

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE MARCH 13, 2003

Barbara Mitchell Cronk, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:33pm at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco. Barbara welcomed the members of the board and the team representatives that were in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Mitchell Cronk, Carolyn Johnson, Monique Grayson, and John Osterhoudt were present. Rose Colonna and John Santos were unable to attend. Representatives were asked to sign-in.

The following teams were not represented at the meeting: Bedford Golf & Tennis, Cortlandt, Katonah, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco C.C., Pound Ridge, Torview, Twin Oaks, Whippoorwill, and Willowbrook.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Carolyn Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2002 meeting. Lynne Ballinger (Pleasantville) seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Osterhoudt

- John presented a financial report of income and expenses for the last 6 years (1997-2002) with 2 different estimates for 2003. The first estimate is with club dues staying at \$650 (which would put us in the red). The other estimate is with raising the fees to \$675 (which would keep us in the black).
- It is our understanding that officials were going to ask for a \$5.00 raise (from \$85 to \$90 per official per meet). It was mentioned by a team representative, that when we gave the last raise to the officials, it was under assumption that they would provide competent service. There still seems to be problems with officials. It was noted that few teams rate the officials (good or bad) after their meets. **CLUBS MUST RATE THE OFFICIALS, OR PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED.**
- We need to find ways to reduce expenses. One way to achieve this is to look for another company for the All-Star T-shirts (estimate of \$7 per shirt). Debra Goldfarb will prepare an estimate on T-shirts from her company, and will let us know what she can do. Another suggestion is to reduce the number of trophies given for the Championships. If the league gives trophies to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams only, we would save about 12 swimming trophies and 10 diving trophies. All members in attendance approved this idea. Steve Schneider from Windmill suggested giving each club a "perpetual" plaque. Each year, clubs would receive an insert to be added to the plaque, rewarding their placement in the Divisional Championship. The initial expense of buying the plaques would be high, but we would save plenty after that. We will look into this solution as well.

John was unable to distribute the dues requests because we couldn't vote on the amount to be charge for 2003.

JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Barbara gave a brief recap of the Executive Committee Meeting that took place in Katonah, January 27, 2003.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2003:

Carolyn Johnson handed out a sheet with the NWSC Swimming/Diving Rules Changes for 2003.

- Relay card must indicate actual order of swimmers in that heat. (Reminder: **Once a swimmer or diver has been entered in an event and the time/lane place card or diving sheet has been handed into the timer/official, only those children whose names are on the document can and must swim/dive in the event. This includes relays. Last minute changes are not allowed during relays, especially once the race has begun**).
- Rule clarification: it is no longer necessary to place a foot or feet at front edge of starting block prior to the starting command. Swimmers can stand anywhere before the command.
- Backstroke swimmers cannot place feet in gutter nor have their toes above the surface of the water at the start of the race. Penalty: DQ
- Standing in the gutter at the start of backstroke is not permitted.
- On deck starts: the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th swimmers of a relay must start with at least one foot at the edge of the deck.
- A dive is unsatisfactory (no more than 2 points should be awarded) if, in the referee's opinion, the diver does not come out of the tuck or pike position.
- Each judge shall deduct up to 2 points for a foot/feet leaving the board before the back/inward takeoff. This is known as a crop hop.

2003 CHAMPIONSHIP SITES:

	<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Diving</u>
Division I	Mt. Kisco Memorial	Birchwood
Division II	Chappaqua	Briarcliff
Division III	Bedford Hills	Whippoorwill
Division IV	Cortlandt	Pocantico Hills
Division V	Mt. Pleasant	Bedford Golf & Tennis
All-Stars	Lewisboro	Pocantico Hills

Schedule for 2003 was handed out to all in attendance.

Some things were highlighted: **on top**: Approved Schedule. **In Division I**: add Pleasantville under Willowbrook on the left "Visiting Team" Column. **In Division III**: change for Diving Championship: it is now at Whippoorwill (not Torview).

B-MEET SCHEDULE: Carolyn Johnson

Dates:

Swimming	Mondays	July 7, 14, 21
Diving	Wednesdays	July 9 & 16

- These meets are optional. Swimmers placing 1st-4th in "A" meets are not supposed to swim at the "B" meets, except if they need a meet to qualify for the Championships (Swimmers must swim/dive in 2 sanctioned meets in order to be allowed to swim or dive at the Championships).
- We are looking for facilities to host "B" meets! Blue B-Meet Sign-Up Sheets were handed out. Teams were asked to host at least one "B" meet and to try to estimate the number of participants. Assignments are made upon number of swimmers and geographical area.
- Sheet must be handed back before the May meeting:
 - Mail to Carolyn Johnson at 129 Croton Ave, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
 - Email requests to CTJohnson628@aol.com
 - Fax requests to Monique Grayson at 914-923-2340
- If a club can't host a scheduled "B" meet, they must try to reschedule if possible. Club must also contact Carolyn Johnson to let her know.

NEW BUSINESS:

- An "Officials Review Committee" was formed: Barbara Mitchell, John Osterhoudt, Carolyn Johnson, Stephen Schneider, Tony Rudell, and John Santos. They will try to meet once before the season, and then once or twice during the season.
- Discussion about the officials "Travel Fee". The Constitution states: "***As a courtesy, the host club shall pay a travel fee of \$15 to the official in the event of a postponement due to weather.***"
- There was a long discussion about officials not showing up for meets, travel fees, etc. It was suggested that all clubs should sign a voucher at the end of the meet. Vouchers would then be given to John Osterhoudt. Officials would only be paid if the club representative or head coach, attesting to the official's presence at the meet, signed the voucher.
- There was a long discussion about pool rotation for championships. It seems that some pools are asked to host them more often. This creates a financial hardship on the some Clubs. Tony Rudell (Chappaqua) made a proposal to establish a fund of \$500 for reimbursement to the host of the Divisional Championships, with a maximum of \$100 per Division. Jim Kennedy (Pleasantville) seconded the motion. Motion tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Barbara received an email about a family that used to live in Peekskill and has now moved to Yonkers. They made a request to continue to swim for Peekskill again this summer. The board answered that since Peekskill is a Municipal Pool, the rule of residency prevails. Request was denied
- **REMINDER TO ALL:** As per the minutes of August 12, 2002, the Wrap-up Coaches meeting will be moved to the last Thursday in July, at the conclusion of the All-Star Diving meet. It will be held July 31, 2003, around 7pm, at Pocantico Hills and it will be **mandatory** for all teams to attend. Coaches and Reps. are all invited to attend the All-Star Diving as well!
- **Yellow Club Update Sheets are due at the May meeting.** They can be mailed to Carolyn Johnson at address above or faxed to Monique Grayson at the fax number above.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 19, 2003 (site TBA)

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
March 15, 2003