

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE, INC

Thursday, July 31, 2003

The Representatives and Coaches "Wrap-Up Meeting" was held at the Pocantico Hills Pool in Sleepy Hollow, at the conclusion of the All-Star Diving Meet.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Barbara Mitchell Cronk (President), and Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary). John Santos (Officials Liaison) was present as well.

Rose Colonna, Carolyn Johnson and John Osterhoudt were unable to attend the meeting.

1: ATTENDANCE:

The meeting came to order at 7:16pm. Members were asked to sign in.

Twenty-two of 27 teams were represented at the meeting. This was the best attendance in years for the wrap-up meeting. The following clubs were not represented: Bedford Golf & Tennis, Bedford Village, Tarrycrest, Waccabuc, and Windmill.

The change of date for the wrap-up meeting seems to be popular. We will continue this system.

2: CORRECTIONS/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Michael Panzarino (Torview) made a motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2003. Dan Levy (Chappaqua) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

3: TREASURER'S REPORT:

Due to a function at the Briarcliff Pool, John Osterhoudt was unable to attend the meeting. Barbara mentioned that we used a new vendor and saved money this year. We purchased "perpetual" Championship plaques for all teams of the NWSC. These plaques will last at least 12 years.

4: SIGN UP SHEET FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SITES 2004:

A sheet was passed around for clubs wanting to host the Diving & Swimming Championship meets of 2004.

7: SCHEDULE OF MEETS FOR 2004:

The following is the "**proposed**" schedule for the summer of 2004:

Dual A Meets: Tuesdays: July 6, 13, 20

Thursday: July 8

Saturdays: July 10, 17, 24

B Swimming: Mondays, July 5, 12, 19

B Diving: Wednesdays, July 7, 14

Diving Championship: Wednesday, July 28

Diving All-Star: Thursday, July 29

Swimming Championships: Saturday, July 31

Swimming All-Star: Sunday, August 1

[Counties: Diving: July 26-27; Swimming: August 2-5]

Mary Lou Herr (Lakeside) made a motion to accept the proposed schedule for 2004. Richard Frank (Katonah) seconded the motion, which was accepted unanimously.

6: MEETING DATES FOR 2004:

January: Executive Committee meeting

March: Monday, March 15, 2004

May: Monday, May 17, 2004

June: TBA

July: Wrap-up meeting: July 29, 2004 (at the conclusion of Diving All-Star Meet)

7: DUAL MEETS RESULTS:

Congratulations to all teams that won their divisions:

	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV	Div. V
UP	<i>Willowbrook</i>	<i>Chappaqua</i>	<i>A.L. Ehrman</i>	<i>Pocantico Hills</i>	<i>Mt. Pleasant</i>
DOWN	<i>Mt. Kisco MP</i>	<i>Peekskill</i>	<i>Whippoorwill</i>	<i>Seven Bridges</i>	<i>Windmill</i>

8: Executive Committee Officers: 2004-2006:

As voted in May 2002, the Executive Committee Officers are: Barbara Mitchell Cronk and Rose Colonna (Co-Presidents), John Osterhoudt (Treasurer), Carolyn Johnson (Corresponding Secretary), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary). John Santos is the Officials Liaison.

Barbara asked representatives to think about running for office. Many positions might become available in May 2004 and we need new people to step up to these openings.

9: OLD BUSINESS:

John Santos said that the "voucher" cards worked out fine. Many officials are waiting for the end of the season to send their cards to John Osterhoudt.

John mentioned that once again, he received only 8 out of 92 officials rating cards. Things can't improve if he doesn't get the coaches comments. It doesn't seem like there were too many problems this year. Some things need to be fixed before the 2004 season:

- Windmill Lake: paneling on the start portion of the competition area is falling apart; the backstroke flags do not cover the total competition area; the lane lines are very loose.
- As a reminder: backstroke flags must be of alternating color, high enough so backstrokers can swim underneath, and must be in proper position: 15 feet from the edge of the pool.
- Too often, guns used don't go off properly. We were told that this happens when shells are damp. The NWSC would like to see officials use a fresh box of shells each season. Another suggestion was to use an electronic starting system (about \$800).
- John Santos is requesting that the conference buy rundown cards for next season. It would be much easier and more accurate.
- There have been many DQ's in the 8-under age group. Some officials did not talk to all the swimmers explaining what they did wrong. Many coaches would prefer being told of the reasons so they can correct their swimmers.
- There were very few problems about officials being late or not showing up for a meet. John received only one call and this was for a rescheduled meet.
- Suggestions for a team with a young swimmer needing assistance (hearing impaired): Coach must warn the official before each race in which the child will participate. Official must use hand signal for the swimmer at the start. Coach will need to teach signals to the child.
- Score sheets: suggestion to have one page for each relay instead of 2 relays per page (this would give more space in which to write swimmers names). This will be updated for next season.

Reminder: Host team is responsible to provide score sheets to visiting team.

10: NEW BUSINESS:

Beth Kear, diving coach of Yorktown, made a motion to change the voluntary dive from the front dive 101 (D.D. 1.2 or 1.3) to any dive from the Front Group with a D.D. of 1.8 or less.

A discussion followed. Some coaches mentioned that this would favor the better teams. It was decided that the diving coaches must be aware of this proposal before a vote can take place.

This proposal will be tabled until March. Teams were asked to talk to their diving coaches and get their input.

11: NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 15, 2004 - Site TBA

12: ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
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