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YMCA Swimming and Diving
Metro Chicago District Committee Minutes - August 31st, 2011

Attendees:

Buehler - Darby Brtva - Dave Brtva - Becky Menso - Amanda Mueller
Central Lake - Maureen Rancourt
Foglia - Dave Lulis
Hastings Lake - Darius Wolny - Mary Bolton
High Ridge - Amy Goodwin
Irving Park - Ellen Bator
Lake County - Mike Howard
Lattof - Nicole Smokowicz - Tom Merlin - Joe Roznai
Leaning Tower - Cara Roeseler (in lieu of Bryan Lederhouse)
McGaw - Michael Fleming - Lori Siegel
Pav - Jason Smid - Andera Maurey
Greater LaGrange - Michael Nahulak

1. Call to order
 - a. Darby called to order at 7:35 p.m. and went around the table for introductions
2. Approval of minutes from the May 2011 meeting
 - a. There were corrections made to spelling of names in the minutes including Tom Merlin's name and Darby Brtva's names. Also an addition of Christine and Amy from High Ridge to the attendees.
 - b. A motion to approve the minutes once corrected was made by Dave Lulis, seconded by Mike Howard
3. Team rosters - due to Maureen on or before Nov. 30
 - a. last name, first name format - Maureen will e-mail a template to be used
4. Coaches credentials due to Dave Hedden on Nov. 30
 - a. Lori Siegel emailed team registration information on Sept. 19
5. Trainings
 - a. Officials
 - i. Oct. 9 - There will be a level 1 and level 2 upgrade taught at the Lattof YMCA (300 Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, IL). Level 1 will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon. Amy Goodwin asked about re certifications of level 1 and upgrading to level 2. Becky Menso replied that this training can re certify level 1 officials and train those who have met the requirements to receive upgrade training to level 2.
 - ii. Oct. 16 - There will be a level 2 re certification and new level 1 training taught at the Buehler YMCA (1400 Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL). Level 2 re certification will

be from 8 a.m. to noon, and level 1 training will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Becky Menso then explained who 13 officials will be expiring this October and that our district needed to see more officials certified. Lori Siegel asked if the list of officials will be e-mailed so coaches can verify their officials status'. Becky Menso said it would be e-mailed Beck Menso then explained the cost structure; \$35 for the class; \$20 goes to the YMCA for the certification, and the rest is used for the rule book, patch and ID.

- b. Safety Training for Swim Coaches/ Principles of YMCA swimming and Diving
 - i. Darby Brtva introduced the instructors; herself, Lori Siegel, and Christine (LAST NAME). Christine will be teaching the first training on Oct. 9 for both Principals of YMCA Swimming and Diving and Safety Training for Swim Coaches at the High Ridge YMCA. Lori will hold her class on Dec. 4 following McGaw's invitational, and Darby will be hosting a class in Jan. Lori Siegel explained that the American Red Cross has increased costs for classes to \$27 per student. If a coach is currently certified as a life guard he or she can transfer on-line to Safety Training for Swim Coaches.

6. Officials Report

- a. Becky Menso reported that currently we have 73 people listed as officials for our district. 2 of these people will be leaving this season, 12 have expired certifications, and 3 are not currently active; leaving only 56 officials for our district. When officials register to become certified, \$8 of that money is going towards new patches and name tags that will be available in January. Amanda Mueller added that when purchasing the new patches to be sure we are tax free due to our non profit status. Becky Menso continued stating that money has already started to be collected for the new patches and name tags. Buehler was also able to front the money for the officials books for the season. If a coach feels his or her team does not have sufficient officials then it's important to recruit at parents meetings etc. to fill those roles.

7. Secretary/Treasure

- a. Maureen Rancourt expressed concern at a previous meeting regarding roster, this season there will be an excel format to follow.
- b. Darby Brtva continued on Becky Menso's remarks about patches and name tags and expressed concern that we should be putting more money into an account for any incidentals that might occur through out the season. Lori Siegel added that we have not received payment from Ron for the old medals that were traded out prior to last season. She also expressed the need for the medal count to order for the upcoming season. Host teams pay the district back for the medals used at the championship meets.

8. Old Business

- a. Bids for 2011 district meets
 - i. Classic Championship bid
 - 1. Lake County bid to host the Classic meet on Feb. 26 at the Northern Lake YMCA. See attached bid
 - 2. McGaw bid to host at the McGaw YMCA on Feb. 26. See attached bid
 - 3. After voting Lake County won the bid to host the Classic Championship on Feb. 26 at the Northern Lake YMCA (200 0 Western Ave., Waukegan, IL)
 - ii. District Bids
 - 1. Boys Districts

- a. McGaw bid to host the District Meet at Evanston Township High School on March 4. See attached bid
2. Buehler bid to host both boys and girls district events at the Rec. Plex in Pleasant Prairie, WI March 4 and 5. Boys would swim on March 4, and girls would swim on March 5. See attached bid.
3. Girls Districts
 - a. There were no specific bids for girls districts. If Buehler did not win both bids the top 5 teams from last season's districts would be in the drawing to host; Leaning Tower, McGaw, Lattof, and Hastings Lake.
4. After voting Buehler won the bid to host both boys and girls districts on March 4 and 5 at the Rec. Plex (9900 Terwall Terr. Prairie Springs Park, Pleasant Prairie, WI).
 - a. Michael Nahulak then brought up the thought of hosting prelims on Saturday and finals on Sunday for both boys and girls. Dave Brtva replied that in previous years this was voted down, but could be a possibility for this season. Michael Nahulak motioned to vote on prelims. Darius Wolny & Jason Smid both seconded this motion. Concern about warm up times and run times were discussed. Amy Goodwin's main concern was if the meet would run shorter and what the warm ups would be like. Amanda Mueller explained that there are 22 available lanes for warm up and since the meet would be shorter it could start later in the morning since everyone could warm up at the same time or close to it. Becky Menso also added that running it this way would be better for the officials as well since they would all be at the same meet and not divided or running two different meets. Tom Merlin added that with a 10 lane pool they would need the added officials anyway. Dave Brtva made aware that if there was a long wait time swimmers could warm up in one end of the pool at any time during the day. Amy Goodwin also expressed concern about those swimmers with religious obligations. Dave Lulis agreed adding that it would be a disadvantage to someone just swimming 1 relay to drive back and forth two days in a row for the event. Lori Siegel's concern was that the high school swimmers would not want to drive back and forth for the two days. The consensus was that it was up to the parent committees to help the district representatives come up with the correct solution. Every coach is to bring the issue back to his or her team, take a vote and then pass along that vote to the committee. This will be done anonymously on line before Nov. 30.
5. Mike Howard brought up a concern about Classics. Since it is not a championship meet, the entries should not have to be entered 10 days prior to the meet. He would rather have entries due Feb. 19, 7 days ahead of time to allow for an additional weekend of swim meets for individuals to reach district cut times. It was decided that the host team can decide when the entries are due. Mike Howard stated that the entries are due Sunday Feb. 19 before 9 p.m. Dave Brtva then added that district entries for both boys and girls will both be due Feb. 22 no later than 11:59 p.m.

9. New Business

- a. Invite confirmations

- i. Tom Merlin proposed a rule change that would affect invitationals. The YMCA must have a level 2 official listed on the invite packet to work the meet as a referee. Merlin's main concern was that swimmers were achieving district cut times that were not legitimate due to lack of level 2 officials at swim meets. All the paperwork should be listed in the Google group or handed into Becky Menso prior to the swim meet for confirmation. Becky Menso added that the officials' trainers are trying to provide more opportunities for level 1 officials to advance to level 2, but without the added officials it is hard to count cut times at meets achieved when no level 2 was present. Tom Merlin motioned to add the rule: In order to submit a request to host an invitational, a YMCA must have a level 2 official listed on the application, as the meet referee. That person must be present to work the swim meet. The officials stated that this is just to improve communication between officials and coaches, creating a more official process when creating swim meets.
- ii. We will vote on this update at the May 2012 meeting
- iii. confirmed invites see attached meet
 1. Foglia Swamp meet Oct. 30 - this meet will NOT be considered for the national virtual meet
 2. Lake County Seahorse invite Nov. 6 - Navy men will be timing
 3. Leaning Tower Gender Wars Nov. 20
 4. McGaw 10 and under Wonder Dec. 4
 5. High Ridge backwards invitational Jan. 22 - limited entries
 6. Buehler Super Sunday Pentathlon Jan 30
 7. IL/MO Area Championship March 17 & 18
 8. YMCA Nationals April 2 through 5
 9. Questions about the distance meet arose. There was no bid for the distance meet. Buehler decided they would host the meet for anyone interested Nov. 19
- b. Area meeting information
 - i. There was no points to vote on for the September area meeting
 - ii. Noted, for a championship meet to be sanctioned at least 65 percent of the national events.
- c. District and Classic Championship meet dates for 2013
 - i. Boys districts will be held on March 2, 2013
 - ii. Girls districts will be held on March 3, 2013
 - iii. Classic Championships will be held on Feb. 24
 - iv. Motion to approve the dates was made by Ellen Bator and seconded by Mike Howard.
10. Next District Committee meeting dates
 - a. Jan. 11 - this meeting is no longer needed, Darby Brtva made a motion to dismiss this meeting. Dave Lulis seconded the motion.
 - b. May 9 & Aug. 29 are the next two meeting dates for the committee. Darby Brtva made a motion to accept these dates. Tom Merlin seconded the motion, and these dates were approved.
11. Meeting adjournment
 - a. motioned by Michael Nahulak and seconded by Darius Wolny