

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

Wednesday June 13, 2012

Briarcliff Pool Pavilion

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Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:18 by Michael Panzarino, President. Executive Committee members in attendance: Meg Kaplan, John Osterhoudt, Carolyn Johnson, and Kelly Blacker

Mike Panzarino, President welcomed everyone to the 2012 season. Thanking all volunteers and asked that we all work together to make this a successful season. Many thanks to Carolyn Johnson for running another successful scoring clinic.

1. Attendees: BG&T, Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Birchwood, Briarcliff, Chappaqua, Katonah, Lakeside, Lewisboro, MKCC, MKMP, Mount Pleasant, NCPT, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Pocantico Hills, Pound Ridge, Seven Bridges, Tarrycrest, Torview, Waccabuc, Whippoorwill, Willowbrook, Windmill, Yorktown, Mike Kissane. **Absent:** Cortlandt, Ossining, Twin Oaks

2. Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Meeting: Motion to accept – Chappaqua, Seconded – MKMP. Unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – John Osterhoudt

Dues are to be paid by Saturday, June 23 – Payment voucher is on the website. Clubs that have not paid: BG&T, Chappaqua, Mt. Pleasant, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Twin Oaks, Willowbrook and Yorktown. Please mail your check to the P.O. Box or drop it off at the Briarcliff Pool. John handed out 2011 plates for plaques to BG&T and Pocantico Hills.

4. Team rosters - Due to John Osterhoudt by June 30th. **REMINDER: a swimmer or diver must be officially added to your roster TWO DAYS PRIOR to the meet if you wish them to compete in. This includes B Meets** If you are just adding a couple of names you do not have to send an entire new roster. You can just email or call in the changes. John's contact information is on the website.

5. Championship Sites & Meets – Carolyn Johnson handed out the championship host site packets. If you are missing anything please contact Carolyn ASAP. Please note that participation is required by all – host clubs should contact teams one week prior to the meet. John Osterhoudt will deliver awards to each pool. Please recognize that gold is for first place, silver is for second place and bronze is for third place. Please return unused awards to John.

6. Web Site – There are many updates, please see the website for the Constitution, Club List, Score Sheets, Diving Sheets, etc. Please note that there have been changes to the Score Sheets and there are different Dive Sheets for B Meets, Dual Meets and Championship Meets. Make sure that you are using the updated forms. Please let Carolyn Johnson know if you note anything that needs to be changed. Note that Lane Cards are called Time and Place Cards.

7. Old Business-Lane Cards: Filling out the Lane cards is the coach's responsibility. Please ensure that your timers are instructed to check that lane cards indicate the following: team name, event, first and last name of swimmer(s), and the lane. If this information is not filled out properly get the attention of the official get the coach over to the lane and get the information corrected on the card. Once the swimmer is on the block and the race begins and this information is incorrect the swimmer is disqualified. Labels that are affixed to the lane cards that include all of the above mentioned information are acceptable.

Sportsmanship: Meg Kaplan presented the Northern Westchester Swim Conference Statement on Sportsmanship (this statement is also posted on the Northern Westchester Swim Conference website):

Sportsmanship helps a child develop their characters, introduces them to the virtues of team spirit and teaches them to be humble in victory and optimistic in defeat. At the same time, it also gives them an insight into the benefits of playing sports.

Sportsmanship is a concept that implies adherence to the rules and regulations of a sport, and the following of proper sports etiquette. There have been many advocates of good sportsmanship over the years. Sportsmanship can define you as a player, a coach, an official and a parent. We strongly believe that participation in the Northern Westchester Swim conference should inspire children of all ages, not discourage them, but leave them longing for what is to come the very next time they jump into the water.

You as a coach are responsible for the conduct of your athletes, fellow coaches and parents. Please make this a positive experience for all of those involved.

If there are any problems regarding sportsmanship at meets you are to contact the official immediately. The official will then make a report to the board and the coaches need to send an email to the board as well. This way any problems are handled appropriately and are not allowed to linger on.

Logos: Each team is allowed to have one logo per garment. The FINA label is OK as well. Same logo can be on both sides of the cap. No High School, USS team, or Metropolitan Swimming logos are allowed.

B Meet Schedules: They were emailed and are on the web site. You will notice that we do not have enough clubs to host the third B Swim Meet scheduled on July 25th. Therefore the only clubs assigned a B Meet on July 25th are those that had volunteered to host one of the two earlier dates. Please let Carolyn Johnson know if you are able to host on that date. The B Diving Meet schedule is set. One change from the previously emailed schedule is that if you were going to Chappaqua July 9th you are now going to MKMP. Please see the website for updated B Meet schedules.

Westchester County Swimming Association mandatory coaches meeting: Tuesday, June 19 at 8:00pm at the County Center.

8. New Business: Dan Levy Coach at Chappaqua discussed "Swim Across America". Chappaqua is hosting an event July 15th. They have a goal of raising \$20,000. They are inviting all to participate and or donate. Information was passed out at the meeting, can be found at www.cstclub.com, or contact Dan Levy at 914-238-4999.

Katy Winters, Katonah swim coach is collecting donations of caps, goggles and suits to take to Grenada where she will be teaching swim lessons. Please contact the Katonah Pool with your contributions.

Mike Kissane Officials Liaison: If you do not hear from the official for your meet, please contact John Osterhoudt at the Briarcliff Pool as he has a list of all scheduled officials as well as an on-call list. If you are having an Invitational Meet you need to let Mike Kissane know as all officials including officials for Invitational Meets must be assigned by Mike.

Also it was noted that participation in an Invitational Swim Meet does not qualify a swimmer/diver for Championships.

Next meeting: Thursday August 2, 2012 @7:00 pm @ Lewisboro Pool (after the All Star Diving Meet).
If the All Star Diving Meet is cancelled, the wrap-up meeting will be held at the Lewisboro Pool @ 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Yorktown, Seconded Briarcliff . Meeting Adjourned at 7:50.

The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting are hereby submitted for approval, Kelly Blacker, Recording Secretary.