

Chicago District Swim Committee Minutes
May 8th, 2013
Leaning Tower YMCA

The Chicago District YMCA Committee held a regular business meeting at the Leaning Tower YMCA on May 8th 2013, with a quorum present for the conduct of business, Darby Brtva, District Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM. The following people were in attendance.

Darby Brtva	Buehler- District Chairman
Dave Brtva	Buehler
Dave Lulis	Foglia
Tom Adamczyk	Hastings Lake
Amy Goodwin	High Ridge
Dianna Balcken	Irving Park
Nicole Smokowicz	Lattof
Becky Menso	District Officials Chair/State Committee
Mike Hewitt	Kenosha
Bryan Lederhouse	Leaning Tower
Mike Fleming	McGaw
Lori Siegel	Staff Designate
Zach Greene	Pav
Laritha Johnson	Southside
Tome Merlin	State Committee

Dave Lulis made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9th meeting. Dianna Balcken seconded. Motion carried.

A discussion was had about the Chicago Classic Meet. No financial report was given by the host team. Tom Merlin pointed that there has been a drop in the number of swimmers who achieve a district qualifying time at the Classic meet.

The Chicago District Championship report was given by Darby. As a whole the District meet brought in \$12,825.30 with \$9,574.11 in expenses for a net of \$3,251.19. After the District share of \$500 this leaves each team receiving \$250. We had a total of 560 swimmers in the meet over the two days. After the report was given the floor was opened for general discussion on the meet. Most thought the meet went well being the first time the district ran the meet. Amy brought up that her parents liked Carthage better than the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie. Most others liked RecPlex better. Brian brought up that if the District ran the meet again maybe we should look at doing it differently like having the four big teams run it jointly. Amy commented on that she felt the officials did a great job especially with the starter problem on Sunday.

Darby then gave the report from the Illinois/Missouri Area Meeting that was held on May 4th. She formally announced that Kenosha YMCA will be a part of Chicago District. The announcement was then made that St. Louis District voted

unanimously to leave the Illinois/Missouri Area to create their own Area know as Southern Illinois/Kansas/Missouri Area a.k.a. SILKMO. Due to this the Illinois/Missouri Area Committee voted to officially change the name of the Illinois/Missouri Area to Illinois YMCA Swimming which is governed by the Illinois YMCA Swimming Committee who conducts the Illinois YMCA Swimming Championship. Dave asked how many teams from Illinois went to the new area. There are 6 out of the 24 teams that made up the St. Louis District, not including any teams from Kansas, that were from Illinois. Nicole asked how many attended the Area meet. The St. Louis District had 18 of the 24 teams represented at the 2013 Illinois/Missouri Area Meet. Darby went over the rule changes that were voted on and approved at the State meeting. (see attached). A discussion was also had on the format and conduct of our State meet (formally the Area Meet) and if it was serving the needs of the YMCA swimmers and teams in the state of Illinois. Darby went over the origins of the Area/State meet that group of officials took the Illinois High School Association state meet and add events for the younger age groups as well as the general thoughts of each district from the state meeting. It was thought across all the districts that the state meet in its current form was not serving these needs. It was asked what the State Committee was looking to change and it was stated that everything was open to change from events offered, to format, to event limits and qualifying. Lori thought that if swimmers did not have to qualify for the state meet at districts they would not give it there all if it did not have the stress of qualifying on to state. Bryan asked if the State Committee was trying to cater the meet to the national kids. Dave B. reminded everyone that National YMCA had changed the sanctioning guidelines to require 70% of the individual events and 60% of the relay events that are offered at nationals. Darby reminded everyone of a study that the then Area committee did that showed that our area/state meet was falling behind what the rest of the country was doing.

The training reports were given. Becky Menso stated that Joe Roznai was planning on doing a training in June for level 1. She said he would need 4 individuals to run the course and that if any team had anybody looking to get certified to contact Joe.

Darby announced that the Principles of YMCA Swimming & Diving was now an online test and reminded everyone that all coaches needed to be certified in this.

Becky gave the officials report stating we had 14 brand new and 27 renewed level 1 Officials with 13 brand new level 2. There was one level 2 official that needed to be re-certified but they are no longer with the team. She also informed everyone the the Arena Carbon Pro suit is on the banned suit list effective June 7th. Becky and Tom Merlin then covered the false start rule for a leaning swimmer.

The secretary/treasure report was covered by Darby. The district roster reports were gone over. There was positive growth again this past year. Everyone keep up the good work.

There were two confirmed invites for the summer. The Shark Pentathlon will be

held on June 9th and the Red, White, & Blue Spectacular will be July 13 & 14th.

Only one bid was put in for the Summer Championship Meet. This was placed by Lattof with the open dates of either July 20th, 21st or the 27th. Each team was asked what date they preferred. Most of the teams did not have a preference. Irving Park could not do the 21st and Leaning Tower and McGaw were finished with there season after the weekend of the 21st and 22nd. The was chosen and the bid was awarded to Lattof.

In new business the election of the officers for the year 2013-2014 took place. The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Secretary. Lori nominated Mike Howard and it was seconded by Mike Hewit. There were no further nominations so nominations were closed. Mike Howerd was elected by a vote of affirmation. The floor was then open for nominations for the position of Chairman. Brian nominated Darby and was seconded by Mike Hewit. There were no further nominations so nominations were closed. Darby was elected Chairman by a vote of affirmation. Becky and Tom Merlin were reappointed to their positions and unanimously approved by the committee.

Dave B. presented the proposed District qualifying times for the 2013-2014 season. He presented to options for qualifying times, one of which was calculated using the 15th place time as stated in our by-laws. The other was calculated using the 20th place time. He said that seeing the district was now awarding medals to 16th place as apposed to 12th place the 20th place times should be used if we wanted to try to avoid having so many call ups and have enough swimmers in the events to actually award to 16th place. Brian moved to accept the 15th place calculated times and was seconded by Diana. Motion carried by a vote of 10 to 1.

Darby asked if there were any bids for the Chicago Classic Meet. Kenosha YMCA and McGaw both turned in bids. Brian brought up the idea of combining the Classic Meet and Districts. It was asked how we would do that. Brian suggested that two meets would be run simultaneously with it being scored like a Varsity/Jr Varsity meet. It was stated by a couple of teams that they did not feel it would be as special for their Classic swimmers if they did not have their own meet. On the other side it was brought up that some of the smaller teams would now be able to swim relays at Districts because they would have toughs Classic swimmers already at the District meet. Darby asked for volunteers for a sub-committee to bring a proposal back to the August District meeting. Brian said he would lead this group. Dave L Tom A. Dave B and Tom M offered to make up the rest of the committee.

Darby then asked for any bids for the Boys and Girls District meet. No bids were submitted. Dianna motioned for the District to run the District Meet again in 2014. Tom M. seconded. Motioned carried 10 to 1.

Brian made a motion for a by-law change that "All relays at the district meet to be conducted as time finales in the event that the Chicago district combines the

district and classic meet." There was some discussion as to whether they would be swum during prelims or finals. Lori thought during finals would be better. Motion was tabled to the August meeting per district by-laws.

Darby presented the dates for the next meetings. Hearing no objections they were accepted.

Zach Greene motioned that the meeting start time be changed to 7:00 pm. Motioned was seconded by Tom A. Motion carried.

Dave L. motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.