

Illinois/Missouri Area YMCA Swimming
Meeting Agenda
October 12, 2008
10:00 – Bloomington, IL

1. All members were introduced and the area roster was updated.
2. The May meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
3. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved

Beginning Balance	\$2,158.30
Deposits	0.00
Disbursements (area meeting expenses)	108.30
Ending balance	\$2,050.00
4. Status report from each district:
 - a. Chicago – status quo
 - b. Illini – reviewed how conflict with IHSA and District meet was being handled with their prelim/final format
 - c. Northwest – Tom Alef is replacing Steve McGriff as an area committee representative. Steve is relocating to Kansas. The committee thanks Steve for his many years of dedicated support and service to YMCA competitive swimming!
 - d. St. Louis – Now has 14 teams
 - e. Town and Country – welcomed Kankakee back
5. Webmaster report – reviewed the website with the committee.
6. Finalization of 2009 area qualifying times. Ron Marion will send an updated sheet for posting.
7. Review of criteria for hosting the area championship, review bids for area championship, and selection of the date, host, and entry fees for the 2010 area championship. One bid was submitted by the Kishwaukee YMCA (Appendix A).
 - a. The bid was accepted by the area committee.
 - b. Discussion ensued regarding surcharges and entry fees. The bid was submitted with 2 conditions – either an increase in meet fees to at least 3.50 for individual and 14 for relays or to include a 3.50 surcharge for each swimmer.
8. Review of qualifications for and conduct of officials at the Area Championship. This was deferred to bylaw change discussions.
9. Review of standards and procedures for credentialing YMCA coaches. Discuss how the coaches will 'police themselves' regarding area champ meet deck protocol.
 - a. Discussion ensued focusing on two areas:
 - i. Deck passes would be issued for coaches based upon daily entries, rather than entries for the entire meet
 - ii. The host will provide additional marshals to keep the deck area clear as needed.
10. Old Business - review the following by-law changes discussed and tabled at the May meeting:

Rule 10 – Conduct of Championships

Item E.
Current

E. The Official's Committee consisting of the District Chairs and Area Chair will compile, maintain and update a list of all officials in the Area. The Area Chair will appoint a Chair for the Official's Committee. The Official's Committee shall select the Meet Referee for each day of the Area Championship Meet. Further, the Official's Chair shall assign all other officials their duties, using officials from a list submitted by the District Chairs. All deck officials, other than timers, must be

nationally certified YMCA swim officials. The Official's Chair shall distribute an annual summary of USA SWIMMING rule changes for the current season.

Proposed:

E. The Official's Committee consisting of the District Chairs and Area Chair will compile, maintain and update a list of all officials in the Area. The Area Chair will solicit nominees for the Official's Committee chair from the District Chairs, and the District Chairs shall vote on the official's committee chair. The Official's Committee shall select the Meet Referee for each day of the Area Championship Meet by the end of January. Each district chair shall submit to the Official's Committee chair a list of recommended officials immediately after their district meet containing:

- a. Name
- b. YMCA Certification Level and tenure as a YMCA official
- c. District and Area Assignments for the past 2 seasons (current and prior)
- d. Desired and recommended (by district chair) positions at area championships
- e. Days available to work the area championships
- f. Other swimming certifications, including levels and tenure

The official's chair shall compile the list of recommended officials and schedule a conference call with the district chairs with the purpose of filling the following positions:

- a. 3 or 4 deck referee / starter teams with a designated lead
- b. 2 chief judges
- c. 12-16 head lane timers (depending upon number of lanes)
- d. 6-8 turn judges (depending upon number of lanes)
- e. 4 side judges
- f. 8 relay exchange judges (may have other duties as well)

The positions shall be filled when reasonable with representation by all districts including equitable rotation of key positions. The key positions are:

- a. Deck Ref Lead
- b. Deck Ref/Starter Teams
- c. Chief Judges

The Deck Ref Lead will be responsible to work with the Deck Ref/Starter teams to determine rotation.

The Chief Judges will make assignments for head lane timers, side judges, and turn judges including rotation. They will also be responsible for making relay exchange judge assignments.

Discussion focused on needing to ensure the appointment/selection of officials for key positions was transparent and balanced. Officials' committee co-chairs Ron Marion and Tom Alef committed to ensuring this would be done.

By-law change was not passed.

K. Districts are encouraged to have YMCA closed competitions use 'flyover' starts. District and Area champs shall be run using 'flyover' starts for all events except finals during a prelim/final format meet and except for 8&U events.. Flyover starting protocol shall be:

- a. Deck Referee chirps swimmers ready when last swimmer has one length to swim.
- b. Swimmers in the water, upon completion of their race, are to remain in the water, moving to the wall by one of the lane lines and remaining motionless until the next race starts.
- c. Upon completion of the race, the Deck Referee will long whistle the swimmers on to the blocks, and when ready, releases the race to the starter. The Deck Referee will ensure swimmers in the water are properly motionless and positioned before releasing the race.
- d. Swimmers are to exit the pool once the race has started.

- e. Should a swimmer require additional time to exit the pool (require ladder access as an example) the coach/athlete shall notify the deck referee prior to the swim. The deck referee will then clear the pool for that race prior to whistling swimmers onto the blocks.
- f. Flyover starts will not be used for backstroke, 25 yard events, or relays.
- g. Should a swimmer fall in prior to the start of the race, the swimmers on the blocks shall be instructed to step down, and the pool shall be cleared. After determination of any false start situations, the start of the race will be resumed with a long step up whistle.

Discussion focused on safety issues and benefit to swimmer. Safety issues focused on swimmers falling in the water. Changes made to the initial bylaw proposal were to exclude the 8&U age group and to exclude finals of a prelim/finals format meet.

By-law change was passed.

12. New business

- Review summer championship. 140 swimmers, 4 qualifiers (2 entered with cuts – net 2). National has tightened SCM QT. Need to move to a long course pool. Also need to continue to allow a SC qualifier a national meet to go to LC.
 - Committee wants to see it continued. Need another venue. Need a team host. Looking for bids received in May to be awarded in May; if bids need financial support, put the amount in the bid.
- Team code change – Kroehler Family YMCA (KFC) to Naperville Area Porpoises YMCA (NAPY)
- Swim suits rule change was discussed.
- New meet fees/surcharge for 2010 (by-law proposals)
 - **Current:**
 - **Fees**
 - The maximum entry fees for District and Area Championships shall be three dollars (\$3.00) for individual events and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for relay events. District Championships' entry fees shall be determined by each district committee.
 - **Proposed**
 - **Fees**
 - The maximum entry fees for District and Area Championships shall be three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) for individual events and fourteen dollars (\$14.00) for relay events. District Championships' entry fees shall be determined by each district committee.
 - **Proposed**
 - **Fees**
 - The maximum entry fees for District and Area Championships shall be four dollars (\$4.00) for individual events and sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for relay events. District Championships' entry fees shall be determined by each district committee.

The by-law proposals were tabled to the spring meeting.

- Dean commented on the – WI area minutes. Swim fees, entry fees, scholarship (10K – spread between 2-4 recipients), area meet entrants with national qualifying time receives t-shirts, a parade of national qualifiers is done
- WI vs IL/MO. Dual meet after area champs, swimmers from their respective area – 3 hour meet (think of finals). Swim times irrelevant at the meet, the focus is to be on points rather than time. Dean is looking for feedback on the concept. Details are obviously not worked out.
 - Brainstorm.

- Limit to non-area qualifiers. (Or a B meet).
- Do by district.
- Do within IL/MO.
- Whatever happened to leagues and dual meets counting for a conference/district title? Should we require one of the closed meets to be a dual meet (how do we address HS swimmers)?
- Think about how we do things better. We've done well, have a good committee.
- Think about, discuss with district swim parents and be prepared to make or review a proposal in May.

13. Future meetings – a walk-thru date for 2009 Area Championship will be determined by Dean and the meet host. Next area meeting will be Sunday, April 26 at the State Farm OAB Training Facility.

Appendix A



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October 3, 2008

Dear Mr. Bromann,

Attached is the Kishwaukee YMCA / DeKalb County Swim Team's (DCST) application to host the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming Championships on March 12 – 14, 2010. Since this meet will be held at our facility, this application will also serve as a guaranteed contract for use of the facility.

Sincerely,

Rob Wilkinson
Executive Director

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Application to Host the 2010 Illinois / Missouri Area Championships

- Host Team** Kishwaukee YMCA / DeKalb County Swim Team (DCST)
- Dates** March 12 – 14, 2010
- Location** Kishwaukee Family YMCA
2500 Bethany Road
Sycamore, IL 60178
- Facility** The Kishwaukee YMCA has an 8 lane 25 yard competition pool with starting block in 7 feet of water at both ends. The YMCA has an additional 6 lane 25 yard pool adjacent to the competition pool. The facility uses non-turbulent lane lines with a fully automatic Colorado timing system. The seating capacity is for 700 spectators. Adjacent to the competition pool is a multipurpose court and four racquetball courts to be used for staging of the athletes.
- Previous Experience Running Large Meets:**
Co-Host of the 2001 Illinois / Missouri Area Meet
Host of the 2002, 2004 and 2008 Illinois / Missouri Area Meet
Co-Host of the 2006, 2007, 2009 Northwest Junior and District Championships
Annually Host the Barb Wire Classic in December with 750 swimmers
Annually Host the 3 day DCST Winter Classic in February with 600 swimmers
Annually Host the NCISC Summer Championships in July with 800 swimmers
- Hotels** The DeKalb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has blocked over 400 rooms at area hotels for this meet with special group rates. Rooms will not be made available to be reserved until March 12, 2009.
- Parking** Parking is available at and immediately adjacent to the YMCA. There will be special close-in parking available for the Area committee
- Hospitality** There is a large, dedicated area available to serve breakfast and lunch to officials and coaches. On-site kitchen permits food to be available throughout the day, including availability for officials after the conclusion of the preliminary session.