

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE
Tuesday, March 25, 2008 <http://nwsc.usswim.net>
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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 7:15 p.m. Michael introduced and welcomed the new Officials' Liaison, Paul Alvarez, who is replacing John Santos.

ATTENDANCE: All clubs were in attendance *except* for ALE, Bedford Village, Bedford Hills, Briarcliff, Peekskill, Tarrycrest, Twin Oaks, Waccabuc, and Windmill.

MINUTES: a motion to accept the March minutes was made by Carolyn Johnson and seconded by Kelly Blacker. The minutes were accepted.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET SITES ANNOUNCED:

Sites for championships were done differently this year. Clubs were contacted by the Board and asked if they would be willing to host. The schedule is below, with just a few still pending approval from town or pool club boards.

NWSC 2008 Championship Sites

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
Swim	Yorktown*	Mt. Kisco Memorial	Cortlandt	Bedford Hills**	Twin Oaks
Dive	A.L.E.	Lakeside	Tarrycrest	Torview	Torview

All-Star Swimming: Briarcliff

All-Star Diving: Pocantico**

*pending town approval

**waiting for response

The proposed schedule for dual meets was distributed and discussed. Some changes needed to be made, and will be done by Carolyn Johnson. The schedule will then be approved by the board prior to posting on the website. The following clubs asked for changes:

Mt. Pleasant: not Tuesdays

Yorktown: not at home on July 10th

Bedford Hills and Katonah: these pools should not be closed at the same time

Cortlandt: will they get another meet?

Carolyn Johnson was thanked for all of her hard work in preparing this year's schedule.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Osterhoudt was unable to be at the meeting due to a conflict. A financial report of the NWSC was distributed to all. In order to remain fiscally solvent, a dues increase is necessary. 4 options were presented and voted upon by the membership. Paul Simco made a motion to accept Option 3, increasing yearly dues to \$725.00/year/club (from \$675), which was seconded by Kelly Blacker and passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Dan Levy (Chappaqua) was asked to run this year's nominating committee. President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary are all available positions, and the current officers will be running again (Michael Panzarino, John Osterhoudt, and Carolyn Johnson).

CLUB LIST

All clubs were asked to update their contact information. A form may be printed off the website to do so, or an e-mail can be sent to nwscmail@aol.com

OLD BUSINESS:

The philosophy of summer swimming/diving was reiterated. Parent Reps and Coaches should watch sportsmanship at meets and emphasize good sportsmanship to all athletes. The high school federation rule book is used as a guide and good sportsmanship should be enforced by the meet Official. The sportsmanship clause in the Constitution should be read to all swimmers. Paul Simco recommended that it be posted on the website so that all will see it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carolyn Johnson reminded us that there was a change in the Diving Rules this year and that it is hi-lighted in red in the constitution.
- NWSC is "going green". Less paper will be used- minutes and meeting reminders will now be sent via e-mail, rather than U.S. mail.
- Dan Levy asked about swimmers' eligibility for swimming in both NWSC and SWSC leagues. This is acceptable and will be put into the Constitution. A swimmer may NOT swim for two NWSC teams, however.
- Paul Simco made a motion that ***any official who is late by 15 minutes (5:15pm for afternoon meets and 8:45am for morning meets) to a meet will be fined 50% of his/her fee, which will be deducted from the year-end pay check.*** It was seconded by Ruth Bleasdale. **This was voted upon and passed-** all but one were in favor of the change. The board will review the situation if questionable circumstances caused the lateness.

- Paul Alvarez noted that expectations for officials need to be clarified in the Constitution and that communication between the official and pool club needs to be reciprocal. Added to the officials' duties should be a phone call to the pool club a few days prior to the meet. He would also like the phone numbers of the parent reps and coaches in case the pool does not answer the phone.
- Patricia Kringes of Pocantico stated that the Food Drive spearheaded by Suzanna Rudel was a great success in Pocantico and they plan to make it an annual event.
- Dan Levy wanted to be sure that there will be two officials at Chappaqua and Birchwood meets, due to the configuration of the pools. There will be four officials at the Swimming All Star meet.
- Michele Charriez (Yorktown) made a suggestion that we hand the official rating card to the official and ask him/her to sign it BEFORE the meet begins. It then makes him/her aware that an evaluation is occurring.
- Carolyn Johnson asked that teams check the website regularly and also check to ensure that the directions to each pool facility are accurate. If not, please send an e-mail with corrections.
- Michele Charriez (Yorktown) will be collecting for a gift for John Santos, who has retired from the NWSC after many years of service. Any donations should be given to her at the May meeting, and the gift will be presented to John at the June meeting.
- The All Star Swim Meet will be at Briarcliff again this year. Once the championship meets occur, we will evaluate them as potential sites for future meets.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Boys and Girls Club in Mount Kisco. Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm; meet with Officials Liaison at 6:50pm; General meeting 7:10pm - Coaches & Reps. to report at 7:00pm – meeting to start at 7:10pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Michael Panzarino at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Kelly, Recording Secretary
March 29, 2008