



ILLINOIS YMCA SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Minutes
Phone Conference
8:00 PM Sunday, June 8th, 2014

Rome Yount, State Chair	Darby Brtva- Chicago, State Secretary	Rob Busby- Illini, State Treasure
Dave Hedden- Town & Country	Becky Menso- Chicago, Area Officials' Chair	Dave Brtva- State Webmaster/task force
Tom Merlin- Chicago	Lori Siegel- Chicago	Josh Gibson- Illini
Brian Points- Illini	Brian Bickner- Northwest	Paul Weil- Northwest
Todd Mueller- Northwest	Bob Peto- Town 7 Country	

- 1) Introduction
 - A) Call to order at 8:05 PM
- 2) Quorum established
- 3) Review and Approval of Minutes
 - A) All approved
- 4) Officer Reports
 - A) Chairman
 - i) Nothing to report at this time
 - B) Secretary
 - i) Nothing to report at this time
 - C) Treasurer
 - i) Nothing to report at this time
- 5) Committee Reports
 - A) Officials Chair
 - i) Nothing to report at this time
 - B) Webmaster
 - i) Nothing to report at this time



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6) District Reports

A) Chicago

- i) Nothing to report at this time

B) Iliini

- i) Nothing to report at this time

C) Northwest

- i) Nothing to report at this time

D) Town & Country

- i) Nothing to report at this time

7) Old Business

A) Bid for 2015 Champs

- i) No bid has been placed

ii) Options

- 1) State committee can host
- 2) Joliet hosting- needs to discuss with parents
- 3) Can Buehler/Leaning Tower again- need to discuss with both teams and parents
- 4) Buehler/Joliet host- need to be discussed outside of the conference call

iii) Questions

- 1) When does the committee need an answer?
 - We need by the fall
- 2) Do we have Rec Plex on Hold?
 - We do with the understanding that things have to change from the past state meet. We are working with the Aquatics Director about the changes they would like to see.
- 3) If the Rec Plex says no- Can Kish host again? When Can you find out by?
 - It would not be a problem to host there. Brian can work with the Exec to have an answer by the fall meeting. Brian is unsure if Kish can accommodate the meet the current way it is run in 8 lanes. .
- 4) If the qualifying times cut it down to 3 heats- could Kish accommodate?
 - It would help. The warm-ups would be 2 hours, which would make the day that much longer. We would have to look at timelines.
- 5) What can we do to help facilitate the discussions to host?
 - Naperville Y is not willing to host, but we can provide workers if needed.
 - Can the district chairs let their teams know we need a host?
 - Once we have a team willing to host- we can have a meeting to review and vote

Question: Do we need to determine a format before a team decides to host?

Answer: The general format is determined. The issue was number of swimmers we had, the time between sessions, if things has gone the way we thought it



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would have... 80% of the challenges Rec Plex had would have gone away. It is a matter of getting the qualifying times right.

6) Table of the hosting of the 2015 Championship meet

B) Tabled items from last meeting

i) Event Limits

Motion: To allow the following event limitations: 6 individual/ 8 total for 11 and older swimmers & 5 individual/6 total for 10 & Under swimmers.

Discussion:

a) We need to simplify what we have

Vote: Passed unanimously

ii) Moving relays to start of the session

Motion: To move the 200 relays to the start of the prelim session and the 400 relays to the end of the prelim session. In finals- the 200 relays will be swam at the end.

Discussion:

a) By changing the relays we can get the largest number of swimmers can leave the meet early. This would allow less swimmers to be at the end of the meet and the parent change over between sessions will go more smoothly.

b) This was also a recommendation from the Rec Plex.

c) Please give the task force latitude on this item, to see what it can do to the timeline.

d) Task force is looking to move it to beginning of the session, but it might not be event #1, it might be slightly later.

e) Need a friendly amendment?

f) If the task force is looking at this- do we need to vote on it?

g) Is everyone ok with the task force handling it?

h) What are the options?

1) Withdraw the motion

2) Tabled until the task force makes recommendations

Clarification: Motion was just asking to move them to the beginning of the session, didn't necessary ask for it to be the 1st event. Just an event order change.

- What we are hearing, it might be good to not have the relay as the first event. It gives us time to get the relays lined up and in place and ready to go. And to get the officials in place as well to do relay take-offs.

- Does that meet the objective of what we want the motion to do? YES

Questions:

- Have we heard enough that the task force knows this needs to be done?

We are guiding the task force on what needs to be done. Something needs to be in writing as a guideline for the task force



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Friendly amendment: The task force is to look to move the 200 relays to be at the beginning of the prelim session to expedite swimmer and parent turnover. This is not to impact the order of Finals.

Motioned- Seconded

Discussion- None

Vote: Motion carries 8 to 1

iii) Outside seating on the pool deck

Motion: To eliminate outside seating on the pool deck.

Discussion:

- a) To not allow chairs to be brought in to the pool deck and set-up all around the pool.
- b) Clarification: outside chairs. We do not want to limit a host from providing chairs.
- c) Chairs that are set-up need to stay where they are set-up unless moved by meet personnel.
- d) Is this for a specific facility?
- e) It is for any championship site.
- f) Would the meet host be expected to rent chairs?
- g) No- it is not expected. Expected that the deck would not have any chairs unless they were placed there by the meet host/meet personnel.
- h) Kish has rented smaller chairs in the past. You need to provide some seating for the coaches. You just don't need the oversize lawn chairs.

Vote: Motion carries 9 to 1

iv) Friday time trial

Motion: To discontinue the Friday Night time trial

Discussion:

- a) We only had 4 teams attend this year
- b) Historically it is not well attended.
- c) We could use Friday Night in a better way
- d) It is not a money maker. It can be a pain in the butt
- e) We can offer time trials on Saturday Night.
- f) We are still bound by the limit per day rule
- g) Suggest a friendly amendment- to change it to the host has the option to host the Friday night time trial.
- h) We need to offer the 1000, 1650, 800 Free relay at sometime for those swimmers.
- i) The limit per day rule is an USA rule and we don't have the latitude to change it.
- j) Could we make a friendly amendment to have a minimum of the number of swimmers to run time trials?
- k) Pool rental can factor it into this? We rented this year for 3 hours and didn't come close to using it for all three years.
- l) We finished this year in less than 30 minutes. If we have swimmers that wanted to swim more than one event they got no rest.



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Friendly Amendment: To allow the host team to have the option to host the Friday night time trial.

Discussion: None

New Motion: We will remove the requirement that the Friday Night time trial must occur, and allow the host team the option of hosting it if they see fit.

Discussion:

- 1) By the allowing the host team to decide to run the time trial. Are we going to allow them to come back to the state committee to ask for help with the pool rental if they do not make money to cover the rental?
- 2) It should be in the bid.
- 3) If it isn't economically reasonable for the host to do this- is that a separate part of our bylaws that we will cover this?
- 4) There is nothing currently in our rules about this.
- 5) By making this optional- the host team takes the responsibility

Vote: Motion passes 9 to 1

v) Fine designs

Motion: To sign a long term contract with fine designs with the state committee for the state meet.

Discussions:

- a) They would like a four year contract with the state committee
- b) They would provide a bigger kick back to the host team and a kick back to the state committee.
- c) It would increase the amount of t-shirts to the host team's meet workers.
- d) A \$200 bonus to host team for any referrals they get.
- e) We have been using them now for 5 years and every team could have benefitted from having a contract with them.
- f) They might be a bit higher in price, but as a meet host- you make more money, you don't have to pre-purchase t-shirts (could be left with stock at the end), you don't have to provide the workers to sell the t-shirts.
- g) 33% for anything under 39 and 36% for anything over 40. Those are good percentages.
- h) This is only for the state committee. The districts can ride the coattails on this if they wanted.
- i) We need a state officer to re-read the new contract (dates need to be change). To make sure the terms have not changed. If it is approved- Can Darby be the one that does the review? YES
- j) To double check the contract- Rome and Darby will review.

Vote: Motion carried 8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention

vi) Qualifying period

Motion: To Change the State qualifying period to March 1st of the previous year.



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Discussion:

- a) Put us more inline with what Nationals is
- b) It would allow the high school boys a requalifies to come back to the state meet in an event they swam at the state meet.
- c) The state swyms database would have to take times from over the summer.
- d) Do we want to make long course and short course meter time standards?
- e) This past year we used the team manager conversion to convert times.
- f) We have a motion on the table to have a state long course meet next summer
- g) Can we give the time conversions to the task force? YES
- h) We are saying you can swim at the state meet and qualify to come back next year?
YES
- i) It will allow the high school boys to be seeded appropriately based on already swimming it at state, this year if they hadn't swam it before they were seeded right at the qualifying time.
- j) It would also give us more data in the swyms database to help us determine qualifying times.

Vote: Motion Carries 7 to 3

vii) Summer championship meet

Motion: Town and Country made the motion

Discussion: Can we table this until the fall meeting to discuss? Yes

viii) 30 Minute Scratch rule

- ix) Motion: To removed the nuclear rule and go to a 30 minute scratch rule at the state meet.

Discussion:

- a) We had a situation this year where we had two boys trying to decide who should scratch from finals so their teammate would have another chance to try and make nationals.
- b) We do it at the national meet.
- c) 30 minutes at the end of the event

Friendly admendment: 30 minutes from the posted results/announcement.

New Motion: Allowing 30 minutes for an athlete to scratch from finals. The 30 minutes start once the announcement of the results are made.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passes 9 to 1

x) Composition of the district reps



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Motion: No more than 3 of the 4 reps can be coaches or officials. Also included was the officials chair should be voted on by the officials and has a vote at the state committee.

Discussion:

- a) Each district is not getting enough of their members there.
- b) The paid coaches are going to the district meetings as compared to the officials.
- c) What is an "official"? A level 2 YMCA official.
- d) Was this to allow the Staff Designate to vote, since most staff designates are paid coaches. This would allow the districts to continue to vote.
- e) It was to insure that all districts would be in a better position having all voting members at the meeting.

Clarification: From a current bylaws-

Article I. COMPOSITION OF ILLINOIS YMCA SWIM COMMITTEE

Section 1.01 The Illinois YMCA Swim Committee shall consist of:

- (a) Four voting representatives from each District in Illinois YMCA Swimming, in each case elected to be a member of the State Committee by the District Committee for the District being represented. Such representatives need not be members of the District Committee for the District, which they represent. Each district representative to the State Committee must be either a layperson qualified as a level II official or a YMCA employed coach. No more than two of such four representatives may be YMCA employed coaches. In each case a lay representative must be either a current member of a YMCA located in such District or endorsed for such representative role by the Executive Director of a YMCA located in such District;**
- (b) The IAN Designate (non-voting), together with one non-voting representative from each District in Illinois YMCA Swimming, which representative shall be an employee of a YMCA in such District and appointed to such representative role by the IAN Designate;**
- (i) As needed by the respective district, the staff designate for the district may vote at the State Committee meeting in abstentia for a voting member.. Notwithstanding, the district may not have more than 4 votes.**

Vote: Motion carries 11 to 0

Clarification: Any YMCA officials- level 1, level 2, or the new AO can be on the committee- YES



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xi) District Splash

Motion: To remove the splash requirement at the District Meet to be able to swim at the state meet.

Discussion:

- a) As long as a swimmer meets all other requirements (three closed meets, ymca member for 90 days, etc) they can swim at the state meet.
- b) If the district sanctions their meet- there is no need for a swimmer to attend the state meets to attend nationals. They can opt out.
- c) The swimmers have a lot of championship meets at the end of the season. We are doing a disservice to the high school boys asking them to swim so many championships meets in 8 weeks.
- d) All districts don't swim on the same weekend and they all don't swim the same format. Having the state require what meets the swimmer has to swim in could take away from the level of the meet. It should be left up to the districts in the end.
- e) Clarification- the district should decide about the splash?
 - The district probably shouldn't, but they could put something in place to get more swimmers to the district meet. They should also be the ones who decide how to run the meet. If we are requiring a splash, we might be forcing the district on how they run their meet.
- f) We have already taken away from our district meet by making it so our swimmers don't have to swim their best events, are we going to water down the competition even more by not allowing the splash? Is the next step that we don't even need a district meet? We are trying to promote the sport.
- g) What would happen if a district decides to not have a district meet?
 - It is in the state bylaws that the districts are required to host a district meet.
- h) The district meet is just not about the fastest kids...there are swimmers that need the faster swimmers there to help pull them along to get faster. They want to race the fast kids. Yes it is a hard season- but that part of it.
- i) Yes it is a hard long season, and maybe it does do a disservice to our swimmers, but it is what it is.
- j) Question: If the state committee decides to do away with the requirement to splash at districts, is the district still mandated to have a district meet?
 - Rome: Yes. Changing the splash requirement does not change the hosting a district requirement.

Vote: Motion fails

xii) Task force

- a) Mid July for the task force to present
 - 8:30 pm on Tuesday July 15th recommendations due
 - Something interactive: Google docs, Join me, etc...
- b) Districts to have 2 weeks to discuss
- c) Conference call on August 10th at 7:30 PM

8) New Business

- i) When would any rule changes recommended by the task force be put in place?



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- ii) They would be in effect for the 2015 Championship.
- iii) At the next meeting the task force recommendations would be motioned on and tabled. And then be voted on at the following meeting after that.

9) Fall meeting

- A) Town and Country to host
- B) Sunday October 5th at 9:00 AM

10) Adjournment

- A) Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM