

IL/MO Area YMCA Swim Committee Minutes

10:00am – 2:00pm Sunday, May 1, 2011

State Farm OAB Training Facility

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Dave Hedden, Town and Country	Dean Bromann, Area Chair	

(1) Introductions

(2) Officer Reports

a. Secretary

- i. September minutes approved as corrected.
- ii. Update of Area Roster
- iii. Key Dates
 1. Confirmed Fall Meeting – Sunday, September 25, 2011
 2. 2012 Area Champs – March 16-18, 2012 at Kishwaukee YMCA hosted by Joliet Jets
 3. Confirmed dates – IHSA and ISI
 - a. IHSA Boys Finals 2/24-25, 2012
 - b. ISI Regionals 2/24-26, 2012
 - c. ISI Senior Champs 3/1-4, 2012
 - d. ISI AG Champs, 3/9-11, 2012
 4. Future dates – IHSA and ISI
 - a. IHSA Boys Finals 2/22-23, 2013 ([confirmed](#) - link is to IHSA 5 year calendar)
 - b. ISI Regionals 2/22-24, 2013 (likely)
 - c. ISI Senior Champs 2/28 – 3/3 (likely)
 - d. ISI AG Champs 3/8-10 (likely)
 - e. Likely preference for 2013 Area Champs March 16-17.
 - f. Y National Champs is April 30

b. Treasurer’s Report

Illinois Missouri Area Treasury Report		
	5/1/2011	
Beginning Balance	2964.78	
Expenses	101.45	Avanti lunch for last mtg check 1523
Deposits	700	Kis 400 StL 100 IIVal 100 McGaw 100
Total	3563.33	
		2 districts still owe 100 each (1 paid today)

d. Chair

- i. New badges in the fall.
- ii. Should time trials be offered Friday night (open up entries and eliminate qualifying times)
 1. What qualifying time requirements?
 2. Maximum length for session?
 3. Facility constraints?
- iii. Reminder for bids to have contract and approved by executive director along with a proforma income statement to the area chair 1 week prior to the area meeting

Proposal:

The Friday night qualifying meet for 2012 be opened up to any swimmer age 12 and over, and any relay 12&over to swim any event so long as the timeline does not exceed 2 hours – age 12 to be determined by the YMCA National date. If the session is set to exceed 2 hours the host is to limit entries with a priority for YMCA national events not swum at the Area Championship to be filled first, and the rest at the host's discretion. Entry order will start with YMCA national events first. Entry deadlines to be determined by the meet host and included in the meet packet as approved by the area chair.

Proposal was approved and will be voted on in the fall.

- iv. Should there be a provision for extraordinary circumstances relating to entry limits at the Area Champs? Example - 8&U relay team, 4th swimmer broken elbow, all other eligible swimmers had swum their maximum number of events so could not fill in)

Discussion: an appeal process to determine how we can accommodate the situation where someone did not splash. Participation in the district meet requires either a splash or a disqualification (no show would not count). Relay alternates are not considered as participating. Need a method to handle exceptions that fall outside of this where the relay members cannot swim due to the incapacity of one of the relay participants.

Proposal

Where a relay team cannot swim at the area meet due to incapacity of one of the relay participants, appeals and ability to provide exception to the current rules will be vested in a committee comprised of the elected area officers, the coach of the host team, and the area staff designate. These exceptions will be reported to the area committee in the regular meeting after the area championship meet.

Proposal was approved and will be voted on in the fall

- v. Report of excused scratches approved by the Area Chair
 1. Asthma attack in StLouis
 2. HS swimmer in Illini

(3) Committee reports

a. Officials Committee

- i. Update of qualifying times – will be sent out
- ii. Rule changes

1. Expect a new rules that govern document in May/June – probable change will be the dual representation section – clarification will exempt HS and summer leagues

b. Webmaster

- i. Dave Brtva will be our primary webmaster with help from Dave Hedden and Dale Andersen. Updates are to be sent to Dave Brtva – dbrtva@yahoo.com

(4) Review of Area Champs

- a. Financial Recap presented (Appendix A)
 - i. Parking was discussed
 - ii. Coaches behind the blocks, shouldn't coaches be allowed to visit with a swimmer after a race, but not 'stay' for all events? Coaches should never be in front of the timers chairs, nor should they be inside the ropes at the turn end of the pool. If there is an issue, the officials will approach the coaches to police the situation, and if not resolved, the meet will stop until the coaches address the issue.
 1. Considerations are noise behind the blocks impeding a fair start
 2. Congestion preventing swimmers movement for the next races
 3. This should be a point of emphasis at the coaches meeting Friday night and include in the meet packet.
- b. General Feedback
 - i. Need for Jr District results to be sent to Area meet host
 1. Participation in the Jr District meet, if held by a district, counts as having splashed in the district meet, but the events in the Jr District meet do not count as events swum for purposes of the District/Area champ meet series
 2. Jr District meet results need to be sent to the area champ meet host

(5) Area Summer Champs

- a. Dave Hedden will send an email to staff designates to determine if there is a need for a sanctioned summer meet, and if so, work with Dean to make it a reality.

(6) Old Business

- a. Proposed Rule Changes submitted by the Northwest District:

1) Area Rule 5.B. reads –

“There shall be a limit of four (4) entries per association in the Area Championships in any individual event.” We would like to change this rule to read as follows: “Teams shall be allowed to have as many entries per association in the Area Championships in any individual event that met or surpass the Area Qualifying time at their respective District Championships; however, only the four fastest swimmers at the Area Championships will be scored. Call-ups will continue to ensure that there are 16 qualifiers who can score.” Scoring would be impacted in finals should more than 4 swimmers from one team make finals (the 5th and subsequent finalists would not score but would medal) – points will not disappear but simply drop down to the next fastest eligible swimmer. 9th thru 16th places would not score, would medal, but not impact scoring.

Proposal failed.

Proposed amendment – eliminate any limitation to scorers. Eliminate the ‘second class’ aspect of the 5th and other swimmers.

Amendment failed

2) Area Rule 14.A states that Team Rosters are due to the Area Secretary by December 15.

We would like eliminate this requirement. All meet entries would require signoff by the executive director and membership director that all swimmers meet the 90 and 30 day rules.

Discussion. (If continues, change the process of roster submission to be ‘platform independent’ accepting comma delimited or excel format with specified headers in row 1 – not part of the rule). Is the administrative cost of this rule worth the benefit?

Proposed amendment:

Eliminate the requirement to submit the district rosters to the area, and instead state the requirement that each district chair shall receive team rosters by December 15 which will

be aggregated at the district level, said aggregations to be submitted to the area secretary for historical purposes, and the district shall compare the district entries to the team rosters for the district meet.

Proposal passed.

Note: The requirement to submit the district rosters to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate and Area Secretary by December 15 has been changed to have the district rosters submitted for historical purposes to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate and Area Secretary by February 1 as follows (changes italicized)

<u>Information</u>	<u>Recipient(s)</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
District Chair Information (name, address, email, phone)	Area Chair, Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Representatives to the Area Committee (name, address, email, phone)	Area Chair, Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Teams and Team Contact Persons (name, address, email, phone)	Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Championship Medal Order	Area Secretary	October Area Meeting
Area and District Championship Meet Sanction Requests	Group Representative for Competitive Swimming	December 1
District By-Laws, and Contact Persons (name, address, email, and phone)	Illinois Alliance Network Designate and Area Secretary	December 15
Recommended Officials for Area Championship (name, address, email, and phone)	Area Chair	March 1
<i>District Rosters for historical purposes</i>	<i>Illinois Alliance Network Designate and Area Secretary</i>	<i>February 1</i>

(7) New Business

- a. Next year short course champs will likely be in Orlando
- b. Reminder regarding YMCA logo change and requirements to adopt.
- c. Becky Menso is now a trainer! May 21 a level I 1:00 training class.
- d. Reminder to get meet backups into the SWYMS database for top 10 individual and top 16 for relays
- e. Scholarship discussion/review/approval for fall meeting. Please discuss at district meetings.
- f. As a reminder, the Y National committee does provide travel assistance. Request form is on the YMCA National website. Please make your coaches aware of this.

Meeting adjourned 1:12pm

