

**Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming
Minutes of the Northwest District Committee Meeting on
September 18, 2011**

The Northwest District Committee of the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming held a meeting on September 18 at the Kishwaukee YMCA in DeKalb, IL. All ten Northwest District Teams were present (Belvidere, Dixon, Freeport, Illinois Valley, Kewanee, Kishwaukee, Ottawa, Rockford, Sage (formerly McHenry), and Streator).

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

A motion was made to approve the January minutes. This motion was seconded and approved.

Letters designating Northwest District voting representatives were collected. Team representatives not submitting letters were instructed to submit them to Brian Bickner via mail as soon as possible.

Northwest District representative contact information was updated.

Acting Chair Rob McNally gave the financial report. The report showed a deficit of \$7.43 and an inventory of 907 medals at \$1.09 apiece in storage. A motion was made to approve the financial report, seconded, and approved.

Acting Chair Rob McNally gave a report on the January Area meeting. It was noted that participant fees for the Area Championships have increased to \$4.00 per individual event and \$16.00 for relay events. The District Championship fees have also changed to \$3.00 individual and \$12.00 relay per our September 2010 Meeting.

The District discussed the by-law change proposals for the September Area meeting.

The proposed by-law change regarding setting events for the Friday night National Qualifying Meet by the Area Meet host was discussed. The Northwest District Committee voted to support this change.

The proposed by-law change regarding appeals for relay teams at the Area Championships due to the incapacitation of one of the relay participants was discussed. The Northwest District Committee voted to not support this change due to the ambiguity of the language in the proposal, and the potential for abuse of this change by teams. The Committee, during the discussion, was willing to support "aging up" swimmers two age groups, if necessary, in order for the affected relay to be able to participate at the Area Championships under the current guidelines.

The District reviewed the 2011 District Championship Meet and the profit/loss statement submitted by Illinois Valley. The response was generally favorable. Rob McNally noted that the qualifying alternates were not published with the posted results and stated that Illinois Valley was made aware of this and would correct it for any future Championship Meet opportunities. Dave Reynolds and Tom Alef both stated that, from an Official's standpoint, the meet ran smoothly.

The District was reminded to review the updated Area rules, including being made aware that the qualifying times included in these rules were from last year. There was no further discussion regarding the updated Area rules.

The District voted to approve the 2012 District qualifying times as submitted with the understanding that if any Area qualifying times are changed at the upcoming Area meeting, the District qualifying times will be changed, taking into consideration the percentages established for setting District qualifying times by prior vote.

By nomination and vote, the District elected Brian Bickner Northwest District Chair, and elected Brian Bickner, Dave Reynolds (official), Dave Kistig (official), and Rob McNally as Northwest District representatives to the Illinois / Missouri Area Committee.

The District discussed an Area and District rule change proposal submitted by Dave Reynolds regarding Official's attire. After making some language changes, the District voted to accept this proposal:

While officiating a meet, male Officials may wear blue shorts or long pants. Female Officials may wear blue skorts, long pants, capris, or shorts.

All teams were encouraged to participate in the Virtual National Swim Meet during the week of October 15-23, 2011.

Upcoming events were discussed. These included the IL/MO Area Meeting on Sunday, September 25, a Safety Training for Swim Coaches and Principles of YMCA Competitive Swimming Certification class, to be held at the Dixon YMCA on Sunday, October 23, with the Principles class starting at 8:30 AM and the Safety Training class starting at 1:00 PM. Tom Alef stated that he would work with teams that were interested in hosting a Level 1 Officials' class and encouraged teams to submit dates for his approval.

District representatives were reminded to register their teams and coaches online. The deadline for doing so is November 15, according to the e-mail sent by Dave Hedden. Copies of this e-mail containing instructions for doing so were distributed to all District representatives.

The District welcomed Crystal Snow as the new Dixon coach.

The next meeting of the Northwest District Committee was scheduled for Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 AM, at the Kishwaukee YMCA.

The meeting was adjourned 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob McNally
Acting Northwest District Chairperson