

## LMSC for NC

Final showing post-call corrections by email from Don

Minutes of Conference Call 8:00pm July 8, 2010

Present: Greta van Meeteren, George Simon, Don Gilchrist, Jerry Clark and Hill Carrow as a guest until he completed his comments.

Our registrar George Simon reported we have 1,047 swimmers registered as of this date, which is more than were registered on this date a year ago.

Jennie Rogers submitted a treasurer's report via email to all board members prior to the conference call. It is included by reference.

Don Gilchrist gave a report on the status of the bid package to submit to the Championship Committee of USMS for a bid for the 2012 USMS short course national championship meet. Supplemental files were exhibited to the entire board via email prior to the conference call. The subject of finding volunteers for timers was brought up. Don and Hill told us that the intention is to bring in age group teams to time and that \$10,000 is budgeted for that purpose. In a post-call email, Don said the local organizations will be the timers and grunt workers. The solicitation of Masters swimmers from across the state to act as part time timers at this meet will not be done.

Don opined that the biggest problem about obtaining the bid is that the pool is not built. However it is scheduled to open before the 2012 national meet, so he hopes to host the State championship there plus a couple of age group meets before the national meet. He also said there would be a transportation system established for shuttle buses if the bid is awarded to Greensboro.

Greta asked who would be the meet director. Don said it would be him and that Hill is serving as an advisor. Don, in a later email to me, said he will be the COO and Hill will be the CEO. Greta (maybe it was George...my notes do not state who asked) inquired about the fee of \$20,000 to the Greensboro Sports Commission. Don told us that it was just an amount that was "plugged in" late today and that the reality is that the Greensboro Sports Commission has agreed to take "what is left over after all the expenses have been paid". A letter from the chairman of that commission was sent prior to the conference call, but it was not clear about the Sport Commissions monetary role in this event, so Hill agreed to revise the letter and ask the chairman to sign that for us. As of the writing on these minutes (5:15pm Tuesday July 13, 2010) I do not know where that stands. Don stated that he is positive this matter can be worked out.

George inquired about how our fees compare to other national meets and Don replied that he has emailed the meet director in Atlanta about this, but that he presumes that person is on vacation.

Greta asked for the Gold Medal Sponsorship to be explained, which was done. Jerry has inquired and found out that only gold medal sponsors and meet officials are allowed in the Hospitality area, but timers are not allowed to go there. Timers are provided snacks and soft drinks / water by the host.

Hill commented that they will have a dedicated volunteer who will be in charge of volunteers for this meet. He/she will assign shifts and will see that there are two shifts per day. He said he is seeing that the same system is in place for the upcoming figure skating competition in the Greensboro Coliseum. January 22-30, 2011.

George Simon commented that within a 30 mile radius of the proposed site, there are less than 50 registered Masters swimmers. Hill provided information about the large volume of volunteers (500) needed for the figure skating completion and furthermore, that a professional women's golf tournament held there every August requires some 1,600 volunteers. He stated that the Coliseum group in Greensboro is very cooperative.

Don told us the meet will run two 10 lane courses and the minimum number of timers per lane is three people.

A vote of those on the telephone call was taken and we unanimously approved having Greta sign the bid to indicate the support of the LMSC for NC. Matt Davis voted (with caveats) by email prior to the meeting.

Payment to the NCMS Swimming Club for relays at the 2010 short course national championship was discussed. The amount owed is \$994.00. If needed, we will solicit the relay participants to help repay the loan from our LMSC to the NCMS Swimming Club.

The subject of NCMS t-shirts came up and we unanimously agreed to not pursue a standard shirt. If someone wants to promote a t-shirt for people going to a national meet, that will be their business

We have been able to get only two people to go the USAS convention in Dallas this year (Greta and Don) and we agreed to leave it this way. We also acknowledged the long and hard work Hans van Meeteren has put in to bring our state records up to date.

We then adjourned the meeting.

Jerry Clark