**Illinois YMCA Swimming**

**Northwest District Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 24, 2016**

The Northwest District Committee of Illinois YMCA Swimming held a meeting on January 24, 2016, at the Ottawa YMCA in Ottawa, IL. Five Northwest District teams were present; Freeport, Rock River Valley, Ottawa, Illinois Valley, and Kishwaukee. One official state representative was also present; Marty Sterner.

The meeting was called to order at 10:37AM

1. A motion to approve the minutes from the 9/13/15 meeting was made by Eric, seconded by David, and approved unanimously.
2. Brian passed out the Northwest District Treasurer’s Report. The district has a balance of $408.48 with an inventory of 506 medals. No change since the last meeting. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Eric, seconded by Dale, and approved unanimously.
3. The current Northwest District roster was passed around to note changes.
4. The District discussed the following items from the state meeting held on October 4, 2015.
	1. The wording of the Illinois YMCA Swimming rules was cleaned up.
	2. Discussed the possibility of having a state committee hosted State meet in March of 2017. The district expressed some concern with being able to find enough volunteers to run the meet.
	3. The state committee will meet Friday, March 18 prior to the state meet and again on Sunday, May 1.
5. All present Northwest District teams have their teams registered and coach’s credentials taken care of.
6. Discussed the team roster due to Christy by February 1 in the following format.
	1. For swimmers to be eligible to swim in the District meet the need to be a member of the team for at least 30 days and a YMCA member for at least 90 days prior to the District meet. They must also compete in 3 YMCA meets, 2 if high school swimmer, to compete at District.
	2. All swimmers should be included on the roster, even if they cannot attend the District or State meet.
	3. Example of Roster Format:

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| **Name** | **Gender** | **Age** | **Birthdate** | **Team 1** |
| Brown, Jill | F | 9 | 7/7/2005 | OTTY |
| Brown, John | M | 6 | 8/17/2008 | OTTY |

1. Brian passed out the Northwest District and Junior District Meet packet. The meet packet and event file is also available on the DCST website for download.
	1. Jamie Bryan, via email on 1/23/16, stated that Kewanee did not have parents that were willing to commit to co-hosting the District meet and asked to see if any other team would be willing to co-host for 2016. Ottawa offered to co-host the 2016 District meet with Kishwaukee. The District approved the change.
	2. Marty Sterner has requested that each Northwest District team provide him a list of officials, certification levels, and contact information so that he can begin to arrange officials for the District and Junior District meet.
2. Tentative dates for the 2017 District and Junior District meet are March 4 and 5, 2017. Sage submitted a request via email to be considered as the 2017 host. Sage was unable to have a representative present at this meeting because they were competing in a meet at the RecPlex. The district had some questions concerning the facility spectator seating, the efficiency of running a large meet, and whether Sage has run a meet of that size before. After much discussion, the committee recommended that DCST be the host for the 2017 District and Junior District Championship meet and that Sage co-host with them. Sage would then be the host for 2018 meet with a co-host to be determined in January 2017. A motion was made to approve and passed unanimously.
3. The next Northwest District meeting was scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 10:30 AM at the Ottawa Y.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Ovanic

Northwest District Chair