

Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League - League Fall Meeting 2016

Tuesday, 9/20/2016 at 7:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South/Austin Landing, 12000 Innovation Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342

MINUTES

Teams present unless noted below

Auglaize Mercer – AMFY	Highland County – HICO	Powel Crosley – PCY
Blue Ash – BASH	Hilliker – BHY	Preble County – PCYP
Champaign - CHAMP	Huber Heights – HHY	RC Durr – DFY
Coffman – CFY	Kleptz – KZY	Sidney-Shelby – SIDY
Countryside – CY	Lakota – LAKY	South Family - KEY
Darke County – DCY	M.E. Lyons – ABLY	Springfield – SPY
Great Miami Valley – GMVY	Miami County – MCY	Union County – UCY

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mike Leonard

- Meeting called to order and attendees introduced themselves. Sign in sheet distributed.

II. Review Minutes from 2015 Meeting

Mike Leonard

- Minutes posted on league website. Motioned to accept by Chris Snyder. Second by Toby Boedecker. Motion carries and approved; no corrections needed.

III. Treasurer's Report

Mickey McNeil/Pam Fulton

- Transitioning role and accounts being managed by Mickey McNeil at SPY to Pam Fulton at MCY
- League has balance over \$100,000. Report shared with attendees. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Bill Whatley. Second by Chris Snyder. Motion carries and approved; no corrections needed.

IV. Committee Reports

• Officials' Chair

Jon Saxton

- Jon not present; Claudia Multer substitute
- No new rules to review. There are new Officials cards this year, which will help make sure Officials have the most up-to-date stroke training.
- Upcoming clinics are posted on league website

• Record, Web, League Registration

John Janszen

- Records are kept up-to-date but John is asking for help to analyze and compare records from in-season meets. No one volunteered so if interested in assisting, send an email to John.
- All coaches must be registered on SWY League site + 1 Head Official per team. Registrants from previous seasons will remain as is unless you send an email to John to remove a coach/official/staff member because he/she is no longer affiliated with your team. (jjanszen@cincinnatiymca.org)
- New form on league website: Application for Waiver of Competition Requirements

1. Official process to follow and form required
 2. Must be submitted a minimum of 14 days prior to first day of Championship meet
- **National Swimming and Diving Sports Coordinator** **Meredith Griffith**
 - Meredith not present; Bill Whatley substitute
 - YMCA Leadership Camp for Juniors and Seniors
 1. Only 1 applicant from SWOYSL - athlete was accepted and participating in upcoming camp run by Y National
 2. SWOYSL provided \$200 per swimmer to offset travel expenses in 2015 and Exec. Committee approved to support again in 2016
 3. Encourage your swimmers to apply in 2017 – email Meredith with questions about process (mgriffin@cincinnatiymca.org)
 - **Regional Representative** **Bill Whatley**
 - All teams must register on Y National website no later than 10/15 for reimbursement of team registration fee, \$50. If submitted after 10/15, each late team is responsible for paying the fee; no reimbursement will occur from SWY League.
 - New this year: CPR must be renewed each year as required by the YMCA. Principles of YMCA Swimming and Diving is also only for new coaches. If you have a coach who was previously on staff, left and is now back with a complete workbook from previous years, contact Bill/Meredith separately if you're struggling getting it uploaded.
 - New this year: Sanctioned meets must use official Y template. \$50 sanction fee when paying via credit card online. Template is on the SWY League website.
 - Virtual Y meet is 10/22-10/30 if teams are interested in participating. Meet information on SWY League website.
 - Request: Please share "impact stories" with Bill so he can share them with the Great Lakes Zone and/or Y Committees.
 - Question: What is the process to bid on hosting the Great Lakes Zone meet?
 1. Bid begins 2 years out starting in May. Therefore, the 2019 bid opens May 1, 2017.
 2. If interested, contact Bill prior to April 30, 2017.
(bwhatley@cincinnatiymca.org)
 - **Time Standards** **Eric Wentzel**
 - New: Updated AA times handed out to attendees
 - Times align with Zone cuts. Will consider number of swimmers and times from 'A' results.
 - Keith Kennedy motioned to accept. Second by Tom Cuticchia. Motion carries and approved; correction to Events 315 & 316 to be corrected before posting on the league website.

V. New Business

Mike Leonard

- **A Champs – location for A Finals** (see dates below)
 - There's discussion about holding 'A' Finals in the North for 2018, not 2017
 - Concern also includes start times for 'A' Finals because South location has traditionally finished around 4:45 PM. If finals are now in the North, participants

from the South will not make it in time. Mickey McNeil reinforced this was discussed among the Exec. Committee and definitely don't want to hinder participation. Goal is to keep participation at a high level.

- Other ideas: Split and hold one day at North location and one day at South location, but this defeats the purpose of a "finals" meet. Splitting locations also means more Officials and workers are needed as well as more awards, which impacts the budget. Move back to a more Central location like it was at Countryside in past. Keep 'A' Finals at same location as prelims to avoid having anyone to travel to another pool.
- Reminder, this is another opportunity to achieve AA cuts and Friday night is timed finals.
- Toby Boedeker: Propose survey to be sent to SWY League via website to judge interest, number of swimmers that will attend per team, etc.
- Propose to have an "ad-hoc" committee to research interest and options for locations. Committee to present back to Exec. Committee in Spring 2017.
 1. Committee volunteer lead: Brad Isham, CY
 2. Committee participants: John Bishop, SPY and Toby Boedeker, CFY

- **AA Champs**

- 9-10s and continued participation in AA Finals
- Not an action item this year but taking into consideration for 2017-2018 season. Per Bill Whatley, the Zone Committee is also researching meets that include distance events to determine if they'll add in the future
- Feedback: Prefer 9-10s to compete in AA finals because it gives them another chance at getting Zone cut but also provides an idea of what to expect when they age up. Others who are parents don't want their kids in the evening because they don't have a long break between sessions like the 11 & overs do. Please keep in mind what's most conducive and health for and athlete.
- Longer events for 9-10s:
 1. Mike Leonard reinforced teams to include in their hosted meets this year to provide feedback to the Zone committee for future 2017-2018 season
 2. Request to be considered if longer 9-10 events are added: consider these events as timed finals rather than prelims/finals
- Longer events for 8 & unders requested by Eric Wentzel, i.e. 50s & 100s
- Fins on blocks
 1. Miami has a non-negotiable rule about removing fins on blocks - all fins must remain on blocks
 2. Coaches are asked to discuss this with their team/swimmers as well as volunteer workers.
 3. Meet directors will remind volunteer workers for meets at Miami
- Request to run distance events from fastest to slowest (request from Keith Kennedy): includes 1650 Fr, 1000 FR, 500 FR, 800 FR, 400 FR, 400 IM
- Warm up schedule at A and AA:
 1. Keith Kennedy proposing to start no earlier than 7:00 AM
 2. Finals at both meets: base warm up time on the number of swimmers who make finals and then split the warm up session into 2

3. Open diving well for short course finals warm up for swimmers to use in case they'd need or would like a longer warm up (consider time change from Saturday to Sunday to daylight savings time)
 4. Long Course Championships: Ask to open diving well for warm ups, just like AA
 5. Mike Leonard requested these items to be in writing to him as well as copy to Claudia Multer and Jon Saxton (meet director team)
- **Open water recognition on website**
 - Keith Kennedy requesting for recognition of open water swimmers on league website
 - Mike Leonard requested this to be in writing
 1. Keith to send email to Mike
 2. New committee for open water swimmers – Keith was appointed chair
 - **Other**
 - Board elections are for one-year term
 - Chris Snyder motioned to keep current slate. Second by Toby Bodeker. Approved as is.
 - Eric Wentel requested for someone to lead a nomination committee chair for 2017-2018 election

VI. Meet Reports

Mike Leonard

- **A Champs**
 - March 3-5, 2017 at 3 sites (ME Lyons, Countryside, Trotwood)
 - Location for A Finals still open
- **AA Champs**
 - March 10-12, 2017 at Miami University
- **Long Course Champs**
 - July 14-16, 2017 at Miami University with tentative add-on July 13
 1. Mike proposing to move around events to eliminate long days and add more rest between prelims and finals sessions; consideration of moving 1500 + one relay to Thursday evening
 - a. Request earlier end time each night
 - b. John Bishop prefers adding 1500 to Thursday night and changes as discussed for 400 and 800
 - c. Keith Kennedy requesting not to begin Saturday finals sessions with 800 (distance event) – move around events to give distance swimmers more time to warm up. Brad Isham agreed and suggested to place 800 in middle of meet to allow for more rest time for swimmers if a relay is placed first
 - d. Result: majority of attendees prefer moving 1500 to Thursday
 - i. Meet committee may need to consider workers' availability
 - ii. "Provide your own timer" may be solution for workers
 - e. USA Swimming at Ohio State Senior Meet suggested as order of events template (suggestion from Ed Bachman, ABLY)

- f. Additional consideration for moving events around: North teams may not have high participation on a week night and it's an additional night they spend traveling
- g. Further comments/concerns: send email to mleonard@cincinnatiymca.org or brad.isham@ymcastaff.org

- **Great Lakes Zone Championships:** March 17-19 at Bowling Green University, Ohio
- **2017 YMCA Short Course Nationals:** April 3-7 in Greensboro, NC
- **2017 YMCA Masters Nationals:** May 4-7 in Sarasota, FL
- **2017 YMCA Long Course Nationals:** July 31-August 4 in Greensboro, NC
- **2018 Great Lakes Zone Champs:** March 16-18 at SPIRE Institute in Geneva, OH, hosted by Cleveland cluster

VII. Other

Open

- Team assignments for championships meeting available in late fall
- Allowances for Championship host teams
 - 'A' Champs site hosts for prelims sessions have \$500 hospitality allowance
 - 'A' Finals host has \$300 allowance
 - Heat sheets: teams split in half
 - Scoring: depends on duties
 - Awards: \$250
- Championships duties

Meet	Hospitality	Heat Sheets	Scoring	Awards
A Prelims – North	OPEN	SPY	SPY	SPY
A Prelims – Central	CY	CY	CY	CY
A Prelims – South	ABLY	BASH	ABLY	ABLY
A Finals	PCY	PCY	PCY	ABLY
AA Champs	PCY	BASH	Claudia	ABLY

- Motion to waive \$50 fee per team owed to league – motion from Bill Whatley. Second by John Janszen. Approved as is.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Leonard