



ILLINOIS YMCA SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Minutes

9:00am Saturday, May 4th, 2014
Smith Family YMCA
1350 S Briggs Street
Joliet, IL 60433

Rome Yount, State Chair	Darby Brtva- Chicago, State Secretary	Rob Busby- Illini, State Treasure
Dave Hedden- Town 7 Country, Group Rep	Becky Menso- Chicago, Area Officials' Chair	Dave Brtva- State Webmaster
Tom Merlin- Chicago	Lori Seigel- Chicago	Phil Donelson- Illini
Sara Payne- Illini	Brian Points- Illini	Lori Keller- Northwest
Todd Mueller- Northwest	Paul Weil- Northwest	Bob Peto- Town & Country

1) Introduction

A) Call to order at 9:10 AM

2) Quorum established

3) Review and Approval of Minutes

A) All approved

4) Officer Reports

A) Chairman

- i) Amazed at what was accomplished/happened at the State meet
- ii) Big thanks to Dave B, Darby B, Becky M, Scott P, Tom M and Kevin A for all their hard work during the meet.
- iii) A big Thanks to Rome for everything he did.

B) Secretary

- i) Nothing to report at this time

C) Treasurer

- i) We only spent money on
 - a) Food reimbursement
 - b) State committee name tags



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- c) Officials name tags
- d) Webpage expenses

5) Committee Reports

A) Officials Chair

- i) Biggest turn of Officials at the state meet, with losing one district
- ii) All officials received their name tags
- iii) There will be an administration officials training in the fall
- iv) There appears to be no rule changes coming down.
 - a) Question: Can an YMCA official work an USA meet?
 - (i) Answer- No, not without the USA background check. Also-The rule book states you have to be certified in the position you are working.
 - (ii) National may start requiring all Y officials will have to be background checked and take the athlete protection Class
 - b) Training: June 1st at Fox Valley Level I 8 AM-12 PM Level II 1-5 PM

B) Webmaster

- i) National Website is going to Team Unify
- ii) The National database will be run through team unify making it easier to track meets.
- iii) Question: does the blast method work for everyone?
 - a) Answer- It is good because it come as a team unify and it is easy to recognize it.
 - b) It is also a good way to make sure everyone gets it.
- iv) Please make sure that all information is up to date and correct on the webpage.

6) District Reports

A) Chicago

- i) District is good
- ii) 14 teams in the district- Three teams didn't compete this season so need to check on their status



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B) Illini

- i) 15 teams
- ii) 500 kids competed at districts, prelims on Saturday/finals on Sunday
- iii) The question of splashing at districts is still a concern

C) Northwest

- i) District is Stable
- ii) Sage is under construction for a new pool- Ribbon cutting at the end of September
- iii) Ed Richardson named Sage's head coach of 2014-2015

D) Town & Country

- i) 7 teams
- ii) 585 swimmers competed at the district/jr district meet.
- iii) Plan to make changes to keep the meet sanctioned and keeping the one day format

E) -question: How many districts are thinking about moving to be more like the state meet?

- i) Chicago- looking to make changes to keep the sanction
- ii) Illini- just adding a few events next year
- iii) Northwest- Already made the change to their meets through out the season and it worked well for them.

7) Old Business

8) 2014 State Meet

A) Review of the meet by the numbers

B) Input of the meet by District

- i) Chicago District
 - a) Liked the change
 - b) Liked the longer events



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- c) Liked boys & girls together
- d) Only had one coach concerned about 10 & under having time final only

ii) Illini

- a) Feed back on format positive
- b) liked the qualifying all season
- c) Change the location for the Bullpen. The 10 & Unders suffered
- d) Times need to be tighten up
- e) Deck was crowded
- f) Opinions varied on small/large teams

iii) Northwest

- a) Liked the new format
- b) Liked being able to qualify all season
- c) Liked the awards for small team
- d) Liked the banners for team awards
- e) Liked the ILSWYMS database
- f) Younger kids did not seem to miss having a final session
- g) Facility was too small for the size of the meet
- h) Times need to be tighten up
- i) Bull pen in a bad spot
- j) Needed the gym all day
- k) Move the relays to the 1st event of the session
- l) Coaching area around the pool too small
- m) Need to change the order of events some
- n) Awards need to be better addressed



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o) Online meet results would have been nice

p) Team scores shown during the meet

iv) Town & Country

a) Liked the format

b) Liked having time finals for 10 & Under

c) Liked the control entry to the deck

d) Liked having full season qualifying

e) Look at one way parent flow

f) Have a space for parents/swimmers

g) Change the order of the shorter relays to the beginning and move the 400 relays into finals

C) Summary

i) Keep

a) Liked the new format

b) Liked all season Qualifying

c) Liked the database

ii) Changes

a) Move an event to even out the meet

b) Move a relay

c) Scoring small vs Large

d) Event limits- Team and Swimmer

iii) Discussions-

a) Event Limits- Team and Swimmers

(i) Motion: 6 individual and 8 total for 11 & over, 5 individuals with 6 total for 10 & Under

(a)Seconded



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- (b) Discussion:
 - (c) Tabled to new business
 - (ii) Having less swimmers per team in event will help limit the number of individuals in events
 - (iii) Having less swimmers per team in events will make it a coach/swimmer decision
 - (iv) Limiting the number of swimmers per team will not always make for a smaller event. We will still have to do call-ups.
- b) Is the taking the Q-times back to 2013 an option?
- c) The goal was never to have 6 heats- do we want to go back to 3 heats?
- d) What made the huge amount of swimmers?
 - (i) look at last year vs this year
 - (ii) Was it the Q-times?
 - (iii) was it the number of events
 - (iv) Focus on making it work and making it work in other pools.
 - (a) Don't have make a drastic change-make it gradual
 - (b) If we limited the number of swimmers it goes against what we are as an Y. The top swimmers will still swim in the finals. Y values is to get more swimmers swimming. It is about the experience for the kids. The goal was to make state an event and we did.
- e) Create a task force
 - (i) They can create q-times
 - (ii) They can use a timeline and work with it
 - (iii) Recommend Dave B and 1 person from Each District
 - (iv) As of a year ago we are a new group. The history doesn't exist-We are starting fresh
 - (v) Voted to move into new Business
- f) Motion- Move 200 relays to the first event of the session
 - (i) Seconded



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(ii) Discussion:

(a) What should we be looking at?

(b) The committee should provide the framework

(c) We have the framework- the timeline & events

(d) Moving the relays are ideas for the task force. How many swimmers this would affect and how many parents would leave once the relay is done.

(e) Question: What items should the task force look at?

1. Do we need to look at the number of entries per swimmer? Should it change from the current? This needs to be an option
2. How many heats do we want to see in the prelims?
3. Timeline drives all over purposes depending on the Venue
4. Two timelines should be created one based on 8 lanes and one based on 10 lanes
5. What timeline do we have to hit? Do we need a break?
6. Do we have a holding area?
7. We need gym space at all times
8. Bullpen needs to be at least 15 yards away from the start end
9. Minimum of the break between prelims to the time final 10 & under session
10. Needs to work with the Venue (kish/recplex/UIC) representative
 - a. -Air Quality
 - b. Water Clarity
 - c. Parking

(iii) Friendly Amendment- To move the 400 relays to the last event of prelims

(a) Accepted

(b) Seconded

(c) Discussion



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1. Question: Will it help parents move out?

a. Yes

(d) Tabled to new Business

g) Motioned: No outside seating allowed on the pool deck

(i) Seconded

(ii) Discussion:

(a) Coaches are camping out

(b) It was very hard to get around

(c) Is this for the task force or state committee?

(iii) Moved to new business

h) Motioned: To create a task force

(i) Seconded

(ii) Discussion:

(a) Every District needs to be represented and anyone should be able to do it

(iii) Moved to new Business

i) Possible dates for State March 20th-22nd

j) Small team Scoring vs Large Team scoring

(i) Should Small teams be competing against small teams and large teams vs Large?

(ii) We could take the back-up and delete out the large teams and rerun the scored of the small team vs Small team

(iii) We did say we would score small teams and large teams. The district chairs and officers were questioned at the state meet and no changes were suggested.

(iv) Meet packet did say we would score everyone. We do not need to create a new scoring system

(v) The smaller teams take pride in getting to the state meet.



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(vi) It was a bone thrown to the small teams to get the unlimited entries into the meet. With the small teams thinking they were being scored against other small teams.

(vii) Motioned: Award events as swum, but rescore the meet as small vs small and large vs large

(a) Seconded

(b) Discussion:

1. One team did not see it that way. They saw it as we were hanging with the big dogs. Swimming with everyone and still competing against the small team.
2. Question: What was the points based on?
 - a. Answer: By the points the team scored
3. Friendly amendment: Teams not be labeled as "Small" or "Large" Change it to a more acceptable label.
 - a. Friendly amendment accepted

(c) Moved to take force to decide- accepted

k) Moved to discontinue Friday Night time trials at State

(i) Seconded

(ii) Discussion:

- (a) It is traditionally not well attended
- (b) Many committee members agree

(iii) Tabled to new business

D) bids for the 2015 State Meet

i) We have no bids

ii) Question: How did we check entry times for state this year

- a) Answer: The entry chair was directed by Rome to let it go. The entry doesn't have to check every time

iii) Joliet is interesting in hosting in the future. They are trying to see how to work it out.



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- iv) We need to have a bid in place by the fall meeting. We need to schedule a meeting between now and the fall meeting to discuss bids.

9) New Business

A) Proposed By-law change

- i) Each district committee shall have a voting athlete member as part of the district committee to ensure the athlete's voice is heard at the committee meetings. Furthermore that athlete member may be appointed by the district to be one of the four voting members at the Y state meeting without the requirement of being a Level II official or coach
 - a) Friendly Amendment: If a district brings an athlete member to the meeting, that district would earn one additional vote
 - (i) Seconded
 - (ii) Discussion:
 - (a) This doesn't go with the proposal
 - (b) One district read the proposal that each district would have to have an athlete voting rep. It is required.
 - (iii) Voted: Did not pass
 - b) Clarification: to add "each district shall"
 - (i) Discussion:
 - (a) The word shall means that a district can choose whether or not to have a rep
 - (ii) Motion Carries
 - c) Question: Should the athlete be more visible at the state meet and on the state protest committee?
 - d) Question: Can we vote on proposal as written?
 - e) You can have more athletes at the district meeting. It is up to the district
 - f) Chicago district has it on the table for athletes from every team be present
 - g) The National advisory committee does have two athlete reps
 - h) Question: How will the athletes get to the meeting?
 - i) Call the Vote:



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(i) Failed: 3 to 7

B) Election of Officers:

- i) All positions are opened
 - a) Rob Busby was nominated for Treasurer
 - (i) Re-elected
 - b) Darby Brtva was nominated for secretary
 - (i) Re-elected
 - c) Rome Yount was nominated for Chair
 - (i) Re-elected

C) Event Limits

- i) The task force should discuss it. It could affect how we vote.
- ii) Question: can we vote today, although it goes against our rules?
 - a) Answer- the committee voted no to vote today
- iii) We will need latitude in the rules for the task force
- iv) Tabled to our next meeting

D) Moving relays

- i) Should the task force be looking at this?
- ii) It is something that will need to be voted on
- iii) Tabled to our next meeting

E) Task Force

- i) Dave B & Becky M will be co-chairs
- ii) Each District will have one rep
- iii) Recommendations need to be presented to the committee by July 15th
- iv) We are looking for an interactive presentation (Join me, google docs, etc)
- v) Each district will get a couple of weeks to review the recommendation



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- vi) The Committee will have a conference call on Sunday August 10th at 7:30 PM to report back from their district

F) 2015 State Bid

- i) WE will need to have a conference call
- ii) June 8th at 8:30 PM
- iii) We will need to find a host for state
- iv) We will need to look at taking tabled items off the table
- v) Question: If items get voted down- can the task force still look at them?
- vi) Answer: Yes

G) Fine Designs

- i) Would like to have a contract with the state for when they work the state meet
- ii) They would give a better deal to the host team and the state committee with the contract
- iii) Question: Is this only for state or for districts as well?
- iv) Answer: It can be for both. District can opt out if they want
- v) Discussion:
 - a) They don't have to lock us into a contract
 - b) They are over priced
- vi) Motion: The state committee sign the contract for the State meet
 - a) Seconded
 - b) Tabled

H) National Caps

- i) Motion: The State committee should buy the "Team Illinois" caps for any swimmers that make a YMCA National time cut
- ii) General Design to be used so the cap can be used more than one year
- iii) Darby to get more information on pricing and design before the committee votes



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I) Qualifying period

- i) Motion: The qualifying period should be moved from September 1st back to March 1st of the previous season
 - a) Seconded
 - b) Discussion:
 - (i) What about converted times?
 - (ii) Let the task force work on that
 - c) Tabled to the next meeting of the committee

J) Summer Championship

- i) Motion: The State committee to host a long course state meet
 - a) Seconded
 - b) Discussion:
 - (i) This year
 - (ii) No-we are not ready yet
 - (iii) We need a last chance meet for the Y's
 - (iv) What are the age groups?
 - (a) All ages
 - (v) Would they need to attend a certain number of meets to attend this meet?
 - (a) No- just one
 - c) Tabled to the next meeting of the committee

K) 30 minute scratch rule

- i) Motion: To remove the nuclear rule and go to a 30 minute scratch rule at the state meet
 - a) Clarifying: to allow a swimmer to scratch from finals within 30 minutes of the end of the prelim event
 - b) Seconded



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c) Discussion:

(i) It takes away from the meet

d) Tabled to the next meeting of the committee

L) Splash at Districts

i) Motion: To remove the splash at the district meet and still be able to swim at the state meet

a) Second

b) Discussion:

(i) Can the district be more restrictive by requiring a splash before state?

(a) Districts can not impose rules independent of the state rules

(ii) We have already changed the feeling of districts- maybe it is time to re-evaluate it

(iii) Are we opening a can of worms?

(iv) National kids are going to skip the state meet because they had to go to districts and had the IHSA meet the day before and needed a break. By allowing this some kids that never see the podium would get to at the district meet.

(v) Looking at the smaller teams- they are looking for the faster kids to push them at these meets.

(vi) The district meet is an important meet- are we watering it down?

c) Tabled to the next meeting of the committee

M) Positions on the state and district committee

i) Motion: we remove the limitations on who can be on the district committee that represents at the state committee

ii) Discussion:

a) If you have 4 passionate people- they should be there

b) We should be more well rounded with the committee members. That is what the rules were put in place for.

c) When it first started out it was 1 coach and heavy on the officials

d) It should be no more than 2 officials



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e) Friendly amendment: The officials chair should be elected by the officials and be a voting member of the state committee

(i) Seconded

(ii) Voted- all passed

f) Friendly amendment: for The district reps- can not be no more than three voting members of the same title, official or coach. It must be a mix

(i) Tabled to the next meeting of the committee

N) Best wishes to Phil on his retirement

10) Fall meeting

A) Town and Country to host

B) Sunday October 5th at 9:00 AM

11) Adjournment

A) Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM