

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

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Michael Panzarino, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Boys and Girls Club in Mount Kisco. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: All clubs were in attendance *except* for Cortlandt, Pound Ridge, Waccabuc, Windmill.

MINUTES: Greg Sims (ALE) motioned to accept the minutes of the August, 2006 meeting and was seconded by Carolyn Johnson (Mount Kisco Memorial).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Income and expenses from last year were reported by John Osterhoudt. A balance from last year remains.
- Dues sheets were given out to all clubs in attendance and the money is due by June 22, two weeks prior to the start of the season.
- Blank plates from perpetual plaques need to be returned to John Osterhoudt at the next meeting or by June 18th.
- Club rosters are due to John O. by **June 30th**. They can be dropped off at the Briarcliff Pool, e-mailed, or faxed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Bea Rhodes (V.P.) and Patty Kelly (Recording Secretary) will run again for another term. Anyone interested in running should contact Michael Panzarino prior to the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The tentative schedule was passed out and explained. In creating this year's schedule, consideration was given to the Empire State Games' and Westchester Counties' schedules. Tentative problems are: Mount Kisco CC is under construction; Diving well may not be ready in Lewisboro.
- Rain dates were explained: a meet should not be cancelled because of rain- only for thunder/lightening. *If meet needs to be rescheduled- CALL PRESIDENT of NWSC FIRST.* He will then work with the Official to reschedule the meet.

- Michael Panzarino reiterated that everyone should be checking the website frequently. Almost all information, including forms, is on there. Please let us know if you find any mistakes or misinformation. We will correct it as soon as possible.
- John Santos explained the merging of Divisions 3 and 5 for the Diving Championships- both divisions are very small. Division 3 divers will not take away any places from Division 5 divers.
- Championship sites are decided upon according to a variety of factors including parking, size of pool deck, location, etc. We will try to rotate the sites in fairness to everyone.
- Swimming B Meets will be held on 7/9, 7/16, 7/23.
Diving B Meets will be held on 7/11 and 7/18.
Please ask your pool directors if you can host a B Meet- we need more volunteers! Sign up will be available at the May meeting.
- Volunteers were solicited for the Empire State Games to act as hosts for the athletes. Contact Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) at 764-5632 if you are interested.
- Diving Sheets need to be completed and handed to the official prior to the start of the meet. The official should make an announcement regarding this.
- The NWSC Constitution was updated in August 2006 and is posted on the website. It is recommended that each team representative and coach print a copy off the website, is familiar with it, and bring it to all meets for reference.
- There have been three teams that have not been attending our meetings. This causes a variety of problems. Letters were sent to the teams in January, 2007 addressing the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Osterhoudt presented an idea on how to use the remaining funds- car magnets with "I swim/dive for NWSC" could be purchased for every swimmer in the league. Every swimmer would be given something, and it is positive advertising for the league. These could be ordered by 5/22 and available at the June meeting for distribution. Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) motioned to accept the purchase of the car magnets; Demi Frawley (MKCC) seconded. All were in favor.

- Suzanne Rota (Birchwood) proposed that the cut-off date for birthdays of NWSC swimmers be changed from June 1st to July 1st. This would be more in keeping with the actual dates of the meets. Discussion ensued. All were asked to think about this and it will be voted upon at the May meeting.
- Dan Levy (Chappaqua) brought up the issues of false starts. In a handout from last year it was stated that each swimmer is allowed two false starts. This is incorrect. *Each swimmer is allowed one false start.*
- If your team has a website, please send us the link. It should be sent to the NEW general e-mail address. In order to provide more frequent and current information, e-mail blasts will be sent out to team reps and coaches advising them of updates to the website – all coaches and reps were asked to provide current email addresses.
- Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) brought up an issue about an occurrence at a meet from last year. An official did not show up to the meet. Two parents were at the meet, both of whom were USS Officials. They agreed to officiate at the meet. Kelly asked that these two parents be paid (split the money that the official would have been paid.) Kelly Blacker motioned that these two parents/officials be paid; it was seconded by Carolyn Johnson. It passed unanimously. Should something like this occur in the future, Michael Panzarino, President, should be contacted right away.
- John Santos, Officials' Liaison, made a plea for the officials to be paid \$5.00 more per meet this year, and again \$5.00 more per meet next year. Minutes from a prior meeting were read stating that *the officials agreed not to ask for another raise until 2008*. Maryann Horner (Lakeside) motioned that the officials are to be paid \$5.00 more per meet this year and an additional \$5.00 more per meet next year. It was seconded by Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook.) *The motion passed: 14 in favor; 2 opposed; 1 abstained.*

Patty Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. It was seconded by Bea Rhodes.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 21st** at the Boys and Girls Club in Mt. Kisco at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Patty Kelly
 April 1, 2007