

Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

Minutes

May 2, 2004

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on May 2, 2004, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Bruce Bickner, the Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Bruce passed around a roster for any updating. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

1. A roster of the membership was circulated for the purpose of making corrections. (The updated roster is attached as Attachment A). Each member of the group was introduced.
2. The minutes of the Committee's meeting of October 5, 2003 were presented and approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.
3. The Treasurer presented the financial report as of October 31, 2003, showing a balance of \$1,469.81, was approved. (Attachment B).
4. Brian Bickner from Kishwaukee YMCA presented a summary and report from the 2004 Area Championship. Kishwaukee seconded Joliet's recommendation from the previous year that everything be posted on the Area Website. It worked well. (See Attachment C for the report). Brian recommended going back to using pads for the 8 & under events. Kishwaukee has about 120 medals left over. The question as to what to do with the leftovers arose, as a new design will be introduced for the upcoming season. Kishwaukee and Aurora will work out an appropriate way to use the leftover medals next year.
5. A discussion ensued concerning the 2005 Championship Meet. One thought for Friday night is to have 50 yard events added to lengthen the meet as well as create an opportunity for swimmers to get qualifying times for the Nationals Long Course Championship Meet. It was approved that we add the 50s to the Friday event schedule. The Friday fees will remain as is and time trials will also remain at \$7.00. A question about the lighting at Kishwaukee was raised as the light level seemed lower than in the past. It in fact is dimmer due to the addition on the south side of the pool. Plans are in the works to rectify the matter. Photographer location was questioned; it was moved due to the reflection off the glass wall at the pool entrance. The 2005 meet will be at Kishwaukee YMCA with Aurora hosting. Mark Ingram will be meet director. The dates are March 11-13, 2005.

The situation involving substitution of alternates during the Area Championship finals was better this last meet. In individual events, once a qualifier has been pulled and the alternate inserted, that alternate will swim, even if the qualifier

- returns. Regarding the 8 & under events and three buttons, we will go fully automatic at Kishwaukee for 2005.
6. The proposed qualifying times for 2004-2005 were presented by Jim Verdier. A motion was made to accept the proposed times with a second. The motion passed.
 7. The Area records will be updated by Kishwaukee and sent to the Area Secretary and the Aurora YMCA Meet Director by May 15 for the purpose of updating the handbook and records for 2005.
 8. Election of officers: Dean Bromann and Rich Herman were nominated for Treasurer. Ed Stranc was nominated for Secretary, and Bruce Bickner was nominated for Chair. The nominations were closed. The chairman and secretary were re-elected by acclamation. Rich Hermann was re-elected as Treasurer. Bruce indicated that he would not run again for Chairman in 2006 because he believes that it is in the Area's best interest for the Area officers to rotate on a regular basis.
 9. A discussion ensued concerning which day the boys and girls should swim, respectively. The consensus is to leave it as it is, alternating Saturday and Sunday each year.
 10. The Committee considered the rule changes presented at the October 5, 2003 meeting and tabled at that time for further discussion.
 - A. A motion was made with a second, to consider changing Rule 6 to read in pertinent part as follows: "Area qualifying times for each event shall be obtained by averaging the 20th fastest 'best time' in the past five (5) years of the consolidated District Championship meets, except that in no year shall the qualifying time in an event be more or less than five (5) seconds different than the qualifying time in such event the previous year." The rule change was approved.
 - B. A motion was made with a second, to consider the rule change to have all 8 & under events swum as time finals. The rule change was defeated.
 - C. A motion was made with a second, to consider the rule change to have all 9-10 events swum as time finals. The rule change was defeated.
 11. The committee considered Old Business items.
 - A. It was noted that the team codes for McHenry County YMCA will be MCY and Kroehler YMCA will be KFC, both teams from Town and Country District.
 - B. In the St. Louis District, West County will be WCFY.

- C. The District Championship hosts should eliminate “nicknames” for their teams prior to sending the entries to the Area host. All team entries should use only the team name and the team code set forth with their team name in the Area Rules. The name of the association will be announced at the future Area Meets, not the 4 letter code.
 - D. The Area Committee approved the 2004 Long Course YMCA Championship Meet to be hosted by NW Dupage at Wheaton College on Monday July 12, 2004. The meet packet will be posted on the website.
 - E. The Area Webmaster, Rome Yount, presented a report on the website. (See attachment D for this report).
 - F. Dennis Norton presented a report on behalf of the Officials Committee Chair. Each District Chair received a list of officials for review and correction of the list. District Chairs should submit any corrections, additions or deletions to the Officials Chair, who will review and forward them to the webmaster.
 - G. A design for the new Area awards was presented by St. Louis. No others were received. The Area Secretary will look work with Hasty Awards to differentiate the Area and District medal design. The Area Secretary will present a couple possibilities at the October meeting for final approval.
 - H. The National Championship meet director wants input concerning the coaches’ handbook and entry packet for future meets. Regarding the coaches credentials at Nationals, the Alliance Networks will create a “coaches card” that will be able to be used at Nationals for registration. Katie Borgmann will produce the coaches’ cards and track the usage. Katie would like to streamline the coaches credentialing process so that coaches can have the coaches’ cards by January 1. Katie will also be checking Area Members memberships at the October meeting, and will have the information posted on the website. Katie will contact all Executive Directors to verify that each executive directors knows who is representing his/her YMCA and to confirm that such representation is to continue. Katie will be open to thoughts on the sanction request process for future meets. Katie is checking with Speedo regarding their participation at future Area Meets.
 - I. Jim Vedier presented the National Coaches proposal to have YMCA follow USA rules. The National Committee wants top 16 information from all teams as soon as possible.
12. The Committee considered New Business items.
- 1. The next meeting will be October 3, 2004 at the Bloomington YMCA. At the October meeting, bids will be accepted for the 2006 Area Championship meet. The date for the 2006 meet is March 10-12, 2006. Bids need to be submitted in writing to the Area Chair prior to the meeting.
 - 2. Foglia YMCA in Lake Zurich is starting a team and requested admission into the Area. It was approved by acclimation that Foglia be accepted and placed in the Chicago District.

3. Swimmer eligibility for the Area Meet was discussed as it relates to the listing of relay alternates. It was proposed that we eliminate the listing of alternates at the Area meet, and accept anyone on the roster that meets area eligibility and participation rules. It was seconded and tabled for a vote at the October 2004 meeting.
4. Next was a discussion concerning the eligibility of relay swimmers from teams with more than one relay per event at their respective District meets. It was proposed that Districts may have more than one relay team from a YMCA per relay event but only one team may advance to the Area meet and the relay team eligible to compete for advancement must be identified prior to the start of the District meet. Further discussion ensued concerning swimmers from a disqualified team and their status. The proposal was seconded, approved and tabled for further action at the October 2004 meeting.
5. It was proposed that our top age group be changed to 15-21, including those qualification limitations set forth in the national YMCA Rules. It was approved and tabled for a vote until the October 2004 meeting.
6. It was proposed that team roster formats be standardized to some extent. Ed Stranc and Rome Yount will work out the details.
7. Swimmer eligibility concerning the YMCA membership rule of 90 days being separate from that of the swimmers actual membership on the swim team was discussed and clarified by the chair.
8. It was moved and seconded that we destroy the ballots used for the officers' elections.
9. The procedure for any team to change districts was discussed and clarified by the Area Chair.
10. The Area Secretary distributed a worksheet and asked for further Area census information from past years. The Secretary wants to keep current information as it may be needed for future district realignment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stranc Jr.
Area Secretary