

Illinois Area YMCA Swim Committee
Minutes
May 5, 2002

The Illinois Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on May 5, 2002, with a quorum present for the conduct of business.

The minutes of the Committee's meeting of October 7, 2001 were approved.

A roster of the Committee members was circulated for additions/corrections. The revised roster will be published in the 2002/2003 Area handbook prior to July 1.

The Area's financial report as of May 1, 2002, showing a balance of \$607.59, was approved.

The Committee then reviewed the 2002 Area Championships hosted at Kishwaukee YMCA by Kishwaukee. Comments included:

- ◆ The Meet was well organized and ran smoothly;
- ◆ Prior issues related to coaches' credentials and on deck location appear to have been resolved – as was the matter of swimmer and parent circulation during the Meet;
- ◆ Each team should be allocated one priority location parking pass;
- ◆ Consideration should be given to delaying the awards presentations during finals by one event (mixed views as to whether this is logistically feasible or would really shorten the length of the Meet);
- ◆ The Chair reinforced earlier comments that it is the responsibility of each Committee member to be present during the entire Meet;
- ◆ A question was raised about the safety of permitting all four relay swimmers to stand on the block during the awards presentation;
- ◆ A suggestion was made that there be a more formal, mandatory officials meeting prior to the Meet to review rule changes.

Kishwaukee presented a financial report for the Meet showing a profit of \$23,608.

The Committee then proceeded to discuss the 2003 Area Championships, to be hosted by Joliet. Following extensive discussion and a split vote, the Meet will be held at the University of Illinois Circle Campus, Chicago. Joliet was asked to give special consideration to security within the building (e.g., locker rooms, halls, and racquetball courts) as well as to location/size of the coaches' area on deck. Joliet is to provide

further information on these matters at the October 6, 2002 Committee meeting, together with a final selection of the headquarters hotel (probably the Holiday Inn at the Merchandise Mart). (Parents should expect room rates of \$70 - \$100/night plus both taxes and overnight parking charges. Parking for the Meet will be immediately adjacent to the pool and cost \$4/day).

The Committee also approved the following matters with respect to the 2003 Area Championships:

- ◆ Friday afternoon/evening long distance events for 12 and older will be run as a separate, non-sanctioned meet, for the purpose of providing Area swimmers an opportunity to achieve YMCA national qualifying times. Participation on Friday will not count as participation in the Area Championships. Event format, qualifying times, and fees (\$7/event) will be the same as 2002, and entries will be limited to 2 heats per event, based on fastest times.
- ◆ The event format for the Saturday/Sunday Area Champions will be the same as 2002.
- ◆ The 2003 Meet qualifying times will be as set forth in Exhibit "A". (Times were determined using average top 20 qualifying times for a rolling five-year period). Times will be published in the 2002/2003 Area handbook and downloaded to the Area's website; such publication will be the sole official listing of such times.
- ◆ Entry fees will remain at \$3/individual event and \$12/relay event.
- ◆ The second and fourth swimmers in the eight and under relays will start in the water, unless the host is able to provide starting blocks of equal height for all lanes (final decision to be made prior to Committee's next meeting on October 6, 2002).

The Committee then proceeded to elect the following officers to serve two-year terms:

Chair – Bruce Bickner
Secretary – Ed Stranc, Jr.
Treasurer – Rich Herman

Information was exchanged among the Committee regarding update/correction of Area records.

The Committee then voted to approve an amendment to the Area Rules first proposed at the October 7, 2002 meeting as follows:

Rule 6B – "Each year these Rules (including the Illinois Area Qualifying Times for the next season) shall be distributed to Area Committee members no later than July 1."

The following amendments to the Area Rules or Bylaws were introduced, discussed, and tabled for further discussion/action on October 6, 2002:

- ◆ Revise Rule 2D to increase host fees for Area championships to \$200 each for boys and girls;
- ◆ New Rule 2F to read “In connection with the Area Championships, the meet host shall conduct a long distance qualifying meet for the purpose of providing Area swimmers (12 years of age and older) an opportunity to achieve YMCA national qualifying times in longer distance events. Such meet shall be run separate from the Area Championships on the Friday immediately preceding the Area Championships, and it shall not be a YMCA sanctioned event. The meet events, format, qualifying times, entry limitations, and entry fees shall be set each year by the Area Committee, which shall also provide officials for the meet. There will be no scoring of the meet, and no awards shall be presented. Participation in such meet shall not constitute participation in the Area Championships, and these Rules as they relate to Age Groups, Limits on Entries and Entry Changes, Qualification for Participation in Area Championships (except 6G and H), Fees, Awards, Scoring and Records shall not apply to such separate meet.”;
- ◆ Revise Bylaw 5a (second sentence) to read: “Each district representative to the Area Committee must be either a lay person qualified as a level II official or a YMCA employed coach. No more than three of a district’s four representatives may be lay persons qualified as a level II officials, and no more than two of such four representatives may be YMCA employed coaches.”;
- ◆ Revise Bylaws 6 and 9 to reflect current practice to hold the Area Committee’s spring meeting on the first Sunday in May instead of June;
- ◆ Add Bylaw 8 (i) as follows: “discussion of changes in NCAA Mens and Womens Swimming Rules”.

Rome Young then led a discussion of the Area website which is located at www.ilswim.org. Following such discussion, it was decided that:

- ◆ The Area Committee Chair will, for control purposes, “own” the website;
- ◆ The Area Rules and Bylaws will be posted on the site. YMCAs will be sent a letter offering them a hard copy on request only if they are unable to download from the website;
- ◆ The Area Championship Meet packet shall be posted on the web site six weeks prior to the Meet and simultaneously sent electronically to all Area YMCAs with a request for positive confirmation of receipt. Hardy copy will also be sent by regular mail thirty days prior to the Meet;

- ◆ Area Committee minutes shall be posted on the web site and simultaneously sent electronically to all Committee members, with a request for positive confirmation of receipt. Hard copy will only be provided to those without site access;
- ◆ Changes in NCAA Mens and Womens Swimming Rules will be posted on the website.

Ed Stranc, Jr. presented a report from the subcommittee on District Championship Meet Formats. Principal conclusions are:

- ◆ District formats vary significantly, but appear to be appropriately tailored to the demographics of the respective districts;
- ◆ District chairs should provide demographics on their district to the chair on an annual basis;
- ◆ The subject of district formats should be reviewed every three years.

Ed Stranc, Jr. presented a report from the subcommittee on a long course championship meet. Principal points were:

- ◆ The 2002 Illinois Area YMCA Long Course Swimming Championships will be held on Monday, July 15 at Wheaton College – hosted by Northwest DuPage YMCA;
- ◆ The meet will be YMCA sanctioned and open to all Illinois Area YMCA swimmers 12 years and older who meet the qualifying times (YMCA national times plus fifteen percent);
- ◆ The Wheaton College pool is a 25 meter facility;
- ◆ All YMCA national long course events will be offered;
- ◆ Entry information will be mailed in mid-May;
- ◆ Officials will be provided by the Area Committee;

In new business it was suggested that the October meeting include a sharing of how the various districts measure/insure competency of officiating.

District medal orders are due in writing at the October meeting.

Credentials will be checked at the October meeting. To vote at the meeting each Area Committee member must have a current, local YMCA membership card or letter of endorsement.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bloomington YMCA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce P. Bickner
Secretary

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