

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE
Minutes of Thursday, August 1, 2013 Wrap-Up Meeting
@ Lewisboro Town Park

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Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Michael Panzarino, President. Executive Committee members in attendance: Meg Kaplan and Carolyn Johnson

1. Attendance: BG&T, Bedford Hills, Birchwood, Chappaqua, Cortlandt, Katonah, Lakeside, Lewisboro, MKCC, MKMP, Peekskill, Pocantico Hills, Pound Ridge, Seven Bridges, Tarrycrest, Waccabuc, Whippoorwill, Willowbrook, Windmill, Yorktown.

2. Minutes of the June 12, 2013 Meeting: Motion to accept Lakeside, Seconded by Pound Ridge. All in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report: John Osterhoudt could not be in attendance, so Michael read an email report from John

- Dues were paid – if we need to email or mail the voucher, please send an email to the NWSC email address *before March 30*.
- Everyone was great about getting rosters in.
- Outstanding bills: payment for officials
- Please remember to bring blank plates to All Star meet on Sunday, or any of the meetings.
- NWSC will no longer pay for plates that go on the Plaques.
- **If you are in need of a new plaque**, email John Osterhoudt at: johnosterhoudt@gmail.com. Please include the wording which will go on the top of the plaque. (Ex. Pleasantville Swim Team)
- Please bring all unused awards to the All Star swim Meet on Sunday at Briarcliff

4. Dual Meet Results:

Congratulations to the following teams who will be moving up, or went undefeated: Willowbrook, Briarcliff (up to Division I) Bedford Village (up to Division II), Ossining (up to Division III) Whippoorwill (up to Division IV)

The following teams will be moving down: Pleasantville (to Division II), Pound Ridge (to Division III). Teams in Division III & IV will not be moving down, in order to realign the Divisions. *The divisions now have the following numbers: Division I (6 teams); Division II (6 teams); Division III (5 teams); Division IV (5 teams); Division V (5 teams).*

Meets were completed in a timely manner!

5a. Attendance at meetings: Clubs must be in attendance at meetings, especially the wrap-up meeting where the schedule is voted upon. Absence from meetings, does not allow your vote to be heard.

Meg Kaplan made a motion to set aside the March Meeting on an "as needed basis." Seven Bridges seconded the motion. *All were in favor.*

5b. Streamlining Communication: parents are still emailing and calling Board Members. Contact must come from the Team Rep or Head Coach, PLEASE!

5c. Sportsmanship: Think before you say things. Communicate properly and respect one another. Let the Official control the meet.

5d. B Meets: Thank you to all that hosted, it was a very easy schedule to put together! We only had one criticism: if you cannot attend a meet for whatever reason, please call the host and let them know.

6. Schedule: we are using 11 dates this year, as we are strapped for time and Officials. Offering more dates leaves openings for make-ups and eases the strain on the number of Officials. *19 in favor and 1 opposed*

Proposed Dates for Dual Meets: July 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26

Proposed Dates for B Swim Meets: Monday's July 7, 14, 21

Proposed Dates for B Diving Meets: Wednesday's July 9, 16, 23

Diving Champs: Wednesday, July 30

All Star Diving: Thursday, July 31

Swim Champs: Saturday, August 2

All Star Swimming: Sunday, August 3

You must let us know in January if there are any schedule conflicts!

7. Championship and All Star Sites for 2014: The Board will meet and review how all meets went. Then we will consider facilities.

8. Meeting Dates for 2014:

+Executive Committee – January or February

+No March Meeting unless needed. An email will be sent to confirm. (Please make sure we have correct/updated emails!)

+May: Monday May 12, 2014 or Tuesday May 13, 2014

+Coaches & Reps: Wednesday June 11, 2014 or Thursday June 12, 2014

+Wrap-up: Thursday, July 31 after the All Star Diving (Rain or Shine)

9. Old Business:

+Swim Across America on Sunday, July 14 – Chappaqua raised \$36,000! That's a 20% increase from last year. 80 swimmers participated which was a 33% increase from last year. Olympic Silver medalist *BOBBY HACKETT* gave a swim clinic.

Lakeside hosted a swim. Chappaqua and Lakeside were asked to do a brief write-up (to include pictures) and send it to the web site.

10. New Business -

+Disability Rules – the NWSC Executive Committee adopted the USA Swimming

“Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability,” in July. An email was sent with

attachments on Thursday, July 18. (***The Board strongly urges Coaches to notify the NWSC immediately of anyone who might be competing with a disability.***) A copy of

these rules will be put on the web site. These rules can also the guidelines are in the USA Swimming 2013 Rulebook, which can be found at:

<http://www.usaswimming.org>. Click on "ABOUT" at the top of the home page, then scroll

to "RULES & REGULATIONS," then scroll to "USA Swimming Rulebook." Click on that and a PDF copy will come up. The ruling begins on page 53 of the rule book (Article 105). You can also find them in the MINI-RULEBOOK, which is also under USA SWIMMING RULEBOOK. A motion was made to formally adopt the USA Swimming "Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability" by Meg Kaplan and seconded by Bedford Hills. *All in Favor.*

+*Proposal # 1:* Girls and Boys 14 & Under Medley Relay to be run as the first event. Motion by Meg Kaplan, seconded by MKMP. We do this event in champs, why not in a dual meet...

Discussion ensued.

2 YES: 17 NO. Motion did not pass.

+*Proposal # 2:* Girls and Boys 14 & Under Medley Relay EXHIBITION and have a one year trial period. Motion made by Bedford Hills and seconded by Pocantico Hills.

Discussion ensued.

2 YES: 17 NO. Motion did not pass.

+*Proposal # 3:* Girls and Boys 8 & Under Freestyle Relay to be run before the 11 & under relay. Motion made by MKCC and seconded by Pound Ridge. We do this event in champs, so why not in a dual meet...

Discussion ensued.

3 YES: 16 NO. Motion did not pass

+*Proposal # 4:* To undo last year's new diving rule, where diving is exhibition and does not count as an event. Motion made by Michael Panzarino and seconded by Yorktown. Discussion ensued: *Due to this Rule, divers from Mount Pleasant could not participate because they did not have enough meets.*

11 YES: 5 NO: 2 ABSTENTIONS. Motion passed

+ *Proposal # 5:* Revert back to the High School rule - if a team does not have diving, and the opposing team does: diving is allowed, it counts as an event, and team points are scored. (Up to 3 places may be scored) Motion made by Pocantico Hills and seconded by MKMP.

9 YES; 6 NO; 3 ABSTENTIONS. Motion passed.

11. Next Meeting: Monday May 12, 2014 or Tuesday May 13, 2014

12. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Cortlandt and seconded by Windmill. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm. *All in favor.*

The minutes of the August 1, 2013 meeting are hereby submitted for approval by Carolyn Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, on behalf of Kelly Blacker, Recording Secretary.