

CHICAGO DISTRICT YMCA SWIM COMMITTEE

MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2005

The Chicago District YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Leaning Tower YMCA on January 5, 2005, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Ed Stranc Jr., District Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

1. A roster of the membership was circulated for the purpose of making corrections.
2. The minutes of the Committee's September 8, 2004 meeting were presented and approved.
3. The Chair reported on the October 3, 2004 Area Committee meeting held in Bloomington. The unapproved minutes of that meeting were distributed to the District Membership. Highlights of the Area Meeting include the awarding of the 2006 Area Championship Meet to Joliet YMCA to be held either at Nequa Valley HS, or UIC. The Committee approved rule changes to include the elimination of submitting alternates for relays at the championship meets, allowing more than one relay at District Championship Meets and the change of the upper age group to 15-21 years of age. There was discussion of the proposal to average the Area Qualifying times over a 7 year period, rather than 5, dropping the high and low times. The District Committee thought this is a good idea.
4. All team rosters have been submitted. The District Championship host teams distributed the meet packets for the District Meets. McGaw will send out facility and parking details shortly for the Classic Meet. The Boys and Girls packets are posted on the Area Website, www.ilswimy.org. Chris Bertana talked about the submission of coaches' credentials by January 23, so he will then have time to compile and forward to Katie Borgmann, the YMCA Group Representative. Chris will hold a Principles of YMCA Swimming and Diving on January 15th at Leaning Tower YMCA to begin at 9:00 AM. The Chair reviewed the NCAA Rules concerning a swimmer missing an event at the Championship Meets and how a declared false start works for the benefit of the new coaches.
5. The host for the 2004 Area Championship Meet is Aurora YMCA. Ed Stranc and other Area Members will meet with Aurora Sunday January 16 at Kishwaukee YMCA, site for the meet, to review expectations for the meet.

6. Bob Deering gave a report on the October 17, 2004 Officials Clinic and Official Meeting. The attendance at both events was very good, with a lot of interest by new officials. January 8th will be the District's annual Advanced Starters and Referee's Clinic at Leaning Tower YMCA, to be held during a meet for "hands-on" experience by the officials attending. There will be an Officials Clinic to be held on February 13, 2005 at Leaning Tower YMCA.
7. The Fourth Annual Chicago Distance Meet will be held at Waukegan High School hosted by Lake County YMCA on February 6, 2005. Meet packets were distributed.
8. New Business – Bob Deering announced that due to work and family commitments, he had to resign as District Officials Coordinator and representative to the Area Committee. The Chair asked Bob to be available for special projects as an ex officio member of the Committee; Bob agreed. Larry St. Germain was elected to replace Bob Deering as representative to the Area Committee. The Chair appointed Francois LaSalle as the new Officials Coordinator for the District. Jim Cortez addressed issues with the Iguana Invite coming up on January 16th. Buehler YMCA announced they would be hosting a Pentathlon Invite on Sunday January 23rd.
9. The next meeting of the District are as follows:
 - May 11, 2005
 - September 7, 2005
 - January 11, 2006
10. The meeting was motion with a second for adjournment at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stranc Jr.
District Chair

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