

**Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming
Minutes of the Northwest District Committee Meeting on
September 19, 2010**

The Northwest District Committee of the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming held a meeting on September 19, 2010 at the Kishwaukee YMCA in DeKalb, IL. All ten Northwest District Teams were present (Belvidere, Dixon, Freeport, Illinois Valley, Kewanee, Kishwaukee, McHenry, Ottawa, Rockford and Streator).

The Meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM

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

Brian Bickner gave the financial report. The 2010 District hosts (ILVY & RAYS) paid for and used all the medals ordered last year. Furthermore, they used and additional 90 medals that the District had in inventory. Therefore, the District hosts paid the District \$98.10. This leaves the District still with a balance of \$12.19 and an inventory of 840 medals worth \$1.09 a piece in storage. The financial report was approved.

The District discussed the following items for the May Area Meeting.

- Regarding the proposed Area Rule change to have the District Chairperson, rather than then Area Treasurer, collect the District and Area Meet Sanction Fees from the hosts, the District voted unanimously to vote for this rule change.
- Regarding the proposed Area Rule change to allow swimmers who did not make the Area Qualifying time at the District Meet, but did make the time earlier in the season to be entered at the Area Meet, the District voted unanimously against this rule change.
- Regarding the proposed Area Rule change to allow no shows in prelims to be eligible to swim in future events at the District and Area Meets, the District voted unanimously to consider this rule base on two scenarios. The first scenario is to vote for the rule if the previous rule allowing swimmers to use qualifying time from the entire season fails. The second scenario is to vote against the rule if the previous rule passes.

- Regarding the proposed Area Rule change to eliminate the requirement of a hard copy mailing of the area entries by each team was voted for unanimously with the requirement that a hard copy be sent via email or fax. As a host for this meet, DCST expressed how important these hard copies are to the entry process, but agreed they did not need to be mailed.
- Regarding the proposed Area Rule change to eliminate the use of pistols, the District voted unanimously for this proposal.

The District reviewed the 2010 Northwest District Meet. ILVY and RAYS stated they thought the meet went well. They made a total of \$10,071.54 at the meet. \$2,517.89 went to RAYS as the co-host. Everyone really liked the Senior Recognition on Sunday at the District Meet. Some problems regarding timers missing times on Saturday was brought up. The committee decided, if problems arose in the future, the host teams need to let the officials know immediately. The officials will then handle any problems. The District decided to move the 11 – 12 year old boys from Saturday to Sunday at the District Championships starting in 2011. This was done to help even the timeline for the preliminary sessions. In 2010, Saturday's preliminary events ran long, while Sunday's preliminary events had numerous breaks.

The Area Rules were distributed via email prior to this meeting with the agenda for this meeting.

Brian Bickner proposed the District Qualifying times for 2011. These times were approved by the District.

Dennis Norton had notified Brian Bickner that he was resigning from the District Committee prior to this meeting. Dennis was thanked for his years of service. The District voted Brian Bickner (DCST) as the District Chairperson. Tom Alef (DCST), Rob McNally (ILVY) and Dave Reynolds (MCY) were elected as our District Representatives for the Area Committee. Rob McNally will not be able to attend the Area Meeting on September 26, so Edie Dean (ILVY) was selected as his replacement for this meeting.

The District voted to allow District hosts to charge up to \$4 for individual and \$16 for relay entries at the District Meet starting in 2012. The fees for this season's meet (2011) will remain \$3 for individual events and \$12 for relay events.

The District is going to make a proposal to change the Area Rule that limits a team to only allow 4 swimmers to swim an event at the Area Meet. The rule change will allow teams to enter as many swimmers that qualify in an event from a specific team, but only 4 will be scored at the Area Meet.

If anyone wants to set up an official's training, they should contact Tom Alef.

Colleen will be offering a Principles Class, but it may not be until January due to some confusion with the YMCA of the USA. Brian should learn of other trainings at the Area Meeting on Sunday, September 26. He will forward this information to the District after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bickner
Northwest District Chairperson