

**Heartland Area YMCA Swim Committee
held at Four Rivers YMCA
April 17, 2016 --1:00 PM
Minutes**

Attendance: *CRCY*-Larry Jukes, Doug Telford; *CMTY*-Ryan Poss; *EJFY*-Teresa McDowell; *EDWY*-Bob Rettle, Bill Rener; *FAFY*-Lyman Burr; *FRAY*-David Schneider, Patty Draves; *HHST*-Kara Viorel; *HTCY*-Lindsay Konrad; *JCAY*-Kimmi Schattgen; *KWBY*-Diana Daly, Ann Schmeling; *LEBY*-Kim Williams; *MEXY*-Pat Schindler, Paula Fugaro; *MAYM*-Charles LaGarce; *MCFY*-Lacy Murphy; *OPFY*-Khadir Muhammad; *OPY*-Jason Leung; *RLAY*-Leslie Kueker, Therese Zuck; *SCFY*-Rachel Graczak; *SCCY*-Anne Schneider; *SEYY*-Michael Garoutte; *TCAY*-Nancy Miller; *TPFY*-Liz Radcliff, Marsha Garrison; *WCFY*-Stacy Wistuba; *WWFY*- Jen Humphrey; *YOCC*-Sara McDaniel; *YOFM*-Mandy Windham, Darin Warren; *YOSI*-Andrea Slaughter, Kirsty Stooke

Absent: BOOY, PJFY, SCTY, YOSM

Executive Committee: John Lynch, Patty Draves, Larry Jukes, Jacques Thro, Jeanette Mix.

Absent: Dana LeVasseur

John Lynch welcomed everyone to the Spring meeting.

Patty Draves passed around the sign in sheet and team roster. Everyone was asked to update their team information

Executive committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

Chair Comments – John Lynch

- No issues were noted in regard to teams' accessibility to the TeamUnify site: https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?_tabid_=0&team=reczzhascil
John reviewed what documents and information can be found on the TeamUnify site. Teams were asked to review their team emails and contact information to ensure we have a means by which to contact everyone.
- The 2015-2016 Heartland Regional Championship meets were a success. Everyone did well.
- The 2015-2016 Heartland Area Championship meet is believed to be the best championship meet to date since establishing the new Area. It was great to be able to hand out awards at the meet, and the timeline was met without any problems.

The floor was opened for comments and suggestions to improve the meet or timeline.

- Dave Schneider suggested flipping the days in which the 1000s and 1650s are held as a means to help with the timeline. This would mean the 1000s are swam on Saturday, and the 1650s on Sunday. He also suggested moving the 9/10 relays to allow for any 8&Unders who are swimming up to not have to wait the entire session to race.
- Andrea Slaughter noted same with 9/10s swimming up. Potential solution would be to start 11/12 relays first then run events/age groups backwards beginning with 15&overs.
- Mandy Windham noted difficulty with coaches gaining access to posted results. Bob Rettle suggests utilizing storage room on deck as a flowing results room with an AO or other point of contact available for questions.
- Kara Viorel noted difficulty with taking pictures during the timed finals awards.

Solutions discussed include:

1. Have swimmers without awards stand behind timers. Allows space behind blocks for awarded swimmers and a clean picture. Concern exists over pictures taken behind blocks.
2. Potential podium spot in crash area. Concerns are swimmers making it back to the pool in time for next event.

April Meeting's Minutes (Approval) - Bob Rettle^{1st}; Dave Schneider^{2nd}. **APPROVED**

Financial Statement (Approval) - Dana LeVasseur was absent. April financial statement will be tabled until August meeting.

Old Business

- **Bylaws** - No changes made to the Bylaws.
- **Team Registration** – Jeanette reminded teams that they need to make certain they register both their team and their coaches with YMCA Swimming and Diving. There was a lot of last minute scrambling to get coaches and teams cleared prior to the Regional and Area meets. Any coaches needing assistance need to see Jeanette.
- **Qualifying Meets** – Forward all meet results and officials' sign in sheets to Patty who will ensure they are sent to Kurt for database entry. Please forward them within 1 week from completion of the meet. This is in accordance with our bylaws section 13.5. Confirmation of received meet results will be posted on website under Events.

New Business

- **New Teams** - Two new teams were introduced: Twin Pikes Family YMCA (TPFY) and South County Family YMCA (SCFY).
- **2016 Area Meet Report** – Several outstanding balances remain. Please remit payment ASAP to EDWY so that they can close the books on the meet. Jeanette informed teams that she can provide additional journal entry forms to coaches should that help with expediting the process.

- **2016 SC Nationals** - The following coaches/teams reported taking swimmers to the YMCA SC Nationals meet: Nancy (TCAY), Dave (FRAY), Ryan (CMTY), Bob (EDWY). Everyone enjoyed their experience and noted great success for their swimmers.

- **Embossed Coins for Record Breakers** – Larry Jukes 1st, Diana Daly 2nd.

APPROVED

- Embossed with Heartland symbol only, presented in decorative box which states the record information: Name, date, time, event
- 134 events=134 coins
- Paid for out of Heartland Area treasury
- For records broken during Area Championships
- Begins with 2016 Area and continues forward

- **2016-2017 Qualifying Times**

Discussion held regarding concerns and considerations while setting 2016-1017 standards.

1. Not enough swimmers to fill the top 16.
2. Current standards are slightly slower than A standards. To lower them to a BB standard we would not be able to swim everyone over one weekend.
3. Consider adding a secondary cut time, such as BB time, for distance events. Concern is potential of adding significant time to the timeline.
4. Current standards for 200s and distance events are too fast.
5. How to eliminate call ups? Consider adding top swimmers from database to fill to either top 16 or top 24 after qualifying swimmers are accounted for OR have a secondary cut time to add swimmers.
6. Consider creating a Heartland B time by inflating the qualifying time. This time can be used to backfill any open heats after it is filled with the initial qualifying swimmers and the bonus swims.

- **Bids and Proposed Dates for 2017 Regional and Area Championships**

- Monett-West Regional Championships
YOSI -East Regional Championships
TCAY- Central Regional Championships
EDWY- Area Championships
Paula Fugaro 1st; Stacey Wistuba 2nd. **APPROVED**
- Tentative dates for the Regional Championships will be held on the weekend of March 3-5, 2017, and the Area Championships will be held on the weekend of March 17-19, 2017.
- Motion made that the dates for Regional Championships begin on the first Friday of March with Area following 2 weeks later. Dave Schneider-1st; Paula Fugaro-2nd. **PROPOSED**

- **Elections**

- Election (in appropriate years) of the officers of the Area Committee

- Per rule 5.7 of the By-Laws, “The Chair, Secretary, and Coach Representative shall be elected in odd years, and the Vice Chair, and Treasurer shall be elected in even years.”
- Vice Chair -Nominated: Jacques Thro. Nancy Miller 1st, Charles LaGarce 2nd. **APPROVED**
- Treasurer –Nominated: Dana LeVasseur. Larry Jukes 1st, Bob Rettle 2nd. **APPROVED**

Other Business

- **Eligibility of Swimmers**
 - **Regionals** - Motion made that all swimmers must be required to swim a minimum of one closed YMCA meet prior to regionals. Lyman Burr 1st, Paula Fugaro 2nd. **PROPOSED**
 - **Area** – Per rule 11.3 of the current bylaws, A swimmer, with one exception, must represent his/her association in closed YMCA competition at least three times in the competitive season to be eligible for the Area Championships. A double dual meet is not acceptable as two meets. Swimmers participating in high school swimming will be allowed to participate in the Area Championships if they have participated in two closed YMCA meets in the competitive season.

Please notify the Heartland Secretary should you have a swimmer with an injury that is expected to impact the meet requirements. Include an Area medical form and doctor’s note that details the injury, date injury occurred and anticipated/completed release date.

Any swimmer, after completing paperwork requirement, who wishes to contest the meet requirement due to a long standing injury, will have to present their request to the committee for vetting.

- **Regional Format**
 - Include the same events on each day as the Area meet.
 - Regionals are a timed final meet.
 - Discretion is given to the host team as to the order that those events are swam.
- **Area Team Size Definitions** – Motion made that small and large teams will be determined by the executive committee based on team entries. Dave Schneider 1st; Paula Fugaro 2nd **APPROVED**

Next Meeting

- The following places were voted on: Edwardsville and Four Rivers. Four Rivers won vote.
- **Next meeting will be August 28, 2016, 1:00 pm at Four Rivers YMCA, Washington, MO.**

Adjourned - A motion was made to adjourn. –Paula Fugaro 1st, Dave Schneider 2nd
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