

Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

Minutes

May 6, 2007

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington State Farm Building on May 6, 2007, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Ed Stranc, the Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Ed passed around a roster for any updating.

1. Introduction of all present members.(The updated roster is attached as Attachment A)
2. The minutes of the Committee's meeting of October 8, 2006 were presented and approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.
3. The Treasurer's financial report as of May 6, 2007, showing a balance of \$1,961.29, was approved. (Attachment B)
4. Jefferson City YMCA presented their report on the 2007 Area Championship Meet. Don Smith, the Meet Director, gave the report. Don thanked a number of Area Committee members for their help in the operation of the meet. An 8-page report was distributed with details of the various aspects of the meet. The total profit on the meet was \$19,185.93. (Attachment C)
 - A. Major talk was about the use of Flash photography. We need to be sure to add the use of **Flash Photography is not allowed at any time.**
5. The Area Records will be updated along with the handbook by the Area Secretary in the next 30 days.
6. Brian Bickner reported on the plans for the 2008 Area Championship Meet. Parking and Hotels were discussed.
7. Ron Marion reported the 2007/2008 Winter Swim Season Area Qualifying Times. A motion was made and accepted to approve the Qualifying Times for 2007/2008. The motion passed.
8. Rome Yount presented the Area Webmaster report on the status of the Area Website. As of April 1, there were 14,000 hits on the website over the last year.
9. The Officials Committee chair Steve McGriff was unable to attend. A discussion ensued about the transition to USA-S Technical Rules over the last season. In general all were pleased.

10. 2007 Area Summer Championship, Monday July 16th, 2007 – Elgin YMCA. Meet package should be on the Elgin Web site soon.
11. Ed Stranc reported on the YMCA National Committee Meeting held April 1st, 2007 in Ft. Lauderdale.
 - A. YMCA “Black Book” was explained. All in attendance received a copy.
 - B. Officials training going to two levels effective September 1.
 1. Level One for Stroke and Turn.
 2. Level Two for Starter and Referee.
 - C. The genesis of the December 1 age up date was reviewed and the latest development reported. Although any YMCA area, league or district now has the ability to use any age-up criteria, the Illinois/Missouri Area age-up date will remain December 1st.
 - D. Chris Bertana gave a brief report on the duties of the Group Representatives and their meet in Ft. Lauderdale.
12. Old Business:
 - A. Area Best Practices were discussed and changes were brought up for a final vote at the fall meeting.
13. New Business:
 - A. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the format of the Area Championship Meet. A proposal was made, with a second 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. The motion was tabled and will be brought up for a final vote at the fall meeting. The Chair brought up the point that Kishwaukee YMCA bid on and was awarded the 2008 Championship based upon our current format. Brian Bickner will investigate the feasibility of conducting the 2008 Championship under the new proposed format, and will report to the Committee at the next meeting. Passage of the above proposal will, in any event, begin in 2009.

The Committee thanked Rome Yount for his assistance in making arrangements for the meeting.

The next meeting of the Area Committee will be September 30, 2007 at the State Farm Training Center, Bloomington, IL. to begin at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Norton Sr.
Area Secretary

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>check #</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Comments</u>
June 7 2006	\$2,106.67					
June 7 2006		\$33.85		\$2,072.82	Ed Stranc	copies - Kinko
June 12 2006		\$26.10	1001	\$2,046.72	Bruce Bickner	badges
June 12 2006		\$139.26	1002	\$1,907.46	Rome Yount	May meeting supplies
Oct 8 2006		\$86.00	1501	\$1,821.46	Avanti's	October meeting supplies
Oct 8 2006		\$65.21	1502	\$1,756.25	Rome Yount	October meeting supplies
Nov 11 2006		\$110.97	1503	\$1,645.28	Ernie Redfern	Web-site update server fees
March 7 2007		\$183.99	1504	\$1,461.29	Ed Stranc	Area walk-thru expenses
March 22 2007	\$400.00			\$1,861.29		District fees
March 24 2007	\$100.00			\$1,961.29		District fees