

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE, INC

Thursday, August 2, 2001

The Representatives and Coaches "Wrap-Up Meeting" was held at the Anita Louise Ehrman Pool in Armonk.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Barbara Mitchell Cronk and Rose Colonna (Co-Presidents), Carolyn Johnson (Past President), John Osterhoudt (Treasurer), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary), and John Santos (Official Liaison).

1: ATTENDANCE:

The meeting came to order at 6:40pm. Members were asked to sign in. The following teams were not represented at the meeting: Bedford Golf, Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Birchwood, Cortlandt, Mt. Pleasant, Pocantico Hills, Pound Ridge, Seven Bridges, Waccabuc, and Windmill.

2: CORRECTIONS/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

In "Old Business": third sentence should be: "*Linda distributed pink sheets to each club and asked that each chairperson report meet results by calling her at...*"

Linda Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes of June 21, 2001. Jake Mullaney seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: TREASURER'S REPORT: John Osterhoudt

There is no final tally yet because we still need to pay for trophies and officials.

Dues for 2002 will be \$650 per club.

All clubs paid on time in 2001. The t-shirts were already paid.

4: DUAL MEETS RESULTS:

Congratulations to all teams that won their divisions:

	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV	Div. V
UP	Pleasantville	Katonah	Willowbrook	Bedford Hills	Whippoorwill
DOWN	TarryCrest	Cortlandt	Waccabuc	Seven Bridges	Windmill

5: CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS & ALL STARS MEETS:

Thank you to all teams that hosted the Championship meets and to Pocantico Hills and Lewisboro for the Diving and Swimming All-Star meets.

6: SIGN UP SHEET FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SITES FOR 2002:

A sign-up sheet was available for teams wanting to host a championship meet in 2002.

7: SCHEUDLE OF MEETS FOR 2002:

Dan Levy (Chappaqua) mentioned that an extra week would be helpful because the season is so short.

Four proposals were presented to coaches:

Proposal #1: Saturdays July 6, 13, 20, 27 – Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23

B Swimming: Mondays, July 8, 15, 22

B Diving: Wednesdays, July 10 & 17

Diving Championship: Wednesday, July 31

Diving All-Star: Thursday, August 1

Swimming Championships: Saturday, August 3

Swimming All-Star: Sunday, August 4

Proposal #2: Substitute Saturday, July 6 with Tuesday, July 2

Proposal #3: Skip first week of July and go: July 9, 11, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 (for regular swim meets)

Proposal #4: Substitute Saturday, July 27 with Thursday, July 25

Results of the votes were: 12 for proposal #1 and 9 for proposal #2

The 2002 NWSC Schedule will follow **proposal #1**.

8: MEETING DATES FOR 2002:

January: Executive Committee Meeting

March: Monday, March 18, 2002

May: Monday, May 20, 2002

June: TBA

August: tentative date of August 12 or August 13, 2002

9: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS: 2002-2004 TERM

Mary Beth Guyett, Meredith Rooney and John Santos volunteered to head the committee to present the slate of officers for the term of 2002-2004.

The results of the search will be presented at the March 2002 Meeting, and the vote will take place in May 2002.

Barbara thanked all three for volunteering.

10: OLD BUSINESS:

We are revisiting the discussion on Diving that had been tabled at previous meetings. 2 motions are on the table:

Motion #1: In August 2000, Keenan Deegan (Yorktown) made a motion to revisit the issue of teams that do not have diving: when they go to a meet, the opposite team must dive exhibition only, and does not score points. Carolyn Johnson had seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on Motion #1: to revisit the issue: **3 NO, 17 YES**

Linda Hunter gave her report on this year's diving at each meet, in each division. Only 5 teams in the NWSC do not have diving. Linda had the results of each division, except Division V. Linda mentioned that diving definitely had an impact in Division I. In Division II, it was a mixed bag. A long discussion followed, with some coaches mentioning that teams that don't have diving boards could go to or rent another facility to practice.

Motion #2: At the same time, Susie Casey (Briarcliff) made a motion to follow the high school rules on diving: "If the host team's facility meets minimum depth recommendation and the visiting team has eliminated diving from its program because its facility does not meet the depth standard, the host team (and all teams with diving entries) shall dive, places shall be awarded to the competitors and their points shall be included in the total team score." Keenan Deegan seconded that motion.

A vote was taken on Motion #2: to abide by high school rules:

4 YES, 13 NO, 3 ABSTENTIONS

As a result of the vote, we will not abide by high school rules.

Laura Polhill suggested separating the scores for swimming and diving. After a brief discussion, the idea was abandoned.

11: NEW BUSINESS:

- Kara Bisaccia (Briarcliff) asked if there were any guidelines available on how to run a "B" meet. She said that it took much too long to write all the swimmers names and times after they swam. It was decided that if people were interested, we would run a clinic next year, on how to run a "B" meet.
It will be reviewed at the May Meeting.
- Dan Levy (Chappaqua) said that too many divers at "B" diving meets were doing a forward jump instead of a dive. It was reminded that divers must be able to actually know 2 dives from 2 different categories, in order for them to dive in a meet. The host team should call the other coaches to remind them of the rules.
- John Osterhoudt reminded the coaches that they are supposed to fill out the rating forms about officials. John said that officiating was inconsistent again this year, and that some officials don't know the rules of NWSC. If they come from the Southern division, they should find out about the rules for the Northern Division. John Santos said that he received only 28 forms. Frank Leahy suggested that John Santos meet with all the officials before next season and review all the rules with them. John said that he would do that.

Barbara Mitchell added that 2 or more members of the board should sit on at that meeting as well.

John Osterhoudt reminded John Santos that Briarcliff only needs one official at the regular meets, not 2. Briarcliff has been asking this for years! Osty also said that the assignment sheet of officials was very good.

- Kara Bisaccia (Briarcliff) sent a letter to John Santos on July 16. The letter was about the dual meet of Briarcliff at Peekskill that was officiated by Phil Karpinsky. Due to a number of different things, the coaches, parents and swimmers from Briarcliff left the meet very upset: backstroke flags at wrong distance from wall, problems with the starting blocks, problems with ladders in lanes 1 and 6, etc. The officials should check the pool prior to the meet to be sure that everything is safe and within regulations. Dana Bennett from Peekskill said that the flags were 15 feet from the wall and that they had problems with the blocks this year. She also mentioned that the pool is 50 meter, not 50 yd.
- Stephanie Paleo (Willowbrook) asked if clubs could have enough ribbons of each place at meets (including 5th & 6th place). The constitution only mentions that we should score four places, so we must give ribbons for at least four places. The rest is at the discretion of the pool.
- Meredith Rooney (Yorktown) congratulated Mount Kisco Memorial for doing an excellent job at the championships.
- Dan Levy asked what to do about the ties at Diving Championships. Barbara told him to give her the extra trophies and she will have them redone. John Santos mentioned that we could change the scoring points for Diving Championships so we don't have so many ties. Another idea is to order the trophies the day after the Diving Championships and give them to the teams at the Swimming Championships. **We will try this approach in 2002.**

12: NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2002 - Site TBA

13: ADJOURNMENT:

Carolyn Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Fennell seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
August 24, 2001