

**Chicago District Swim Committee
January 7, 2004
Leaning Tower YMCA
Minutes**

Chairman, Ed Stranc, call the meeting to order at 7:35.

Chairman then called for approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2003 meeting. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Introduction were done of all in attendance.

Update on October 5th State Committee meeting

October 5th state committee met. A summary including the general conduct of the state committee. All coaches will receive a laminated credential card for the state meet. To get on deck all coaches and officials will get a wristband to identify them. The host team will have marshals to make sure all coaches and officials will have wristbands.

13-14 medley relay rose 17 seconds. Based on the evaluation of the previous times it had to change. New times were approved.

Two bids were received by the Are Chair to host the 2005 Area Championship. The first bid was presented by Aurora YMCA to host at Neuqua Valley with Kiswaukee YMCA as a back up site. The second bid was presented by Joliet YMCA to host at either UIC or Neuqua Valley HS.

Aurora YMCA was awarded the bid for the 2005 championship meet.

It was discussed how long a deck ref should wait for absent swimmers. It was decided to keep our normal procedure at the championship meet. We will call a swimmers name twice if no one is present, the race will proceed.

We will have an officials website that will list all officials with names and expiration dates. This will only be changed by the Officials Chair.

There was a motion made and then approved to allow the addition of 8 and under IM as event 9 to the Area Order of events.

The area meet will be awarded twice the lanes available. for the championship meets. For example: 6 lanes 12 place, 8 lanes 16 places

Changed the makeup of the area protest committee
It will be made up of area OFFICERS, DISTRICT chairs
and officials chair, and the head coach of host team.

Passed a rule for all 8 and under events will run on 3
buttons and 3 watches.

Passed a rule to change Illinois swim committee to Il/MO
area swim committee. This was determined because
Missouri wanted to form their own area, there was not
enough representation to form an area.. So we decided to
change the name the Area Committee to the
Illinois/Missouri Area Swim Committee

There were 3 rule changes -

Time standards- we will keep the time standard, the
motion was made that the change not exceed more than
five seconds.

Motion to make the 8 and under as timed finals eliminate
prelim, this is up for further discussion.

9 and 10 to leave as it is now or make it timed finals, this
is up for further discussion.

Jim Cortez asked how awards would be done. Ed said it is
just a matter of coordination

Ed put out the question for 8 and under timed finals and 9 10 timed finals. It was asked that we think about it and come back with an answer.

It was also brought up prelim one day and finals another day, this will need more discussion.

Jim Cullen also brought up timed finals for relays and keep 8 and under an 9-10.

A meeting at Kishwaukee will take place on January 25th. The purpose is to inspect the facility to make sure it will be ready in time for the State Meet.

Rosters

Audrey finally received all rosters. We hope to improve this process next year.

Meet packets for championship meets handed out by host teams for the , distance meet, boys, girls districts and classic.

Boys meet is now at UIC, girls at York, room at York for prelim only, no bullpen in finals

Northside Prep will have a gym, but no food or drink in the gym area. All food has to be kept in the concession area. Make sure you tell everyone.

Fax the scratch sheet the Thursday before so they have finals heat sheet for classic.

Coach's credentials must be in before Feb. 1st
Lifeguard. Red Cross, CPR first aide, Y coaches
credentialing

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Please make sure to use the proper codes for entries, for example HLYS.

Lastly, page 27, page 37,38 regarding declaring false starts. Once the heat is announced it is too late. Please take note of this very important issue. This only applies to district meets, prelim finals.

We will check into available hotel rooms at state.

Officials

Ken K. has updated as best as possible a comprehensive list 13 level one and 8 level 2 at the October 8th meeting.

21 people attended the advance clinic at Leaning Tower. It was well received. We hope to run this every year

Official's clinic will be January 18th. The test is 100 questions not 50 questions. It will come in at level 2. However you will have to officiate 10 meets before you can start and referee. It is definitely a great training ground. We hope to continue this training.

New Business

Lake County YMCA will be hosting the Distance Meet at Waukegan High School

Jim Cortez is trying to sanction the Inquana Invite for 19,20 and 21 years olds. This will help to qualify for Nationals.

Next Meetings

-May 12, 2004

- September 8, 2004

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary/Treasurer