

# 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Westchester County Center  
June 23, 2009

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## CALL TO ORDER:

Members of the Board met briefly prior to this meeting.

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone in attendance after the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator), Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large), Mike Morrissey (Vice President, timing system operator) and Jack Geoghegan (Past President). Paul Simco (Member At Large) and Dave Heller (Treasurer) were unable to attend. Paul thanked the members of the board for their volunteerism and hard work at the 83rd Annual Meet of 2008. The meet went well. We hope to be blessed with good weather again this year.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Apawamis, Birchwood, Leewood, Mount Kisco Memorial and Winged Foot.

## ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the representatives of the following clubs that were in attendance: Katonah, Westwood, Westchester Hills, Greenburgh, A.L. Ehrman, Ardsley, Hastings, and Davenport.

## MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of June 24, 2008 was made and seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Association is solvent and in good shape. Clubs were reminded to pay the dues.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2007 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO:

This year is the 84th Annual Westchester County Championships.

1. Thanks to Greg Sims and Mike Morrissey (both in attendance) for their hard work at the pool at Playland during the meet!
2. **The Diving Competition** will begin on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for the 10-13 divers, at 2pm with a 12pm warm-up. The 14-17 divers will compete on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Corrections to the diving sheets must be submitted by 1:15pm. Girls will dive first on both days. Rain date is July 29<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Swimming** will be at Playland Pool in Rye August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>. August 7<sup>th</sup> is the rain date. There is a change in the warm-up and start time this year for Monday and Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:
  - Monday, August 3, 2009: **warm-up at 2:30pm; start at 3:30pm**
  - Tuesday, August 4, 2009: **warm-up at 2:30pm; start at 3:30pm**
  - Wednesday, August 5, 2009: warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm
  - Thursday, August 6, 2009: warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm
4. **The date for the age of each competitor** for this meet is as the first day of the diving competition, so all entrants compete based on their age on **July 27, 2009!** Coaches must make sure that their swimmers age are correct for this meet (especially for swimmers that age up after the start of the summer dual meet season!)
5. Teams will receive **three coaches' passes**. For every 25 competitors, coaches can request an additional coach pass.

6. **Theme Nights:** Tuesday will be **Hawaiian Night**, Wednesday will be **Red/White/Blue Night**, and Thursday will be **Team Spirit Night**.
7. **Important Change in Competition Suits rules:** The use of any competition suit in the Speedo LZR style line or the Blue 70 style line are expressly prohibited for use in summer swim competitions conducted by the NWSC, WCSA and WCSC. This includes all summer dual and championship meets.
  - Male swimmers or divers will only be permitted to compete in jammer and or brief style swimwear. No body suits, suits that cover the knees, chest or shoulders will be allowed.
  - Female swimmers or divers will only be permitted to compete in traditional suits of one or two pieces (comprised of sports bra and brief). No body suits, suits that cover the knees and or shoulders will be allowed.
  - For both male and female athletes: the wearing of more than one suit is prohibited by federation rule.
  - The enforcement of this rule shall be the responsibility of the assigned meet official who shall prohibit the athlete from competing in illegal attire.
  - Discretion should be exercised by meet officials regarding the use of other types of suits such as boxers, baggies, shorts, non competition suits, drag suits, etc. as long as they conform to the one suit rule.
  - Any other exception such as for medical or religious reasons will require written approval by the appropriate summer organization (NWSC, WCSA, WCSC). Presentation of an authorized written variance to this rule must be made to the meet official at each competition.
8. **Office Coverage Dates for 2009:** If you need to speak with someone about entries or about the Counties, please leave a message at 914-864-7086. Someone will be checking the voicemail daily and getting back to you by the following day. You may also email Karen at [kdesantis@mail2iris.com](mailto:kdesantis@mail2iris.com) and she will get back to you as soon as possible. If you need additional forms or would like to check the rules, please visit our website at: <http://wcsa.usswim.net> There will be someone in the office on the following dates and times:
  - a. July 8: 12 to 3pm
  - b. July 15: 12 to 3pm
  - c. July 17: 12 to 3pm (ad deadline)
  - d. ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20: 10 to 3pm
9. **Four-Night Passes:** Once again, we will be selling 4-night passes before the meet. They can be purchased by the coaches when they hand in 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). A different admission table and line will be available for all those holding the pre-paid passes.
10. The Westchester County Swimming Championship is **open to Westchester County residents ONLY**. This rule is not bendable.
  - a. Swimmers/Divers (including unattached swimmers and divers) must have been residents of Westchester County for at least 6 months prior to the start of the meet or they will not be allowed to compete.
  - b. A swimmer that moves out of the County at any time before the start of the meet is not allowed to participate.
  - c. Swimmers/Divers that competed in the meet last year and have changed clubs may not compete as part of their new club. They may compete as Unattached for one year.
  - d. 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.
11. **Ad Deadline:** New procedure this year: all info for Ads for the meet program MUST be in by Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. No exception! Sports Pix will be sending the pictures directly to WCSA. If parents are taking the team pictures: please email those to Karen.
12. **Entries will close on Monday, July 20, 2009 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 10am to 3:00pm and at the County Center 7:00pm-9pm.

13. **New Swimmers:** All new swimmers **MUST** be registered by the entry deadline of July 20, 2009. Registration forms and proof of age (copy of Birth Certificate or Baptism Certificate or Passport) **MUST** be received by that date – NO EXCEPTION. Please register your swimmers early!
14. **Medals:** they will be the same as in the past 83 years! Medals are in and Awards have been ordered. Any President Award winners will be announced at the meet at Playland.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

WCSA welcomes anyone that would like to get involved with the Association. All seven members of the board were up for re-election. We also proposed to increase the size of the board by one member and suggested John Hughes.

Ellen Baudinet (Katonah) made a motion to accept the slate of officers as proposed: Paul McClintock (President), Dave Heller (Treasurer), Mike Morrissey (Vice President), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary), Jack Geoghegan (Past President – At Large), Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large), Paul Simco (Member at Large) and John Hughes (Member at Large). Lance Patrouch (Greenburgh) 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.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mike Morrissey mentioned that the equipment is working well and has been well taken care of during the off season. We may need to get 2 new pads.
- Ed Gulbenkian will once again be the vendor at the meet. Ed is a very good friend of the meet. He donates shirts to all volunteers and swimming/diving officials.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm was made, seconded, and approved by all. Paul McClintock thanked all for their interest in the organization and for attending.

The Coaches meeting followed the representatives meeting at 8pm.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – July 2, 2009