

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

MARCH 15, 2004

Barbara Mitchell Cronk, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm 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, John Osterhoudt and John Santos were present. Rose Colonna was unable to attend. Representatives were asked to sign-in.

The following teams were not represented at the meeting: Bedford Golf & Tennis, Bedford Hills, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco C.C., Peekskill, Pocantico, Seven Bridges, Twin Oaks, Waccabuc, Whippoorwill, and Windmill.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Mary Lou Herr (Lakeside) made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2003 meeting.

Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Osterhoudt

John said that all bills have been paid and that we are solvent. There will be no increase in dues this year. Requests were distributed to all teams in attendance.

<p>Dues \$675 are due no later than July 1, 2004 Make check payable to NWSC, Inc.</p>

JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Barbara gave a brief recap of the Executive Committee Meeting that took place in Katonah, January 27, 2004.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2004:

There are not many changes per say.

In backstroke, when the official asks swimmers to step in they can't do a cannonball! They must literally step in or get DQ'ed.

In backstroke, the whole feet must be under the water (as in USA-Swimming). Toes must be under the surface of the water, and can't go in the gutter for the start.

2004 CHAMPIONSHIP SITES:

	<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Diving</i>
Division I	Pound Ridge	Yorktown
Division II	Briarcliff	Lakeside
Division III	Torview	Pocantico Hills
Division IV	Cortlandt	Mount Pleasant
Division V	Bedford Village	Bedford Golf & Tennis
All-Stars	Lewisboro	Pocantico Hills

B-MEET SCHEDULE: Carolyn Johnson

Dates:

Swimming	Mondays	July 5, 12, 19
Diving	Wednesdays	July 7 & 14

- 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).
- Club list update and B meets requests must be sent back no later than June 1, 2004:
 - 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 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 when shells are damp. The NWSC would like to see officials use a fresh box of shells each season (\$12 per box of 50 shells – 48 are used at each meet). Another suggestion was to use an electronic starting system (about \$800).
- Officials' evaluation cards must be sent to John Santos after each meet. It was suggested that officials remind coaches about this before each meet. They could also carry extra cards and give them at the meets. In lieu of cards, coaches can email the comments to John Santos.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The following proposal will be tabled until the June meeting when coaches will be present: *"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. Some coaches had 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."*
- Paul Simco, Mindy Berard and Mary Lou Herr were elected members of the Nominating Committee. They will present the slate of officers for 2004-2006 at the May meeting. The following positions are up for renewal: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. The vote will take place at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.
- Jim Kennedy, of the Pleasantville Swim Team, proposes to allow a second, non-scoring exhibition heat in the freestyle events for the 10-under and 12-under age groups. The addition of the extra freestyle events in these particular age groups would address a growing need to involve more swimmers in "A" meets, so that they feel more a part of the team. A discussion followed about this and many thought that it should also include the 8-under age group. It would add about 10 minutes to a regular "A" meet. John Santos will talk to his officials about this. This proposal will be

tabled until the May Meeting since there were not enough teams present at the meeting.

- Mary Lou Herr (Lakeside) asked which teams have no diving: Pleasantville, Peekskill, Seven Bridges, Mt. Kisco Country Club and Anita Louise Ehrman.
- Reminder to all divisions: Announcement must be made at Swimming Championships: If a swimmer can't attend the All-Star meet, the second place winner must be notified so he/she can attend.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 17, 2004 at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
March 22, 2004