

Illinois Area YMCA Swim Committee

Minutes

October 6, 2002

The Illinois Area YMCA Swim Committee held a regular business meeting at the Bloomington YMCA on October 6, 2003, with a quorum present for the conduct of business. Bruce Bickner, the Area Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Members' credentials were presented. The Chair reiterated the requirements of membership for Area Committee Members. A roster of the membership was circulated for the purpose of making any corrections. (The updated roster is attached as Attachment A)

The minutes of the Committee's meeting of May 5, 2002 were approved, with one correction on page 3; the spelling of Rome Yount.

The Area's financial report as of July 1, 2002 showing a balance of \$ 167.30 was approved. (Attachment B)

Open items regarding the 2003 Area Meet were discussed. Ernie Redfern from the Joliet YMCA let the presentation with the following solutions to items raised at the May 5, 2002 meeting.

- At the east end of the pool, a professionally constructed metal platform will be constructed to level off the uneven height currently at that end, and to provide starting blocks for the 8 & under relays.
- Special parking will be provided for Area Committee members and coaches.
- The faculty locker room, near the men's locker room, will be used as the women's locker room for the meet.
- The coaches' area on deck will be along the south end of the 25 yard course and along the east end of the 50 meter course. The host feels that one row of chairs along the south end will not impede traffic flow around the pool.
- Other hotel availability will be listed in the meet packet. When making a reservation at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, make sure you use code AYS.
- The scratch meeting will be at the meet headquarters; Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. The host is still pursuing less expensive parking alternatives near the Mart Plaza.
- The 500 free awards may be presented after each of those races, rather than during finals.
- ISI observers – ISI now requires a \$200.00 fee (per day?); Joliet will have the meet observed. Future hosts will have this fee as a regular expense. The form used for this purpose is attached. (Attachment C)

Ed Stranc Jr. presented a summary of the NCAA rule changes for 2002 – 2003. (See Attachment D) Also discussed was the practice of the Starter repeating the event after the “step up” command, prior to starting the race. The Chicago District used this practice last season with great success. The other Districts will experiment with this procedure during the upcoming season.

Pages 18 & 19 of the Area Handbook were discussed regarding the criteria for hosting the Area Championship Meet. The guidelines as listed reflect a “clean up” of the old guidelines by the Area Chair. The ISI observation fee will be added.

The 2004 Championship Meet will be March 12, 13, & 14, 2004 as approved by the committee. The events and fees will remain as is. One bid was presented by Kishwaukee YMCA to host the meet at Kishwaukee YMCA in DeKalb. That bid was approved.

Hasty Awards was approved to be the medal and trophy supplier for the 2002 – 2003 season. The Area host and District Chairs presented their award orders to the Area Secretary.

A discussion ensued regarding the qualifications and conduct of the officials for the Area Championship. The practice of each District Chair submitting a detailed list to the Officials’ Coordinator has worked very well the last few years. The same practice will continue.

The procedure for credentialing coaches will remain the same. A discussion ensued with the conclusion that communication is the key to compliance with the existing rules. Coaches training will be offered as follows:

YMCA Principles October 19th at Edwardsville – 8:00 AM
 October 20th at McGaw - 1:00 PM
 October 30th at Leaning Tower – 6:00 PM
 January 19th at Dixon – 1:00 PM
 January 26th at Springfield

Red Cross Safety Training
 October 20th at McGaw – 9:30 AM
 January 19th at Dixon – 9:00 AM

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Area Committee providing some of the marshals for the Area Championship.

Three corrections were made to the team codes and listings in the 2002 – 2003 Area Handbook. Also, the qualifying time for event 18 boys listed on the website is incorrect. The times published in the handbook are the correct times.

A number of rules or bylaws were introduced at the May 5, 2002 meeting for action, with friendly amendments as follows:

- Rule 2D – to increase host fees for the Area Championship to \$200.00 each for boys and girls – APPROVED
- Rule 2F – to provide a long distance qualifying meet on the Friday preceding the Area Championships, with the amendment that the 12 years of age and older be as of the 1st day of Nationals. – APPROVED
- Bylaw 5a – to read: “Each district representative to the Area Committee must be either a lay person qualified as a level II official or a YMCA employed coach. No more than two of such four representatives may be YMCA employed coaches.” – APPROVED
- Bylaws 6 & 9 – to reflect the current practice to hold the Area Committee’s spring meeting on the first Sunday in May rather than June; - APPROVED
- Bylaw 8i – add the following: “discussion of changes in NCAA Men’s and Women’s Swimming Rules”. – APPROVED

A proposal was introduced by the Illini District to create an Official’s Committee either by a bylaw change or by the Area Chair creating a standing committee. The matter was discussed and tabled for further discussion or action at the Spring 2003 meeting.

A report was presented by Ed Stranc Jr., concerning the 2002 Summer Area Championship hosted by BR Ryall YMCA. A Discussion ensued with the consensus to continue with the same procedure for 2003, except to have the meet packets sent out at least 45 days prior to the event.

Any issues with regards to posting or changing anything on the website, contact Rome Yount.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that Katie Borgmann is the Network Coordinator for Illinois Area Competitive Swimming. A discussion ensued concerning YMCA of the USA governance of swimming. There is currently realignment of duties at that level. Some confusion exists and will be clarified at a later date.

Dick Wildey announced that the short course and long course National qualifying times are now posted on the National Swimming & Diving website.

Our website will now have a new folder to list invitational meets being held in the Area.

The January meeting with the Area host will be on January 19, 2003 at UIC to begin at 11:00 AM.

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Chris Bertana mentioned a company run by a YMCA swim coach that will host your website for a nominal fee each month. Contact Chris at 847-647-8222 for more information.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Sunday May 4, 2003 at the Bloomington YMCA to begin at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Stranc Jr.
Secretary