

# **2005 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

Westchester County Center  
June 20, 2005

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Members of the Board met briefly prior to this meeting.

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone after the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Jack Geoghegan (Past President), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator), Paul Simco (Member At Large) and Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large). Dave Heller (Vice President and Treasurer), Michael Morrissey (Member At Large, timing system operator) and Andis Akerfelds (WCSA photographer) were unable to attend. Paul introduced Fritzi McClintock who will be working at the office in Mt. Kisco. Paul thanked the members of the board for their contribution and hard work at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet of 2004. The meet went well. We hope to be blessed with good weather this year.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Paul thanked the few members that were in attendance. Present were Michael Panzarino (Torview), Fritzi McClintock (Westwood), Paul Simco (Pound Ridge), Karen Jansen (Lake Isle), Donald Wemer (Hastings), Greg Sims (A.L.Erhman), Beth Dell'Orto (Scarsdale Municipal Pool), Gregory Mariano (Greenburgh), Jon Kaplan (Orienta Beach Club), Greg Hogan (Sleepy Hollow CC) and Lisa Bonalle (Wykagyl Country Club).

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dave Heller Sr. was away on vacation and unable to attend the meeting. Paul McClintock reported that the Association was solvent and in good shape. All bills are paid. Requests for payment of \$100 dues for 2005 will be mailed out as soon as possible.

## **MINUTES:**

Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) made a motion to accept the minutes of June 29, 2004. Michael Panzarino (Torview) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

We received proxies from the following clubs: Birchwood, Briarcliff Manor, Chappaqua, Mount Kisco Memorial, Pleasantville, Rye Golf Club, and Yorktown. Calls were made to all clubs to remind them of the meeting.

## **2005 IMPORTANT DATES:**

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Annual Westchester County Championships. **Entries will close on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 9pm sharp** (no exceptions!). Clubs should try to get their entries earlier if possible. We will be accepting entries at the County office in Mt. Kisco from 9am to 4:30pm and at the County Center 6:30pm-9pm.

New and updated ads for the meet program are due no later than Friday, July 15, 2005.  
Diving at Sprain Ridge Pool: July 25-26, 2005 – 3pm (July 27 as rain date).  
Swimming at Playland: August 1-4, 2005 – 5:15pm start (August 5 as rain date).

**Swimmers and Divers age** is as of the first day of the meet (July 25, 2005)!

Important reminder: the Westchester County Swimming Championship is **open to Westchester County residents ONLY**. This rule is not bendable. Swimmers/Divers (including unattached swimmers and divers) must have been residents of the County for at least 6 months prior to the start of the meet. In 2004, we found out that a swimmer who won two events was a Putnam County Resident – He was then disqualified this past winter and first place medals will be given to the official winners: Graham Roberts of Chappaqua in the 12-under boys breaststroke, and Nick Charriez of Yorktown in the 12-under boys butterfly. Pictures of both boys will be taken for the meet program.

A swimmer that moves out of the County at any time before the start of the meet is not allowed to participate. In Addition, coaches/assistant coaches/junior coaches that are salaried and those listed as coaches may not swim in the meet. Coaches that are considered "apprentice coach" may not swim either because this is considered as professional status, not amateur status, even if they only receive a stipend for their work.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

WCSA welcomes anyone that would like to get involved with the Association.

Donald Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to elect the following seven members: Paul McClintock (President), Dave Heller (Vice President & Treasurer), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary), Jack Geoghegan (Past President – At Large), Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large), Michael Morrissey (Member at Large) and Paul Simco (Member at Large). Greg Sims (A.L.Erhman) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The members of the Board thanked everyone present. They are all looking forward to work with the Association again.

### **80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEET & PLAYLAND POOL:**

- a) Michael Panzarino (Torview) made a motion to appoint Ed Gulbenkian once again as vendor at the meet. The motion was seconded by Karen Jansen (Lake Isle) and accepted by all. Ed Gulbenkian, who has been the vendor at the meet for the last 7 or 8 years, will get the job again this year for the same amount of money as last year. Ed is a very good friend of the meet. He donates shirts to all volunteers and swimming/diving officials.
- b) Jim Casey of Mount Kisco Printing in Pleasantville will print the meet programs again this year. All ads must be in by July 15<sup>th</sup> so we have the time to proof read them. Everything MUST be in no later than July 18th.
- c) Pool at Playland: No decision has been made to move forward with the water park at Playland. There might be some minor repairs but nothing more before 2006.
- d) The President Awards were well deserved and were a hit again last year: the 2004 recipients were Ray Leonardo of Leonardo & Sons, the Westchester County Swimming Officials Association, the Westchester County Swimming Conference, and the Northern Westchester Swimming Conference. The Board has selected the 2005 recipients of the President Awards.
- e) Greg Mariano (Greenburgh) made a motion to authorize WCSA to purchase a new beeper and strobe lights for the far end of the pool at Playland (about \$1000). Donald Wemer (Hastings) seconded the motion which was accepted. A second display will

also be installed at the shallow end of the pool. The electronic timing system will be used again for diving and swimming this summer.

- f) We will sell the 4-day passes before the meet again this year. They can be purchased when coaches hand out the entries. The pricing plan is as follows: \$12 (4-night pass + 1 program); \$10 (4-night pass); \$3 (4-night pass for 13-Under). Daily admission will be as follows: \$3 (one night adult admission); \$4 (program); \$1 (one night admission 13-Under).
- g) Wednesday Night will again be the Hawaiian night at the Counties! Everyone is asking to wear their Hawaiian garb that night!
- h) Greg Sims (A.L.Erhman) made a motion that the Association purchase between \$500 and \$600 of tickets for Playland. The tickets will be randomly distributed again this year during the meet. Michael Panzarino (Torview) seconded the motion. All those in attendance were in favor.
- i) Karen Jansen (Lake Isle) made a motion to increase the Team Awards to the top three teams in Combined, Girls and Boys categories. Beth Dell'Orto seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- j) Greg Sims (A.L.Erhman) made a motion to change the High Point Awards from the top boys and top girls overall to the top first and second place winners in each age group: 10-under girls, 10-under boys, 11-12 girls, 11-12 boys, 13-14 girls, 13-14 boys, 15-17 girls and 15-17 boys. Greg Mariano (Greenburgh) seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- k) We will try to start the Awards ceremony within 10 minutes of the end of the meet. The individual High Point Awards would be given out first!

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The three Swimming Organizations bought a plaque to thank long time swimming friend Susan Lulgiuraj who resigned from The Journal News Sports to take a new job in Atlantic City. She received the plaque at the All Section High School Dinner in the spring. We welcome Lisa Sokolowski who has replaced Susan as the "swimming" reporter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dates for 2006: Since the swimming portion of the "Counties" always falls on the first Monday of August, the dates will be as follows: Diving: July 31 and August 1, 2006; Swimming: August 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2006.
- Website: the WCSA website address has changed to <http://wcsa.usswim.net> - If problems, please email Karen DeSantis. Most forms are now available on the website.
- Playland Facility Update: the timing for the changes will not be before September 2006, and more likely not until after the 2007 season. We might be out of the facility for one summer (and hope to hold the meet at Sprain Ridge that summer). All three Westchester pools need to be updated: Tibbits Brook, Sprain Ridge and Playland (hopefully not all at the same time). The pool at Playland is 50yd long – 25yd wide. After the facility renovations, the meet may have to be held as a 25yd pool.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm was made, seconded, and approved by all. Paul McClintock thanked all for their interest in the organization and for attending.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 26, 2005

## COACHES MEETING:

1: The meeting was called to order at 8:08pm. The coaches were asked to sign in and pick up their registration packet.

2: WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone to the start of the 80<sup>th</sup> year. Paul thanked all those that attended the meet 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 and Davenport were not represented at this meeting! Katonah, Yonkers and Yorktown were excused.

3: WCSA Meet and rules: Warm-up information will go out soon. Remember that pool parking lot fills up fast. Age update for this meet is as July 25, 2005

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- Swimmers that moved from one club to another since last year must swim as unattached for one year. Unattached swimmers/divers may not swim in relays. Swimmers that were unattached last year can now swim attached to a club.
- Entry deadline is Monday, July 18, 2005 at 9pm sharp. Please, do your best to bring in your entries early (at the County office in Mt. Kisco 9-4:30pm or County Center 6:30-9pm on Monday, July 18, 2005). Also previous week at County office.
- Starting this summer, the Team Awards will be given out to the top three teams in Combined, Girls and Boys categories.
- The High Point Awards will change from the top boys and top girls overall to the top first and second place winners **in each age group**: 10-under girls, 10-under boys, 11-12 girls, 11-12 boys, 13-14 girls, 13-14 boys, 15-17 girls and 15-17 boys.

- Awards night on Thursday will start within 10 minutes of the end of the meet. Individual High Point Awards will be given out first.
- Wednesday Night will again be the Hawaiian night at the Counties! Everyone is asking to wear their Hawaiian garb that night!
- Ed Gulbenkian, who has been the vendor at the meet for the last 7 or 8 years, will get the job again this year for the same amount of money as last year. Ed is a very good friend of the meet.

#### 4: Playland:

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#### 5: Diving:

The diving sheets must be turned in at the same time as registrations. We will be using the new electronic system. **Diving counts as one event** (out of 4 possible events). A diver may only enter a maximum of 3 swimming individual events!

#### 6: Packet: Karen DeSantis went over the content of the Coaches' packet:

- The age of all competitors is as first day of the meet: July 25, 2005.
- All competitors (including unattached swimmers and divers) must be residents of Westchester County for at least 6 month in order to participate in this meet. Club members that reside in other counties or state are not eligible to participate. This rule is not bendable.
- Registration: Coaches: for all questions: email Karen at: [kdesantis@mail2iris.com](mailto:kdesantis@mail2iris.com). The phone number at the Recreation Department is 914-864-7058
- Deadline for ads is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for entries is Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm sharp. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 not needed for relays anymore. Coaches must fill out entry forms for individual events and for relay events (up to 8 names can be entered on the relay forms). Coaches who have Hy-Tek Team Manager can send their entries on disk but must still bring in all the paperwork. **Please make sure that the names of all possible relay swimmers and alternates are on the team roster.**
- **Divers must be included on the team roster.**
- New registrations must have signature from swimmer, parents, coaches, and club secretary. Proof of age can be copy of birth certificate, or baptism certificate, or passport, or driver license.
- We will pre-sell 4-day passes. The pricing plan is as follows: \$12 (4-night pass + 1 program); \$10 (4-night pass); \$3 (4-night pass for 13-Under). Daily admission is \$3 (adult admission); \$4 (program); \$1 (13-Under admission).

7: Reminder to all coaches: warm-up is hectic and short at Playland. We will need the names of alternates as soon as possible each night. Timing assignment sheets are in the packet. Contact Karen if the night is not good for your club. We will try to have the meet start at 5 or 5:15pm!

8: Entries on Hy-Tek disk will be accepted. Events file for download into team manager is now available on the website at <http://wcsa.usswim.net> (@ **forms**)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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