

CHAMPIONSHIP
(Committee Name)

Agenda item # 18

SESSION # 2

Report to be given on: Fri Sat X (check one) (Fill in Session # if you have more 1 meeting)

Committee Chair: Sandi Rousseau

Recorder: Lisa Watson

Action Items

The Championship Committee voted to request permission from the House of Delegates to sanction a swimmer for 1 year for his unsportsmanlike conduct at 2001 SC Nationals in Santa Clara.

The Championship Committee voted to change the requirement for 19 year old entries at Nationals from 35 days prior to the meet to the registration day prior to the meet.

The Championship Committee voted to submit a proposal to the Rules Committee to remove the term "confirmed seeding" from the glossary and include it's definition with the term "deck seeding."

The Championship Committee voted to recommend a venue for Nationals to the House of Delegates if 2/3 of the committee agreed on one site..

The Championship Committee voted to change the contractual language regarding swimwear sponsors for Nationals.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 10 Number of committee members absent 6

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 39

Minutes

I. INTRODUCTION. Committee members present were: Lisa Watson, Carolyn Boak, Barbara Protzman, Gordon Gillin, Bob Kolonkowski, Barry Fasbender, Jerry Clark, Jean Fox, Jim Matysek, and Chairman Sandi Rousseau. All committee members introduced themselves to the delegates attending the meeting.

II. REVIEW OF 2001 NATIONALS

- SC- Santa Clara Liaison Barry Fasbender reported that deck seeding was used for the first time at this Nationals. It was for the most part very successful. Deck seeding allowed for a later meet start each day, and saved significant time. Some concerns were that many swimmers were able to check in without signing the waiver and posting of heats was late in some cases.
- LC- Federal Way Sandi Rousseau was the liaison for Federal Way. She reported that deck seeding was used at this meet and seemed to run much smoother this time. The computer was able to have the swimmer's names posted on the scoreboards for their heats. Having just one course made deck seeding much easier to implement,
- **The Championship Committee voted to request permission from the House of Delegates to sanction a swimmer for 1 year for his unsportsmanlike conduct at 2001 SC Nationals in Santa Clara.**

III. REVIEW OF POLICIES

- The committee followed up their ongoing email discussion during the year regarding 19 year old entries at Nationals. **The Championship committee voted to change the requirement for 19 year old entries at Nationals from 35 days prior to the meet to the registration day of the meet.**
- Lifeguard requirements at Nationals were discussed. The committee decided to seek the advice of legal counsel on this issue and insure that the meet liaison checks this situation out thoroughly at the specific Nationals venue.

- Liability/Safety release forms were discussed. The committee concurred that deck seeding has made this situation more difficult. This applies only to the on-line entries. The committee decides to check with legal counsel to determine if the swimmer's signature on his/her USMS registration might suffice without the need for an additional liability release form signature.
- The committee discussed the terms "deck seeding" and "confirmed seeding." These terms are included in the glossary in the Rule book. **The committee voted to remove the term "confirmed seeding" from the glossary and include it's definition with the term "deck seeding."**

IV. ANALYSIS OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES VERSUS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE ATTENDEES AT NATIONALS.

- Clark conducted an analysis of convention delegates attending Nationals in the last 6 years. He compared the percentages of convention voting delegates attending Nationals versus the percentage of Championship Committee members who have attended Nationals during the same time frame. Statistics showed that a far greater percentage of Championship Committee members consistently attended Nationals in comparison to the overall House of Delegates. Jerry also pointed out that many Championship Committee members have served as either meet director of a National meet or on a National committee. Discussion followed as to whether this committee should be designated to choose the Nationals venues rather than the House of Delegates. See enclosed data sheet.

V. RULES PROPOSALS FOR 2002

- The committee will continue discussion on the process of selection of the Nationals sites.
- Order of Events will be changed in the rule book next year at the Convention. Sandi stressed that the Championship Committee needs to select at least 4 various formats in order for the House of Delegates to choose 3 formats for rotation. The committee will discuss this further during the year. One option proposed was to have all relays on the 2nd and 3rd day of the meet.

VI. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF NATIONALS VENUES.

- **The Championship Committee voted to make a recommendation of venue to the House of Delegates if 2/3 of the committee approved a particular site.**

VII. NQT FORMULA

The Championship Committee decided not to make any changes to the current NQT formula for Nationals.

VIII. SPONSORS

If USMS provides a minimum of 5 swimwear vendors at National Championship meets, then the local venue will not be allowed to have an additional swimwear vendor except if pre-arranged by a facility contractual agreement.

The Championship Committee voted to change the contractual language regarding swimwear sponsors at Nationals.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REVIEW
BIDS FOR 2003 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS
November 16-17, 2001

SHORT COURSE BIDDERS

Plantation, FL

Advantages: Fewer recent SC meets on East coast; 19 competition lanes versus 16 for other bidders.

Disadvantages: One course had depth differences within it.

San Antonio, TX

Advantages: One course has 9' wide lanes; deep water in both pools. One course is indoors.

Disadvantages: Other course has 7.5' wide lanes; cannot see both courses at same time from a single location.

Tempe, AZ

Advantages: Both courses have 9' wide lanes; hotel within walking distance; both courses equal; pools are side by side.

Disadvantages: Heat.

LONG COURSE BIDDERS

Carson City, NV

Advantages: Fewer recent LC meets on West coast.

Disadvantages: Shallow water at one end; altitude.

Holland, MI

Advantages: Newest facility; ample deck space.

Disadvantages: Shallow water for approximately 10 meters in middle portion of course.

Rutgers University (Piscataway, NJ)

Advantages: More warm-up lanes; deep water throughout course.

Disadvantage: 8 warm-up lands are 20 yards; deck space limited.

