

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

Friday, August 4, 2006

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The representatives and coaches' meeting was held at the Pocantico Hills Pool. The following members of the Board were present: Michael Panzarino (President,) Bea Rhodes (Vice President), Carolyn Johnson (Corresponding Secretary,) John Osterhoudt (Treasurer,) Patty Kelly (Recording Secretary,) and John Santos (Officials' Liaison.)

ATTENDANCE: All clubs were in attendance except: Bedford Golf, Briarcliff, Lakeside, Mount Kisco Country Club, Peekskill, and Windmill. The board honored former board member Monique Grayson with a special plaque for her many years of service to the conference. The plaque was presented by Monique's son, Kevin Grayson.

MINUTES: Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) motioned to accept the minutes of the 6/20/06 meeting and was seconded by David Ballinger (Pleasantville.) The minutes were accepted as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- John Osterhoudt reported that all dues had been paid for 2006. Currently, this year's bills are being paid.
- Plates for the 8-year plaques should be mailed to team representatives in September.
- He also reminded everyone of where to park at the upcoming All-Star Meet to be held at the Briarcliff Pool.
- As per a request, financial reports will be available to view at the next general meeting in March 2007.

DIVISION RESULTS

All swim results are on the website. Diving results still need to be reported. Teams hosting the championships need to bring the results to the All-Star Meet.

CHAMPIONSHIPS/ALL-STAR SITES

We will look at pools and sites, and, based on performance, next year's sites will be discussed at the March 2007 meeting.

SCHEDULE OF MEETS for 2007

The Empire State games will be held in Westchester next year. We need to make sure that our calendar does not conflict with the games, or with the Counties Meet. By the March 2007 meeting we will have all of the necessary dates and a schedule can be made.

MEETING DATES for 2007

January- Executive Committee Meeting

March- Tuesday, March 27, 2007

May- Tuesday, May 22, 2007

June- Monday, June 18, 2007

July- to be determined... (after the All-Star Diving Meet?)

OFFICIALS:

- John Santos reported and a request was made from the Board that he update the facilities schedule.
- Official Rating Cards- 9 were received and he hopes to get more.
- There is a problem getting dive sheets before the meet starts (they are being received 5- 10 minutes prior; supposed to be at least 15 minutes prior to start of meet.) A suggestion was made that dive sheets could be filled out the night before the meet. The constitution states that last minute changes are not allowed. If sheets are not handed in 15 minutes prior to the start of meet, the diver will not be permitted to dive. Up-to-date diving sheets are available on the web-site. A suggestion was also made that the official make an announcement asking for the sheet at the meet.

OLD BUSINESS

- Start Times- these are in constitution and should be held to; otherwise it delays the entire meet. A suggestion was made that diving and swimming *warm-up times* be reversed. The home team could call the visiting team to remind them.
- Changes in Meets- these must be approved by the President and Rules and Procedures Chairperson and should not be done solely through the coaches.
- Conduct/Sportsmanship- an offensive cheer was heard at a meet this year. Please be aware of good sportsmanship at all times.
- Scoring Issues-
 1. Home team is to send results to the web-site.
 2. When there are new scorers, as the meet is going on, both teams' scorers should be checking each other. If scorers disagree, the meet should be stopped temporarily until the score is resolved.
 3. Once one team reaches a score of 271, scoring for that meet should stop.
 4. If both teams do not have diving, diving score does not count, but it still counts as an event. (Diving is exhibition only.)

- Attendance- when teams do not come to meetings, we don't know their status and they are not aware of many issues. There are three clubs that pay their dues but do not attend meetings. A suggestion was made that the Board write a letter to the Boards of Directors of these clubs. The June meeting will be made mandatory and 100% attendance is expected.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn Johnson will update the constitution for the B-meets times: 4:30 warm-up; 5:00 start needs to be added. The word "raindates" will be changed to "cancellations." Also, a grammatical error on p. 16 will be corrected.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 (site TBA.)

ADJOURNMENT: a motion was made by Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Patty Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Patty Kelly
August 21, 2006