

**Illinois/Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee
Minutes
May 1, 2005**

The Illinois/Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA May 1, 2005 with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Ed Stranc, Area Secretary, chaired the meeting in place of the missing Bruce Bickner, Area Chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

Ed Stranc, Area Secretary, announced that Katie Borgmann is no longer our Illinois Alliance Network Designate. This position is now being taken over by Lynn Stickels. Lynn is located out of the East Branch YMCA in Madison Wisconsin.

1. Introduction of membership, updating of members' contact information

A roster of the membership was circulated for the purpose of making corrections.

2. Approval of minutes from October 3, 2004

The minutes of the Committee's meeting of October 3, 2004 were presented and approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.

3. Approval of Area Committee financial report

The Treasurer presented the financial report as of April 28, 2005, showing a balance of \$1618.73, was approved.

4. Operating and Financial review of 2005 Area Championship

Dean Broman provided the committee with an operating and financial review of the 2005 Area Championship, which was hosted by Aurora. The Championship hosted 1310 swimmers with an income of \$55,830 and a profit of \$25,675. Dean also mentioned that the smoothies were a great success.

COMMENTS-

>If Kishwaukee is to be used again, it was stressed that parking and security was a complete nightmare. More people are needed for parking. Traffic flow is very important.

>Please make sure “on time” entries are very important

>Creative Design did the t-shirts

>Photographer should be a flat fee

5. Update of 2006 Area Championship Meet by Joliet YMCA

Joliet will be hosting the Area Championship Meet at UIC, March 10, 11 and 12th, 2006. They will have both the pool and gymnasium.

Concession are a big concern, whether there will be enough room in the upstairs area. A possible solution would be to have a concession stand in the gymnasium area as well. They will report back at the October meeting.

Host hotels have not yet been confirmed

A possible hotel is the Crown Plaza located on Madison and Halsted

Locker room issues need to be addressed

Security issues need to be addressed

6. Review qualifying times for 2005-2006 season

Jim Verdier-Joliet Jets made a motion to change-

Event 9 Boys 8 & Under 100IM from 1.44.69 to 1.49.59

Event 29 Girls 13-14 500 free from 5.56.39 to 5.56.89

Motion was made to accept Jim’s recommended changes for event 9 and event 29. Motion seconded. Motion accepted.

A motion was made to make an exception to the rule for 13/14 Medley Relay; this difference is more than 5 seconds. Make a change to make sure the 13/14 times come up to par.

A motion was made to table this discussion this until rule change is accepted for item 8 of the agenda.

7. **Updating of Area Records**

There were 2 records that were made this year. The record book will so reflect.

8. **Discussion of rules and/or bylaw changes**

- A. Rule 6B – Area Qualifying times would be obtained by averaging the 20th fastest “best time” in the past seven years, eliminating the high and low times of the consolidated District Championship meets.

This discussion was taken off the table and opened for discussion. A motion was made with a second to accept this rule change. Item 8 was approved.

John proposed to waive the 5-second rule for the year 2005/2006. This would be for this year only. This would allow all events to be brought up to speed, i.e.: 13/14 200 Medley Relay. This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

9. **Old Business**

A. 2005 Long Course Area Championship Meet

- Dennis Norton approached Elgin/Taylor YMCA. Elgin has agreed to host. The Elgin/Taylor YMCA has a 25-meter pool with no touch pads, but has 3 buttons. It is scheduled for July 11th with 12 o'clock warm-ups

B. Report by the Webmaster

- Rome Yount reported that the Web sight has proven to be very successful and beneficial. Most teams have updated their files.

C. Report by the Officials Committee

- Dennis Norton and Steve McGriff are still working on the best way to update officials' files.

Comments –Rome Yount expressed concerns regarding consistently and accurately when making calls. He suggested that we encourage people to continue official education.

Rich Herman has a great evaluation tool to evaluate all officials during a meet. Contact Rich Herman if you are interested in this evaluation tool.

A motion was made by Dick Wildey and tabled until the October meeting the use side take-off judges only.

- D. Report by Area Secretary on electronic submission of rosters
 - Report by Area Secretary that electronic submission of all rosters has gone very well.

- E. Approval to reimburse Kishwaukee for the unused “old” medals
 - Kishwaukee would like the State committee to buy back 158 “old” medals. Rich Herman made a motion not to pay. The motion was carried.
 - A second motion was made to use medals next year at state – motion was carried.

10. **New Business**

- A. Proposal to add 15-21 200 free relay event after the 500 free event for both boys and girls. A motion was made with a second to discuss the proposal.
 - After some discussion, the proposal was withdrawn.

 - A follow-up motion was made with a second to change the 400 Free Relay to a 200 Free Relay for 15-21 age group. The proposal was tabled for further discussion and vote until the October 2005 Fall meeting.

- B. Proposal for a change in Rule 4B, which will define a season
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept and table for further discussion and vote at the October 2005 Fall meeting, the following rule change:
Except as provided herein, during the competitive short course season, Sept. 1 – April 30 of the following year, or long course season, May 1 – August 30, any swimmer who, after representing their YMCA in swimming competition represents another organization in open competition, shall be immediately ineligible for participation in the District or Area Championship for that competitive season. (Note: A swimmer may compete in open competition unattached but may not represent any team other than his or her local YMCA at any time during the current season after representing his/her YMCA). This rule shall in no event, however, prohibit an Area swimmer from representing either the state of Illinois or the state of

Missouri in a multi-state competition, where such swimmer is clearly representing the state in such competition and not any specific club or association.

C. Add Rule 15, Coaches eligibility

-A motion was made and seconded for further discussion and vote, with the possibility of friendly amendments, at the October 2005 Fall meeting, the addition of the following rule:

Coaches Eligibility – The Area Committee encourages each YMCA participating in Area competitive swimming (1) to require that each and every swim coach which it employs have the following four certifications, CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches or YMCA Lifeguarding, and YMCA Principles of Swimming & Diving, and (2) to take the steps necessary to ensure that such coaches' certifications are current at all times during the competitive season. The primary responsibility for obtaining such certifications lies with each individual coach and the YMCA, which employs the coach.

To assist participating Area YMCA's and their coaches in obtaining such certifications, the Area will use its best efforts to see that there is at least one trainer in each Area district, and to publish on the Area website the dates for certification classes.

Each district staff designate is requested to forward to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate on or before December 1 of each competitive swim season the name of each coach in his or her district that has the aforementioned four certifications, together with copies of the documentation showing such certifications effective throughout the balance of the current competitive swim season. The Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) will, in turn, issue within 30 days an Area certification card to each coach with current documentation of such four certifications through the balance of the current competitive season. There will be no Area fee for issuing an Area certification card to

coaches whose names, together with complete and proper proof of certification through the balance of the current competitive season, are forwarded to the Alliance Network Designate on or before December 1 of each competitive swim season.

After December 31, the Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) will continue to issue Area certification cards to coaches providing proof of the required certifications effective through the balance of the competitive season, but the following fees will apply to the issuance of each such card:

Information received December 2 through January 31 - \$10.00

Information received February 1 through February 15 - \$25.00

Information received February 16 and after - \$50.00

The Illinois Alliance Network Designate will issue such certification cards in a prompt manner and, if possible, before any upcoming District or Area championship meet. If overnight delivery service is required, the coach requesting the certification shall pay the charge for such service.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no fee charged for the issuance of an Area certification card to a coach if such coach provides to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) proper documentation of the four required certifications effective through the balance of the competitive season within 15 days of his initial employment by a participating Area YMCA.

No Area coach will be allowed on desk during a District or Area championship meet without a current Area certification card. At the Area championships, each coach will also be required to have a deck pass to be on deck. Deck passes will be issued to YMCA's participating in the Area championships by the Area meet

host, based on the total number of swimmers entered in both days of such championship meet.

In the event the position of Illinois Alliance Network Designate shall be vacant or eliminated, the Secretary of the Illinois/Missouri Area Swim Committee shall fulfill the duties assigned to the Designate above. Similarly, if in a particular Illinois/Missouri Area district, the staff designate position shall be vacant, it shall be the responsibility of the district chair to timely perform the above duties assigned to the district staff designate.

D. Proposed change, Rule 6G

-A motion was made and seconded to accept and table for further discussion and vote at the October 2005 Fall meeting the following addition to the rule: An electronic entry shall be followed by hard copy confirmation no later than 48 hours after the entry deadline. Further, the meet entry fee shall be paid in full to the host team at any time prior to the conclusion of the Friday night scratch meeting.

E. Area Demographic subcommittee to meet and review current District composition

-Don Smith will be addressing redistricting and report at the October 2005 Fall meeting.

F. Bids for 2007 Area Championship meet

-Bids due to the Area Chair prior to the Fall meeting

G. Next meeting October 2, 2005, Bloomington YMCA

Open discussion

Rich Herman questioned the eligibility if events are missed. Need to be better defined

Jim Verdier questioned medal availability. There was a problem with the shipment of medals to Aurora. This problem is still being worked out

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Dick Wildey questioned what our expenses are annually. Rich Herman stated they are approximately \$500.

Ed Stranc suggested using excess monies to help fund continuing education. A discussion ensued, and tabled for discussion until the Fall meeting.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made with a second by Don Smith to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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For
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Area Secretary