

2024 & 2025 Championship Bidder & Selection Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Championship Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Erin Sizelove	Vice Chair:	Jim Clemmons
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	June 26, 2023 @8:10pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve all the meeting minutes from the bidder calls.
2. MSA to award 2024 USMS Summer Nationals to Mission Viejo, CA
3. MSA to award 2025 USMS Spring Nationals to San Antonio, TX.

Roll Call:

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 0	Number of others present: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Erin Sizelove (Chair), Jim Clemmons (Vice Chair), Cheryl Kupan, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Roddin, Linda Irish Bostic, Pete Tarnapoll, Robert Heath and Sandi Rousseau		
Ex-Officio: Jay Eckert		
Committee Members Absent:		
Others Present:		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:31pm EDT

1. APPROVE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Motion by Sandi Rousseau, 2nd by Cheryl Kupan to approve all of the meeting minutes from the bidder calls. All in favor, none oppose. **Motion passes.**

2. DISCUSS 2024 SUMMER NATIONALS BIDDERS

- Huntsville, AL:

- Never held a Masters meet
- Very small Masters team
- Not large enough to host Spring Nationals; good space for Summer Nationals
- 50 toilets! ← may have to check on that # as a few recall 3 locker rooms with 4 toilets & 4 showers each
- Date: Aug. 7-12, 2024 – less time between Spring/Indy Nats than other bidders
- If we estimate the attendance to be similar to Auburn, might be a good first Nationals meet for them to start with. Summer Nationals tends to be smaller meets.
- Encourage them to host some masters meets; bid for a Southeast Zone meet.
- Nice to have the “legacy” pool for warm up/down
- Nice to have a new bidder; will need a lot of assistance to organize the meet

- Mission Viejo, CA:

- Tons of experience; Very successful Summer Nationals in 2019?
- Very large Masters team & volunteer pool
- Preferable date of meet is Labor Day weekend – pluses & minus to this date; Championships Committee feels the week prior/back up dates Aug. 21-25, 2024 works better.

- **Greensboro, NC:**
 - Tons of experience
 - Has not hosted a USMS Summer Nationals, but has the space to do so with the new pool for warm up/down
 - Not a great travel “destination”
 - Bigger advantage with two 10-lane courses for Spring Nationals
 - Lots of parking and 50 RV hook-ups and additional space in adjoining building VIP, Sponsors, Awards, etc...
- Would like to have Huntsville, AL bid again after hosting a masters meet as it would be a nice “new” facility to host a Nationals.
- Believe Greensboro, NC will bid again for the next rotation.

Motion by Cheryl Kupan, 2nd by Jim Clemmons to award 2024 USMS Summer Nationals to Mission Viejo, CA. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

3. DISCUSS 2025 SPRING NATIONALS BIDDERS

- **San Antonio, TX:**
 - Great facility – two 10 lane pools and additional warm-up/down space
 - Timing of hosting again – too soon?
 - Incentive for USMS to receive up to \$30k to offset costs from San Antonio Sports Commission
 - San Antonio goes above & beyond to run a great meet
- **Greensboro, NC:**
 - Great facility – two 10 lane pools and additional warm-up/down space; has to purchase additional touch pads for the 2nd 10 lane course
 - Last Spring Nationals were held in 2021
 - Not a great travel “destination”
- **Huntsville, AL:**
 - Never held a Masters meet
 - Very small Masters team
 - Not large enough to host Spring Nationals; good space for Summer Nationals
- Any word on when Fort Lauderdale, FL might host a meet? More construction and they’re not ready to host yet; maybe take another year or two to bid.
- Would like to have Huntsville, AL bid again after hosting a masters meet as it would be a nice “new” facility to host a Nationals. Summer Nationals would be a better “first” meet for this facility vs. Spring.
- Believe Greensboro, NC will bid again.

Motion by Jim Clemmons, 2nd by Cheryl Kupan & Pete Tarnapoll to award 2025 USMS Spring Nationals to San Antonio, TX. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

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Table discussion about selection process – how to better select locations, dates, etc..

Tasks

1. Have Mission Viejo confirm they can host on August 21-25, 2024 (week prior to Labor Day)
 2. Have San Antonio confirm they can host on April 24-27, 2025
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Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm EDT