

Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

Minutes

October 5, 2003

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on October 5, 2003, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Bruce Bickner, the Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

1. A roster of the membership was circulated for the purpose of making corrections. (The updated roster is attached as Attachment A). Each member of the group was introduced. Katie Brogmann checked membership credentials of voting members.
2. The minutes of the Committee's meeting of May 4, 2003 were approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.
3. The Area's financial report as of August 31, 2003 showing a balance of \$840.71 was approved. (Attachment B).
4. Each District Chair reported on any matters that may be of importance to the Committee.
 - A. Chicago District reported that they would host both Level I & II Officials Clinics on October 12th at Leaning Tower YMCA. And, at McGaw YMCA on October 19th, Safety Training for Swim Coaches and YMCA Principles will be offered.
 - B. Illini District reported that on October 25th & 26th, they will offer training for officials and coaches for all necessary courses.
 - C. St. Louis District teams will be hosting various Invitational Meets, which will be posted on the Area Website.
 - D. Town & Country District will host a Level II Officials Clinic on November 2nd and a Level I Clinic on November 9th. At the same time, Dick Wildey reported that USA Swimming would be adopting a 4' water depth rule as of May 15, 2004. He also reported on the proposed federal law, "Right to Participate" and the ramifications upon competitive swimming.
5. The Area Webmaster presented a status report on the Area Website. (Attachment C) The Webmaster pointed out that he posts information on a weekly basis, as he receives the electronic file.

The Area Chair pointed out that the website is an excellent depository for 5 years of District results and other pertinent information.

6. The Committee reviewed the criteria for hosting the Area Championship. The discussion resulted in the following items:
 - A. A motion was made with a second, to have coaches presented with a more definitive, laminated card for 2004. Coaches' credentials will be due February 1, 2004 to the Staff Designate of each District. Further, each credentialed coach and official will be required to wear a wristband for the duration of the meet, in order to gain access to the pool deck. Each coach will be required to display both their wristband and laminated coaches card. The motion passed.
 - B. A motion was made with a second, to have the host team designate a marshall to check proper deck credentials. The motion passed.
 - C. A motion was made with a second, to have all swimmers banded with a wristband in the same manner as the coaches. The motion was defeated.
 - D. A discussion ensued concerning the 13-14 Boys' Medley Relay qualifying time approved at the May 4, 2003 meeting, which rose approx. 17 seconds. A motion was made with a second that the time be rolled back to 2:15.39 for the current season. The motion was defeated, and the time remains at 2:32.59.

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

A discussion ensued with concerns that Neuqua Valley provide the needed gym space and cafeteria space, and honor the commitment. UIC was criticized for lack of "team space" and a small concession area. The discussion included other possible back up facilities.

Aurora YMCA was award the 2005 Championship Meet, and will make every effort to have all aspects of the site finalized by the May 2004 Area Meeting.

There was a motion with a second to leave the Area Meet fees at 3.00 / 12.00.

8. Next, the Committee reviewed the standards and qualifications of officials for the Area Meet. A discussion ensued concerning procedures. Specifically with regards to how long the Deck Referee should wait for absent swimmers to arrive at the blocks. Our current procedure (calling the swimmer's name twice and then proceeding to start the race if the referee sees no swimmer moving to the block) will continue to be followed, with consistency. A second concern was raised with swimmers making noise at the blocks. The NCAA Rule Book contains guidelines for this problem, which the Area has followed, and will continue to enforce.

The Officials Chair, in conjunction with the Area Webmaster, will have a posted officials list on the website that to some extent will be interactive with regards to changes of contact information. Expiration dates and names will only be changed by the Officials Chair.

9. One safety issue was raised i.e. more lifeguards need to be on deck for warm ups. The exact number will depend upon the venue. This item will be added to the list of host duties.
10. The Committee considered the rule changes presented at the May 4, 2003 meeting and tabled at that time for further discussion.
 - A. A motion was made with a second, to consider the addition of an 8 & under 100 IM event as event 9 to the Area Order of Events for the Area & District Championship Meets. The rule change was approved.
 - B. A motion was made with a second, to consider a change to Rule 9 that would change the number of places scored and awarded to twice the number of lanes available for the Area Championship Meet. The rule change was approved.
 - C. A motion was made with a second, to consider a change to Rule 10D, that changes the members serving on the protest committee, to the Area Committee Officers, the District Chairs and the Officials Chair. A friendly amendment added the Meet Referee and the Head Coach of the Area Host Team. A second friendly amendment additionally gives the Meet Referee as well as the Area Chair the discretion to convene the Protest Committee. The rule change passed.
 - D. A motion was made with a second, to consider a change to Rule 10 F, that would change the primary timing system for the 8 & under 25 yard events to a 3 button semi-automatic system with 3 watches as secondary. A friendly amendment changed the events using this system to all 8 & under events. The rule changed passed.
 - E. A motion was made with a second to consider a change in the name of the Area Committee to the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee. The rule change passed.
 - F. A motion was made with a second to change Rule 10 E, formalizing the Officials Committee as a standing committee in the Area. The Officials Committee shall consist of the District Chairs and the Area Chair. The Area Chair shall appoint the chair of the committee. The Committee will compile a list of all officials in the Area, as well as maintain and update the list. The Committee will assign the Meet Referees for the Area Championship Meet. The Officials Chair will assign all other officials to their duties for the Area Championship Meet. The Officials Chair will present an annual review of any NCAA Rule changes. The rule change passed.

11. Old Business:

The Officials Chair presented an annual review of NCAA Rule changes for the 2003-2004 season. (Attachment D) The Chair reported that the YMCA National Committee is currently reviewing the procedure the Official's Trainers used to certify officials. The Chair will inform the members of the changes as they occur. Under consideration is combining the two levels to one with a take home test, to be returned to the trainer.

12. New Business:

Three rule changes were proposed.

- A. Time Standards: An Area time standard may be changed no more than plus/minus 5 seconds from the previous year. A motion was made with a second; the item was approved and tabled for discussion and a final vote at the May 2004 Area Meeting.
- B. All 8 & under events at the Area Championship Meet be swum during preliminaries as time final events. A motion was made with a second; the item was approved and tabled for discussion and a final vote at the May 2004 Area Meeting.
- C. 9 & 10 events at the Area Championship Meet be swum during preliminaries as time final events. A motion was made with a second; the item was approved and tabled for discussion and a final vote at the May 2004 Area Meeting.

A statement was read from the Irving Park YMCA expressing their concerns that officials at the Area Meet maintain the integrity of the rules.

A report was presented by the St. Louis District (Attachment E), concerning a meeting by teams in Missouri to form their own Area. The issue has been dropped.

Katie Brogmann talked about a swimming video produced by the National Committee that can be used for presentations to parents groups.

The change in the Area's name dictates changes in the Area medal awards. Each District may present a proposed design at the May 2004 meeting, with a new medal design to be voted on at the October 2004 Area Meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be at the Kishwaukee YMCA on January 25, 2004 at 1:00 PM, for the sole purpose of inspecting the facility for the 2004 Championship Meet. This will not be a business meeting. The next regular Business Meeting will be at the Bloomington YMCA on May 2, 2004 to begin at 10:00 AM.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stranc Jr.
Area Secretary