Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee Minutes September 30th, 2007

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on September 30th, 2007, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Ed Stranc, Jr., the Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Dennis T. Norton, Sr. passed around a roster for any updating.

- 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 May 6, 2007 were presented and approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.
- 3. The Treasurer, Dean Bromann presented the financial report as of September 30th, 2007, showing a balance of \$1,785.77, was approved. (Attachment B).
- 4. The Chairs from each of the 5 districts presented a status report of each of their respective districts.
 - A. Chicago The overall numbers in the district should remain the same as last year. Elections were held, with new committee members as stated in manual.
 - B. Northwest Elections were held, new committee members as stated in manual.
 - C. St. Louis Elections were held, with new committee members as stated in manual.
 - D. Town & Country Elections were held, new committee members as stated in manual.
 - E. Illini Added Christian County YMCA CCY Champaign AquaChiefs and Storm merged, now Champaign Heat – Heat.
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- 5. Rome Yount gave his report as Area Webmaster. He distributed a printed report with the activity on the website and the information currently posted.
- 6. Review of the criteria for hosting the Area Championship: No changes were made.
- 7. The status of the 2008 Area Championship Meet was given by Brian Bickner.
 - A. It was determined that our walk-thru will be January 20, 2008 at Noon.
 - B. Hotel and Parking information was updated.
 - C. A motion was made with a second to add a \$3.50 per swimmer surcharge. The motion passed.
- 8. 2008 Area Summer Championship, July 14, 2008 to be held at the Elgin YMCA, a 25 meter pool, and the host of the 2007 Summer Championship Meet. The fees for the meet will not exceed \$ 7.00 per individual event and \$ 20.00 per relay event.
- 9. 2009 Area Championship Meet March 6-8 or 13-15, 2009 (date to be picked in February) One bid was received from Aurora to be held at Kishwaukee Family YMCA. Bryan Lederhouse talked about new fees, 5.00 -20.00 and was tabled. A motion was made to accept the bid with a second. The motion passed.
- 10. Review of qualifications for and conduct of officials at the Area Championship. No changes were made.
- 11. Review of standards and procedures for credentialing YMCA coaches in the Area. The \$5.00 credential fee may be waived at the discretion of the Group Representative. However, the late fees will remain in effect.
- 12. Review of safety procedures for Area swimming competition. None needed.
- 13. Report on the YMCA National Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee meeting August 2, 2007 in Maryland by Ed Stranc.
 - A. Distribution of new training material is happening right after Long Course 2007 to all trainers. The materials will be grouped into four packages, an instructor file, a handouts file, and exercises and solutions file and a test file. The tests are undergoing final editing and will be sent out shortly.
 - B. The balance of the meeting dealt with procedural issues at the National Meets.

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14. Old Business:

- A. A motion to bring the adoption of the Illinois/Missouri Best Practices manual off the table was made. After discussion a motion was made to adopt the manual, with a second. The vote to adopt the manual passed.
- B. A motion to bring the change in the Area Championship format off the table was made. After a discussion to conduct preliminary events in two sessions, one each for girls and boys on Saturday, and finals events on Sunday, alternating girl's and boy's events, was made. The vote to adopt the change was defeated.
- C. After a review of the qualifying times for the 2007/2008 season, a motion was made with a second to adopt the times. The vote passed.
- D. The officials committee requested that a list of officials from each district be submitted to the committee in order to update the Area master list.
- E. Rome Yount and John Lynch will investigate the costs involved to the Area Committee purchasing Team Manager and Meet Manager to facilitate record keeping and operation of the Area Championship Meet, and report at the next meeting.

15. New Business:

A. No proposals for rule changes were presented.

16. Future Meetings:

- A. The Area Committee will conduct a walk-thru at the Kishwaukee YMCA on Sunday January 20, 2008 at 11:00 AM.
- B. The next regular business meeting of the Area Committee on May 4, 2008, at the State Farm Office in Bloomington. Rome Yount will send out direction prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis T. Norton, Sr. Area Secretary