

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

Thursday, July 31, 2008

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Michael Panzarino, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:08 p.m. at the Pocantico Hills Pool.

ATTENDANCE: All clubs were in attendance except:
Bedford Golf, Bedford Village, Torview, and Waccabuc.

MINUTES: Leslie Hutton (Cortlandt) made a motion that the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting be accepted as written; Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Osterhoudt reported that all due have been paid. Officials will soon be paid and plates will be ordered for all pools' plaques. The plates will be sent to the parent rep. Please check the website for accuracy of this information. If you have not received the plates by mid-October, please contact John.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

Division	I	II	III	IV	V
Up	Willowbrook	Birchwood	Cortlandt	Bedford Village	Twin Oaks
Down	Pound Ridge	Lakeside	Tarrycrest*	Seven Bridges	

*moves down based on a head to head loss in dual meet

Michael thanked all of the teams who have hosted the Diving Championships and All-Star meets and who will be hosting the Swimming Championships and All-Star meets.

SCHEDULE of MEETS for 2009

The schedule below was proposed by Carolyn Johnson, seconded by Brian Tompkins of Tarrycrest, voted upon, and passed unanimously. A sign up sheet was available for those interested in hosting the Championship and All-Star meets.

B Swim	B Dive	Dual Meets	Championships/All Star
July 6, 13, 20	July 8, 15	July 7,9,11,14,16,18,21,25	July 29 th - Championship Diving
			July 30 th - All Star Diving
			Aug. 1- Championship Swim
			Aug. 2 nd All Star Swimming

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

February: Executive Committee

March- Tuesday, March 24- snow date March 31, 2009

May- Monday, May 18 or Tuesday May 19, 2009

June- Tuesday, June 16 or Wednesday June 17, 2009

July- July 30, 2009 after All Star Diving meet

OFFICIALS

- If meets need to be cancelled/changed due to weather, etc. please CALL AND send an e-mail to Michael Panzarino and the Officials' Liaison. If there is a problem with the pool, also contact Michael. Michael thanked all of the pools that hosted meets at the last minute due to such problems and asked that if this happens in the future, the pool club that should have hosted bring all ribbons, etc. that you would have had as the host team. He also reminded everyone that when the schedule has to be changed, it is not always perfect, but the reason we do this is so that as many of the *children* can swim and dive as possible.
- This year 68 ratings sheets were received- the e-mail blasts/reminders have been helpful. Many cannot receive PDF files, so the format will be changed to a Word document.
- This year two officials missed meets- one due to communication error and the other because an e-mail was sent and the liaison was not able to retrieve his e-mails. Officials will be asked to communicate by phone if they cannot make a meet. *****If a coach does not receive a call from an official the night before a meet, please call the officials' liaison that evening to let him know and ensure that someone will be at the meet.***

OLD BUSINESS:

RULES OF SPORTSMANSHIP:

Michael received an e-mail from a coach about some poor sportsmanship witnessed at a meet. As coaches and parent reps, we need to watch the behavior of swimmers and parents. If an incident occurs, the coaches should meet RIGHT AWAY, and discuss the situation. If it cannot be resolved, stop the meet and have the official address the issue. If we wait until afterwards, it is often too late.

ATTENDANCE at B MEETS

The Following letter from Bea Rhodes, Vice President, was read regarding the importance of attending B meets.

... "We were made aware that some clubs did not attend the B Meets they indicated they would be participating in. Some clubs did not call the host team.

This is upsetting in a number of ways:

There is a lot of work that goes into setting up for a B Meet. Volunteers give their time and some facilities made arrangements in order to host- parking lot attendants, closing off sections of pools, etc.

No one is forced to participate in a B Meet; it's completely voluntary, which is why we have sign up sheets. But once a commitment is made, we would appreciate seeing it respected, for everyone's sake. If an emergency prevents you from attending, please call.

Also, a lot of hours go into preparing the B Meet schedule. So, please, we would appreciate everyone respecting their commitments in the future.

And, last, but not least, it's disappointing for the kids who are part of the host club and for the team that does show up to find out that they are it! For some of the meets, only one club has shown up, when another two or three were supposed to be there.

And please remember, for some children, it might be the only meet they participate in.

Your future cooperation is very much appreciated."

Bea Rhodes

There were some meets this year that one or more teams did not show up to, which is disappointing for many reasons. Please be considerate. Contact The host team IF YOU WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE.

SCORING ISSUES

Michael has suggested that scores be sent directly to Monique Grayson, (webmaster). They do not have to be sent to the Divisional Chairperson.

Clarification - When A Team Decides To Stop Scoring: If your team decides to stop scoring (maximum points 271) at a dual meet, then your team will take no more points. The opposing team will take all first and second place points, from that event forward, provided they have the required number of entries, and they are not disqualified. The ribbons, however, will still go to the swimmers, according to the rundown. Notification must come from the Coach to the Official, and then the scorers table is notified.

Running up the Score: Once a team reaches 271 points, there is no possible way for another team to catch up. Your team may choose to stop scoring which prevents "running up" the score. This is optional, and done as a courtesy to the opposing team.

A proposal was made by Carolyn Johnson and seconded by Jackie Hickey of Mt. Kisco Country Club, to clarifying the issue of scoring (stopping): should either team, in a dual meet, decide to stop scoring, the opposing team gets the first and second place points, provided they have the required number of entries, and they are not disqualified. (July 31, 2008)

Eligibility: An athlete must swim/dive in at least 2 dual meets to be eligible to swim for championships.

If an official does not show up for a meet, the fee that would have been paid to him/her will be returned to the effected pool clubs.

Car Magnets: Because of last minute changes, now 250 extras will be ordered at additional expense to the NWSC. No additional orders will be placed at this time. Those who just ordered recently will receive them at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

All-Star Meet: will be at Briarcliff and the 8/under freestyle relay will be first. A motion was made by John Osterhoudt and seconded by Carolyn Johnson to keep the format the way it is now, beginning with the 8/uinder freestyle relay for future years. It was agreed upon unanimously by those in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Greg Sims motioned that we adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Carolyn Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. A session for the Executive Committee was called immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Kelly, Recording Secretary
August 1, 2008