requiring no travel. The pool is fast and in excellent condition. The labor to host is divided up among clubs and workout groups and they have a good template to accomplish that. Some profits go to the LMSC, but most will go to the clubs and workout groups taking on an area to cover for the event.

Mike Dunwiddie: Stated that in addition to the facility updates listed in the meet bid packet, there are plans to replace the scoreboard with a high definition Omega system in 2019 with a video board in the lobby. The pool is better than the day the facility opened, and they are anxious to bring Masters back for another championship.

Areas of Questions/Clarifications:

Scoreboard: The new scoreboard will be divided to show both 25 yard courses. In the course closest to the scoreboard end, it is no longer a problem to see the scoreboard from the start end of the pool. The scoreboard will also be able to play videos.

Number of Participants: In the most recent past bid, there was a limit set for the number of swimmers allowed to enter based on what was understood to be a fire marshal's mandate. There is no limit; this was an error in understanding, and the facility can handle any number of swimmers that might enter. Mike has discussed the topic of deck space with the Greensboro facility personnel.

Live Streaming in Hospitality Room: This can be accomplished with no problem.

Budget: Expenses include no line item for airfare for officials because the Northwest has abundant Masters experienced officials who will likely drive; however, airfare can be accommodated if needed. Safety marshalls are not included in the facility rental fee and will be provided by the host.

Parking: The facility has 398 parking spaces in two adjacent lots and the next door little league lot provides an additional 400 spaces.

Concessions: Facility concessions is contracted by a gourmet hot dog company that also serves chicken and burgers. They are amenable to suggestions of food to serve swimmers.

Hospitality: Either the adjoining banquet facility or off the deck room that has been used at past nationals can be used for hospitality.

Social: A social will be planned to be in the adjoining banquet facility which has a full kitchen and is passed in route to one of the parking lots.

Showers: It was noted that a couple of showers were not in working order when one person was last there but the facility guarantees attention to any repairs that need to be made at the time of the meet with two engineers available.

USMS Partners: The space outside the main entrance is still a good marketing spot to use for partners/vendors as in the past. Some of it is covered and tents can be used for more under cover footage. There is room for a car to be displayed from our Toyota partner and a beer garden can be allowed on the patio (outside of the actual facility) as long as a permit is obtained meeting state regulations.

Profits: The portion of profits that go to the LMSC will support PNA programs and the majority of profits will be divided among clubs and workouts groups that take on a support role for the event.

Summary: Jim thanked everyone for participating on the call and stated that Championship Committee is to meet next week to make a final decision on the sites of Spring and Summer nationals. After notification, we will not want anyone to announce the results until contracts have been negotiated and signed.

Pros/Cons of Bid: Pros include well maintained facility with fast pool, very experienced and motivated host group with a good track record for hosting an excellent nationals, good LMSC support, lots of financial benefits for Masters swimming programs, and free on site parking. Cons include: Only 16 lanes for competition and 10 warm-up lanes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM EST.