

IL/MO Area YMCA Swim Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 Sunday, September 27, 2009
 State Farm Oakland Avenue Training Facility

Attendees:

Jeanette Mix, St Louis	Mickey Burns, Town and Country	Larry Saint Germain, Chicago
Dale Andersen, St. Louis	Steve Leckir, Town and Country	Francois LaSalle, Chicago
Ron Marion, St. Louis	Dick Wildey, Town and Country	Darby Brtva, Chicago
John Lynch, St. Louis	Joseph Wyckoff, Illini	Lori Siegel, Chicago
Bob Rettle, St Louis	Brian Points, Illini	Rome Yount, Illini
Brian Bickner, Northwest	Ray Van Hootagem, Illini	Dean Bromann, Chair
Rob McNally, Northwest	Erica Kroll, Town and Country	
Dave Hedden, Town and Country	Tom Alef, Northwest	

(1) Introductions and update of area roster

(2) Officer reports:

a. Secretary (May meeting minutes attached)

i. Key Dates:

1. District Chair Information due October 1 to Area Chair, Area Secretary, and Webmaster
2. District Representatives to the Area Committee (name, address, email, and phone) due October 1 to Area Chair, Area Secretary, and Webmaster
3. District Teams and Team Contact Persons (name, address, email, phone) due October 1 to Area Secretary and Webmaster
4. District and Area Meet host Medal and Trophy Orders due at Area Meeting. Per Hasty our pricing is predicated upon a 12 week delivery date.
5. Area and District Championship Meet Sanction Requests due December 1 to Group Representative for Competitive Swimming
6. District By-Laws, Team Rosters, and Contact Persons (name, address, email, and phone) due December 15 to Illinois Alliance Network Designate and Area Secretary and webmaster
7. Swim Roster due 12/15 to the area secretary
8. Recommended Officials for Area Championship (name, address, email, and phone) due to Area Chair by the Monday after the district meet.
 1. Northwest March 6/7
 2. Town and Country 2/28 (last Sunday in Feb)
 3. Chicago March 6/7
 4. St. Louis March 6/7
 5. Illini March 6/7

b. Treasurer's Report

9/27/2009			
Beginning Balance		\$2,592.86	
Deposits & Credits		\$100.00	
Withdrawals		\$0.00	
Fees		\$0.00	
Checks		\$187.99	Spring meeting expenses
Ending Balance		\$2,504.87	

c. Chair's report

- i. 7/13 LC Qualifying meet at Elgin. 156 swims, 5 qualifiers (3 new) that went to Maryland. Recommend we continue the practice (25m short course pool). Suggestion was made to combine efforts with Wisconsin and see what could be done to do in a long course pool. Lori was graciously volunteered to investigate this option.
- ii. Summer issue: How does the 4 foot rule for USA-Swimming and 5 foot rule for YMCA impact long course pools with less than 5 foot of water for starts for Y teams swimming at a USA-Swimming meet. Please check with your executive director. This merits follow up with Ed Miller for clarification/interpretation (Rome will send the question).
- iii. Reminder – elections

(3) Old Business:

(4) Discussion of and action on any proposed changes to the bylaws or rules

- a. Rule proposal regarding uniforms from the May meeting:

Proposed: The officials uniform in the IL/MO YMCA Competitive swimming may be navy or white bottoms and white tops with white shoes and white socks. For Area Championship finals optional attire will be white pants with navy jacket.

Rule passed.

- b. Recognition items

- i. Recognize high school senior swimmers who have been at the District meet for 5 or more years. Do at district/area preliminaries. Incorporate the recognition information in the meet entry information.

Proposed:

- (1) Each team may nominate one male and one female for high school senior swimmer of the year. Qualifications for the nominees are:
 - a. The head swim coach will be responsible for submitting approved nominations
 - b. Minimum of 2 years in the Y program with participation in the district meet
 - c. Nomination form must be signed by the executive director and head swim coach
- (2) Have a vote by one coach per district (the district will determine who will be the coach) on the male and female at the Friday night Area Champs meeting.
- (3) Recognition will take the form of:
 - a. Plaque recognizing achievement
 - b. Scholarship amount (John Lynch will figure out the details) in the amount of \$250 (cash or savings bond)
 - c. A form will be submitted for purposed of making this work; Lori Siegel will identify any issues related to providing a scholarship.

The motion was discussed and tabled for the next area meeting (spring meeting)

- c. Coordination between Illinois Swimming and Area Committee on champ meet dates
Future (tentative) schedule of Illinois Swimming Champ meet dates per Pete Kozura, Executive Director of Illinois Swimming:

To: Rome Yount
Fr: Pete Kozura
Re: Tentative ISI Championship Dates (Short Course)
Date: June 25, 2009

Rome, as a follow up to our conversation yesterday, to the best of my knowledge, based on prior Championship dates, listed below are the tentative dates for the next five year period.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
IHSA Finals	Feb 26-27	Feb 25-26	Feb 24-25	Feb 22-23	Feb 28-March 1
ISI Regionals	Feb 26-28	Feb 25-27	Feb 24-26	Feb 22-24	Feb 28-March 2

ISI Seniors	March 4-7	March 3-6	March 1-4	Feb 28-March 3	March 6-9
ISI Age Group	March 12-14	March 11-13	March 9-11	March 8-10	March 14-16

Add Missouri HS, Ozark, and MVC dates where we have them.

There is interest in pursuing 'Officials Qualifying Meet' status (USA-Swimming) for the area champs. Rome will pursue.

- (5) Official's Chair report and discussion of any USA Swimming rules changes
 - a. Swim suits. Effective date is 10/1/2009. FINA list of approved suits not available until later this year.
- (6) District Reports (please include any planned training dates)
 - a. Chicago
 - i. Central Lake added
 - ii. Irving Park is fielding a team
 - iii. YMCA principles with Safety training checkoff 10/18 (subject to change) and 12/6 by Lori Siegel at McGaw YMCA
 - iv. Officials training TBD
 - b. Illini
 - i. Paris YMCA is not fielding a team
 - ii. Officials training classes:
 - 1. Knox Y 10/15
 - 2. Danville 11/15
 - 3. Canton 10/29
 - 4. Bloomington 9/27
 - 5. Springfield 10/11
 - iii. 10/18 Principles at Springfield (date is probable to change)
 - c. Northwest
 - i. YMCA principles with Safety training checkoff 11/15 (subject to change) Colleen Dempsey at Dixon YMCA
 - ii. Level I at Kishwaukee 10/3 by Tom Alef 8:00am
 - d. St. Louis
 - i. New teams: Southeast Missouri, O'Fallon MO, Callaway County, MO
 - ii. Perhaps a Kansas City team to join.
 - iii. Officials training classes:
 - 1. Level II 10/10 Belleville 1:00pm (Ron Marion)
 - 2. Level I 10/17 Edwardsville 8:00am (John ex-not me-con Lynch)
 - 3. Level I 10/31 at Hannibal 7:30am (Maid Marion)
 - 4. Level I 10/31 at Cape Gerardau (Dale Andersxn) and Jefferson City (John Lynch)
 - 5. Level I 10/6 at Ballwin MO (Dale Andersen)
 - 6. Level I 11/7 at St Charles MO 8:00 (Jeanette Mix)
 - 7. Level II 12/12 at Centralia IL 9:00 (John out to Lunch)
 - 8. Principles of Competitive swimming 11/14 at 9:00 St Louis training center (Jeanette Mix)
 - iv. District meet will be held at Mizzou. Price for renting facility has increased to \$28,000 for the weekend. District meet structure will change – consider it as an FYI regarding potential for an area meet – would appear to be too expensive.
 - v. Cross certification with USA-Swimming held for a Level I class. Looking at a cross certification for starter/Level II.
 - e. Town and Country
 - i. Principles course sometime in October at Oak Park
 - ii. Level I at Joliet YMCA 11/1 (Dick Wildey)
 - iii. District meet 2/28 at UIC hosted by BRRyall
- (7) Webmaster report.
 - a. Dale provided a preview of the new site at www.ilmoymcaswimming.org
 - b. As part of the conversion from the existing website meet manager backups will be removed and be replaced by the html reporting option of results from meet manager

- (8) Selection of date, host, and entry fees for the Area Swimming Championship meet to be held in 2011. Please note that bids are due to Area Chair Dean Bromann one week prior to the Area meeting.
- a. Kishwaukee YMCA submitted the sole bid with a stipulation for individual event charges of 4.50 and relays of 18.00 for March 18-20, 2011 (Easter is April 24). The proposal/bid was accepted as written.
- (9) Review of qualifications for and conduct of officials at the Area Swimming Championship
- a. Last year's area champs went very smoothly with no negative feedback to Dean.
 - b. "Rinse and repeat".
- (10) Review of standards and procedures for credentialing YMCA coaches in the Area
- a. Online process that was introduced last year. Dave will forward info and password to coaches. You won't have to re-register, but if any certifications were updated you need to update the dates. Only forward to Dave any credentials which expired and have been updated (copy of USA-Swimming card will work).
 - b. Sanction form will be forwarded to staff designate and district chair. Fee is \$50. Need to indicate who the official is along with their certification (make sure a Level II official is listed as ref).
- (11) New Business:
- a. Review medal vendor proposal. Motion made and passed to have 2 approved vendors. Motion made and passed to use Hasty for 2010 District and Area Champs.
 1. The Chicago district has pursued their own medals.
 2. Hasty quoted Chicago a price of \$1.98 per medal.
 3. Hasty has committed that there will be no price impact to the area medal order
 - b. Other items
 - i. Reconsider qualification for Area Champs. The finality of swimming the time or not with a legal swim at the district meet is a challenge (illness, family emergency, etc.). Propose there be 3 pre-determined meets (in addition to the district meet, but the district meet is not necessarily required) where times swum would count as area champs qualifying times.
 1. Brian Bickner and Dave Hedden – look at on line meet entries.

Each district had a break out session to discuss. Recap of discussion:

- Illini: Suggest a modification to require district meet participation and to swim those events at the district meet which the swimmer intends to qualify for at the area champs – otherwise the district meet will be destroyed.
 - Would there be a potential issue on number of qualifiers (an increase)?
 - Limit on qualifiers from a single team would be a potential nightmare for who goes to area champs
- Town and Country:
 - Would destroy the district meet
 - Impact on qualifying time (too many qualifiers or faster qualifying times)
 - You do need to show up and perform. Part of core values is being prepared for life
- Northwest
 - Would destroy the district meet
 - Like the way it helps those swimmers on the border
 - Believe the benefits do not outweigh the cost of losing the district meet (the 2/3rds of the team that doesn't go to the area champs)
 - District meet becomes a glorified last chance
 - Olympic Time Trials – you have to swim the time there (high school sectionals as well)
 - Determination of 3 qualifying meets – concern about the administrative/logistic perspective. Would these meets become the focus of a swim season rather than dual meets or invitational meets.
- Saint Louis
 - 'Second the issues'
 - Does agree with the conflict swimmers have (USA-S versus YMCA – which meet to go to)
 - Essentially removes the requirement to have a district meet – would destroy it – it would become a last chance qualifying meet. Would dilute the experience of those

swimmers who won't make the area cut by removing that level of competition from the district meet.

- Logistic issues are a question but believe they could be resolved
- Choices are part of life
- Chicago
 - Echo concerns
 - District meet dilution and economic impact on the meet. Could we find a host?
 - Swimmers do need to earn it.
 - Concern about officiating. Do we have the depth to support the level of officiating and administrative ref aspect.
 - Size of qualifying meets may preclude other teams from hosting.
 - Diminishes the team aspects.
- General discussion
 - Takes pressure off younger swimmers
 - Potential for upgrading our officials by providing more opportunity for higher level meets
 - Modify to require district meet participation
 - Concern about too many swimmers at the area meet – many more qualifiers and impact on either size of area champs or change the qualification requirements.

Each district is to take this back to their district for discussion. Consider:

- Economic impacts
- Sanctioning aspects
- Pros and cons
- Potential positive impact on officials
- Credentialing of coaches
- 30/90 day rule impacts
- Any other items

Proposed rule change:

7. Fees

Current:

- A. The maximum entry fees for District and Area Championships shall be four dollars (\$4.00) for individual events and sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for relay events. District Championships' entry fees shall be determined by each district committee.

Proposed:

- A. Fixed fees, including any entry fees, admission fees, surcharges, parking fees, and heat sheet charges, shall be part of the area champ meet bid. The bidding team is also to provide a pro-forma income/expense statement for the bid which should include all anticipated sources of revenue and expense.

Tabled for the May meeting

(12)Future meetings:

- a. Walk through date for the 2010 Area Championship January 10 noon.
- b. Spring Meeting – Saturday, May 1 in Bloomington at 10:00am

Meeting ended at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Rome Yount

Area Secretary