

Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee

Minutes

October 8, 2006

The Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on October 8, 2006, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Ed Stranc, Jr., the Area Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Dennis T. Norton, Sr. passed around a roster for any updating. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

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. Chris Bertana introduced himself as the new Group Representative for the Illinois/Missouri Area.
2. The minutes of the Committee's meeting of May 7, 2006 were presented and approved as submitted by the Area Secretary.
3. The Treasurer, Dean Bromann presented the financial report as of October 8, 2006, showing a balance of \$1,907.46, was approved. (Attachment B).
4. The Chairs from each of the 5 districts presented a status report of each of their respective districts.
 - A. Chicago – The team(s) from Rich Port and Lake View have disbanded. The overall numbers in the district should remain the same as last year. Elections were held, with new committee members as stated in manual.
 - B. Northwest – Both Northwest and Town & Country had a joint meeting to discuss the possibilities of moving teams from NW to T&C. Elgin agreed to move this year with McHenry agreeing to move next Year. Elections were held, new committee members as stated in manual.
 - C. St. Louis – Added three new teams to bring the number of teams to 14. Elections were held, with new committee members as stated in manual.
 - D. Town & Country – The District met September 17th, adding the Elgin YMCA to the District. Elections were held, new committee members as stated in manual.
 - E. Illini – At their August 27th meeting, all teams except for Quincy were represented. All current representatives were re-elected except Ray Van Hootegen replaces Matt Vogel.

5. Rome Yount gave his report as Area Webmaster. He distributed a printed report with the activity on the website and the information currently posted.
6. Review of the criteria for hosting the Area Championship: No changes were made.
7. The status of the 2007 Area Championship Meet was given by Don Smith.
 - A. It was determined that our walk-thru will be January 21, 2007 at Noon.
 - B. Hotel and Parking information was updated.
 - C. A motion was made with a second to add a \$10.00 per swimmer surcharge instead of admissions. The motion did not pass.
8. 2007 Area Summer Championship, July 16, 2007 – One bid was received from Elgin to be held at the Elgin YMCA, a 25 meter pool, and the host of the 2006 Summer Championship Meet. The bid was accepted. The fees for the meet will not exceed \$ 7.00 per individual event and \$ 20.00 per relay event.
9. 2008 Area Championship Meet March 14-16, 2008 – One bid was received from Kishwaukee Family YMCA . Tom Alef addressed the Parking and Hotel information. With the new addition to the hospital and the agreement with Visitors Bureau there should be no problem with either. A motion was made to accept the bid with a second. A vote was taken, the motion passed.
10. Review of qualifications for and conduct of officials at the Area Championship. No changes were made.
11. Review of standards and procedures for credentialing YMCA coaches in the Area. The \$5.00 credential fee may be waived at the discretion of the Group Representative. However, the late fees will remain in effect.
12. Review of safety procedures for Area swimming competition. Representatives from the University of Missouri attended the meeting to answer questions of the committee members and review rules and logistics at the facility.

13. Report on the YMCA National Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee meeting September 23 & 24, 2006 in Philadelphia by Ed Stranc.
 - A. The Chair discussed the National Officials Committees' recommendation that under the new rules, the starter and referee should remain on opposing side of the pool, as per our previous procedures.
 - B. A second discussion ensued regarding the finish for backstroke events.
14. Discussion and action on proposed Rule and Bylaw changes. Matters proposed on May 7, 2006, but tabled for final action on October 8.
 - A. A motion was made with a second to replace all mention of NCAA Rules in the Area Rules and Bylaws with USA Swimming Technical Rules. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
 - B. A motion was made with a second to limit the Area Officers terms to two consecutive terms. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
 - C. A motion was made with a second to change all 8 & under events at the Area Championship to time finals events. Further, the awards for the first half of the 8 & under events be presented at the 500 free break and the second half of awards presented directly after the last relay event. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.
15. Old Business:
 - A. Steve McGriff reported on the Officials' Committee, and discussed the current change to USA Technical Rules. Steve will prepare a written report that will be distributed to all district chairs to be forwarded to all team in the Area.
 - B. Dean Bromann presented a report on the 2006 Area Summer Championship Meet held at the Elgin YMCA.
 - C. Julie Mayne presented a report regarding a possible alternate vendor for the District and Area awards. In summary, the pricing from Hasty Awards in unmatched and the Committee will continue to use Hasty for the awards.
16. New Business:
 - A. No proposals for rule changes were presented.
 - B. Officials Clinics: A number of clinics were announced. Rome Yount will post them on the website.

17. Future Meetings:

- A. Pool Walk-thru on January 21st, 2007 at Noon.
- B. Friday night meeting prior to the start of the Area Championship on March 14th, 2007.
- C. The next regular business meeting of the Area Committee on May 6, 2007, at the State Farm Office in Bloomington. Rome Yount will send out direction prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis T. Norton, Sr.
Area Secretary