

**2002 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

Westchester County Center

June 18, 2002

CALL TO ORDER:

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone after the meeting was called to order at 7:11pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Dave Heller (Treasurer), Carolyn Johnson (WCSA Awards & Unattached swimmers representative), and Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator). Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large), Jack Geoghegan (Past President) and Ross Schnitzer (Member At Large) were unable to attend.

Paul thanked the members of the board for their contribution and hard work at the 76th Annual Meet of 2001. The meet went well, we were blessed with good weather, and we hope that the same will be true this year.

Paul mentioned that we received good support from the Westchester County Department of parks and recreation. We were happy that Joe Montalto was able to attend one session of the meet last year.

ROLL CALL:

Few members were in attendance. Present were Susan Cecchetelli (Pleasantville), Carolyn Johnson of Mount Kisco Memorial Pool, Don Wemer (Hastings), Andis Ackerfelds (Bronxville), William Doyle (Katonah), and a representative of Shenorock Shore Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dave Heller reported that the Association was solvent and in good shape.

* Leewood Club: has not paid dues from 2001 season.

* New York AC: money from ad in program was not received.

The Association will contact both clubs.

Donald Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Andis Akerfelds (Bronxville) seconded it. All were in favor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Anita Louise Ehrman, Mount Kisco Memorial Swim Team, and Pocantico Hills Club. Calls were made to all clubs to remind them of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a) Ed Gulbenkian has been the vendor at the meet for the last 4 or 5 years and will get the job again this year for the same amount of money as last year. Ed gave shirts to all volunteers and swimming/diving officials. He gave caps to all competitors, and ran a popular trivia contest during the meet. The kids loved the randomly assigned tickets for Playland. Don Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to accept Ed Gulbenkian's bid for this summer. Billy Doyle (Katonah) seconded the motion. All in favor. Ed Gulbenkian will be the vendor for another year.

b) Pool at Playland: Paul McClintock attended a meeting recently about the future of Playland and the improvement that the County wants to make to the pool. Paul spoke as the representative of the Association and its 50 members clubs. Paul believes that our

association supports the sport of swimming in the County. Our main concern is the fate of the 8-lanes competitive pool, which needs repair and renovations. This particular meet would not be the same if it were run at a different pool. Playland is a magnet for the meet. The "Counties" is the only true Westchester County Swimming Championship.

c) The President Awards were well deserved and were a hit again last year: Sandi McDonald, Ro Regan, Nick Cavataro, Ray Bouchard, Leo Butler Sr., and John Santos received the Awards in 2001. The Board has selected the 2002 recipients of the President Awards.

d) The timing system worked very well. All three organizations used it for their 4 meets (WCSA, WSC, and Section One). Each organization also contributes to the maintenance fund. When not in use, it is kept in a climate control room. This year, anticipating that the members of the association would approve the purchase, we bought an automatic diving system. As a result, the diving scores will be more accurate. Sue Cecchetelli (Pleasantville) made a motion to accept this purchase. Billy Doyle (Katonah) seconded the motion. All were in favor.

e) Paul thanked Carolyn Johnson for an excellent job of selecting trophies for last year meet. Carolyn will take care of this again this year.

f) Paul thanked Andis Ackerfelds, the meet "official" photographer for the last two years. Andis will assist the board in revamping the meet program. We will add pictures of events winners from the previous year, as well as four pages of candid shots. There will be more photos in the book.

g) Paul mentioned that Karen DeSantis was unable to attend. Karen is expecting twins due at the beginning of August, and is on bed rest at this time. We all wish her the best.

h) Recommendations of Executive Committee:

Sue Cecchetelli (Pleasantville) made a motion to go ahead with the Executive Committee recommendation to accept Dobbs Ferry Swim Team as the 50th full member of the Association. The team competed last year in its provisional year and is in good standing. Billy Doyle (Katonah) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Don Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to accept Torview Club as a probationary member of the Association. Sue Cecchetelli (Pleasantville) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. If accepted after its probationary year, Torview would become the 51st member of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Sue Cecchetelli (Pleasantville) made a motion to re-elect all seven members of the Board (they all agreed to stay on). Don Wemer (Hastings) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Looking forward to work with the Association again, members of the Board thanked everyone present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Last year, Don Wemer asked where the Association archives were held. At this time, they are still in Karen's attic because the County doesn't seem interested in having them. Ed O'Reilly had mentioned that the County might be able to scan a lot of stuff and that we might benefit from that, but nothing was done as of now. Don Wemer suggested

that something could be done when they do the renovations at Playland. An area (or wall) could also be dedicated at the Playland pool to the Westchester Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. Paul said that he would look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Don Wemer suggested telling families about the meeting regarding the pool at Playland. It would be great if more people went to the meeting so our voice could be heard.
- Don Wemer is asking how to make the press more aware of our meet at Playland. We have to keep on fighting to get more coverage for this meet, which represents the whole County.

Don Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andis Akerfelds (Bronxville) seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson - June 23, 2002

COACHES MEETING:

1: The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm. The coaches were asked to sign up and pick up their registration packet.

2: WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone to the start of the 77th year. Karen DeSantis, Jack Geoghegan, and Ross Schnitzer were unable to attend. Paul thanked all those that were there last year and reminded everyone that we take great pride in this meet, which is the only true Westchester County Championship. Paul McClintock reminded everyone that this is a mandatory meeting! Amackassin Club was the only club not represented at this meeting.

3: Meet: Warm-up information will go out soon. Remember that pool parking lot fills up fast.

- Diving: Sprain Ridge Pool July 29-30, 2002 (rain date July 31)
- Swimming: Playland Pool August 5-8, 2002 (rain date August 9)

4: Rules:

- Eligibility: Westchester Residents ONLY (must have been a resident for the past 6 months).
- Coaches: Coaches listed on their club's roster as coaches, and are paid for their coaching job, are not allowed to swim in the meet.
- Swimmers that moved from one club to another since last year must swim as unattached for one year. Swimmers that were unattached last year can now swim attached to a club.

5: Dobbs Ferry:

Paul McClintock mentioned that the Town of Dobbs Ferry is now approved as a permanent member of the Association. Torview was accepted as probationary member this year. We now have 51 teams in the Westchester County Swimming Association. Three more teams are asking to join (Bedford Village, Bedford Hills, and Peekskill).

6: Playland:

The pool at Playland needs renovations and repair. It will most probably be closed for one season in 2005.

7: Diving:

There are new diving sheets this year (Thanks Mr. Heller). These are the only one to be used at the championships. The diving sheets must be turned in at the same time as the swimming entries. Changes will be able to be made up to one hour before the start of the meet. A new automatic program was purchased for the diving meets. We will use it in July for the first time.

6: Packet: Carolyn Johnson went over the content of the Coaches' packet:

- The age of competitors is wrong on the meet poster: Age should be as of the first day of the meet, which is July 29, 2002.
- Registration: if you have any question you can email Karen at: kdesantis@mail2iris.com . The corrected phone number at the Recreation Department is 914-864-7058
- Deadline for ads is July 15th. Deadline for entries is Monday, July 22nd at 9:00pm. Please be on time!
- Diving counts as one individual event. Divers cannot dive up: ages are 10-13 and 14-17 (9 year-old divers cannot participate in the diving event). Divers must do 5 dives from 5 categories. Diving Rain Date is July 31st, (not August 1st as mentioned on poster)
- Rules on swimming. Please read. Maximum of 4 individual events.
- All individual events count for High Point Trophy (even if a swimmer swims the same event in different age groups: example: butterfly in 12-under, 14-under, 17-under).
- Cards are needed for relays ONLY. Coaches must fill out the relay cards. Coaches who have team Manager can send their entries on disk.
- Divers must be included on the team roster.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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