

# Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

## Minutes

### October 2, 2005

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on October 2, 2005, 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. Lynn Stickels introduced herself as the new Group Representative for the Illinois/Missouri Area.
2. The minutes of the Committee's meeting of May 1, 2005 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 \$1,405.96, 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 team from New City has disbanded. The overall numbers in the district should remain the same as last year.
  - B. Northwest – At the district September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting 9 of 11 teams were represented. The district census has ranged from 721 to 925 over the last 10 years. The overall numbers in the district should remain the same as last year.
  - C. St. Louis – All current committee members were re-elected, with Rich Herman remaining as chair. Mexico (MEXY) 3376 is returning as an active team; Kirkwood is inactive this year; Wildwood Family (WWFY) is being added as an active team. Don Smith will find out the uncertain status of YMCA of Callaway County (YOCC).
  - D. Town & Country – The District met September 18<sup>th</sup>, with the same 6 teams. There are new coaches at Joliet and Oak Park. The new staff Designate for the district is Ann O'Dell. Dick Wildey, Dean Bromann and Dean Jones were re-elected; Brian Lederhouse was elected as the 4<sup>th</sup> representative.
  - E. Illini – At their August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, all teams except for Quincy were represented. All current representatives were re-elected except Ray Van Hootegen replaces Matt Vogel.

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. Town & Country will give Rome their Rules and Bylaws as soon as possible. Around the time of the Championship Meets, there were approx. 3000 hits on the site.
6. Review of the criteria for hosting the Area Championship: Added to the list in the handbook.
  - A. It is the host responsibility to inventory the medals and awards immediately upon receiving them, and report and discrepancies to the Area Chair.
  - B. After an ensuing discussion, a general comment will be added to the host responsibilities to have a prerequisite number of hotel rooms, based upon the meet location, listed on the website, at the earliest possible date.
  - C. Sanction form for the championship meets need to be submitted by January 1 for the winter season and May 1 for the summer season.
7. The status of the 2006 Area Championship Meet was given by George Galounis from Joliet YMCA.
  - A. Road construction is an issue around the campus at Carthage College. It is recommended people exit I-94 at Hwy. E to avoid some of the congestion.
  - B. It was determined that our walk-thru will be December 18, 2005.
  - C. George outlined his committee structure and their current work, parking and facility issues. Our December 18<sup>th</sup> walk-thru will address specific logistics.
  - D. A motion was made with a second to add a \$1.00 per swimmer surcharge for this meet. The motion passed.
  - E. Joliet was made aware that the YMCA national requirement for lifeguards for the meet is 35:1.
8. 2006 Area Summer Championship, July 17, 2006 – One bid was received from Elgin to be held at the Elgin YMCA, a 25 meter pool, and the host of the 2005 Summer Championship Meet. The bid was accepted. The fees for the meet will not exceed \$ 7.00 per individual event and \$ 20.00 per relay event.
9. 2007 Area Championship Meet March 9-11, 2007 – One bid was received from Jefferson City YMCA to host the meet at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. A discussion ensued, led by Don Smith regarding the facility, hotel & restaurant availability in the area of the pool. A motion was made to accept the bid with a second. A vote was taken, the motion passed.

10. Conduct of Officials at the Area Championship: A motion was made and defeated to require all men and women to wear long pants for both prelim's and finals. A second motion was made that would require long pants for men and women for finals only. Shorts and skirt would continue to be acceptable for prelim's. The motion was seconded, with a vote to pass the motion.
11. Credentialing of coaches will be covered under a proposed rule change later on the agenda.
12. Safety issues were covered under Joliet's report regarding the upcoming Championship Meet.
13. Report on the YMCA National Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee meeting September 24 & 25, 2005 in Philadelphia by Ed Stranc.
  - A. A new procedure for submitting entries for the national meets was presented and will be adopted starting with the 2006 Short Course Championship Meet.
  - B. A proposal was presented to adopt the USA Swimming technical rules for the YMCA to conduct their meets. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was concluded that the Illinois/Missouri Area Committee will draft a letter to the National Committee opposing the change from NCAA Rules.
14. Rule Changes.
  - A. The rule change 4B, defining the competitive season was brought to the table. A friendly amendment to change the start of the winter season to August 15<sup>th</sup> was accepted. A vote was made to accept the rule change.
  - B. The addition of Rule 15 defining Coaches Eligibility was brought to the table. A friendly amendment was made to add a \$ 5.00 fee sent to the Group Representative covering the National Coaches Card fee was accepted. A vote was made to accept the addition of this rule.
  - C. The proposed rule change 6G that would allow for electronic entry to the Championship Meet with the fees due at any time prior to the conclusion of the Friday night scratch meeting was brought to the table. A vote was made to accept the rule change.
  - D. The proposed rule change 13, to change the 15-21 400 Free Relay to a 200 Free Relay for both the men and women was brought to the table. A vote was made to accept the rule change. The Area Secretary suggested qualifying times for the two events. After a short discussion the time standards were accepted.

15. Old Business:

- A. Steve McGriff reported on the Officials' Committee, and discussed the current NCAA rule changes. Steve will prepare a written report that will be distributed to all district chairs to be forwarded to all team in the Area.
- B. Bruce Bickner gave a report on the 2005 Area Summer Championship Meet held at the Elgin YMCA.
- C. Don Smith presented a report of the Demographic sub-committee. Don presented a proposal to disband the Town & Country District and distribute the teams to Northwest and Chicago districts. A resolution was made to look at Don's proposal, or look at strengthening Town & Country with some possible movement from Chicago and Northwest. A letter will be send requesting comments from all teams in the three districts in question, for action at the May 2006 Area Meeting.

16. New Business:

- A. A rule change was proposed to waive the 5' pool depth requirement at the turn end of the pools for the Area Championship Meets, which would allow more pools to be considered for future meets. There was a second to the motion, which will be tabled for further discussion and vote at the May 2006 Area meeting.
- B. The Area Chair appointed Ron Marion to be the Area Qualifying Times statistical.

17. Future Meetings:

- A. Pool Walk-thru on December 18, 2005 at Carthage College
- B. Friday night meeting prior to the start of the Area Championship on March 9, 2006.
- C. The next regular business meeting of the Area Committee on May 7, 2006

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stranc Jr.  
Area Secretary