

**2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

Westchester County Center
June 30, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The members of the Board met briefly prior to this meeting. Joe Stout, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation stopped by with a quick update on Playland.

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone after the meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large), Jack Geoghegan (Past President), Michael Morrissey (Member At Large) and Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator). Dave Heller (Vice President & Treasurer) was unable to attend.

Paul thanked the members of the board for their contribution and hard work at the 77th Annual Meet of 2002. The meet went well, we were blessed with good weather, and we hope that the same will be true this year.

ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the few members that were in attendance. Present were Susan Cecchetelli (Pleasantville), Richard Frank (Katonah), Michael Panzarino (Torview), Susan Marynowski (Greenburg), and Stacy McKenna (Winged Foot Golf Club).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Paul McClintock reported that the Association was solvent and in good shape. A few clubs are behind with their payments. The Association will contact those clubs.

MINUTES:

Susan Marynowski made a motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2002. Mike Panzarino seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Anita Louise Ehrman, Mount Kisco Memorial Swim Team, Leewood Golf Club, Briarcliff Manor Club, Rocky Ledge Swimming Association and Westwood Swim & Tennis. Calls were made to all clubs to remind them of the meeting.

2003 IMPORTANT DATES:

Entries close Monday, July 21, 2003 at 9pm sharp (no exception!) Try to get your entries earlier if possible.

The due date for the ads for the program was originally set for July 15th. It will be extended to July 21st for all team photos, ads, etc.

Diving at Sprain Ridge Pool: July 28-29, 2003 – 3pm (July 30 as rain date)

Swimming at Playland: August 4-7, 2003 – 5:30pm start (August 8 as rain date)

MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE:

Two teams were on probation last summer. Jack Geoghegan made a motion to accept Peekskill and Torview Swim Teams as full members of the Association. Stacy McKenna seconded the motion, which was then accepted by all. The WCSA has now 52 teams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

We welcome anyone that would like to get involved with the Association. The Board sadly accepted the resignation of Carolyn Johnson.

Stacy McKenna made a motion to elect the following six 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), and Michael Morrissey (Member at Large). Sue Cecchetelli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Looking forward to work with the Association again, the members of the Board thanked everyone present.

78th ANNUAL MEET & PLAYLAND POOL:

- a) Ed Gulbenkian, who has been the vendor at the meet for the last 5 or 6 years, 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.
- b) Pool at Playland: Paul McClintock gave an overview of the renovations that are planned for the pool. Work would start after the 2004 season and the pool would most probably be closed for the 2005 season.
- c) The President Awards were well deserved and were a hit again last year: Gil Castagna, Bill Etzel, Monique & Stephen Grayson, and the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation received the Awards in 2002. The Board has selected the 2003 recipients of the President Awards.
- d) The electronic timing system will be used for diving this summer. Diving sheets will need to be handed out a little faster on the day of the meet so info can be entered into the computer. This system will take away the math errors!
- e) All relays from the 2002 meet are now new records since swimmers starting from the turn end of the pool had to use an in-pool start due to depth requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We are looking into ways that would make it easier to sell the four-night passes for the meet at Playland. Also checking to see if parking next to the pool could be emptied earlier in the afternoon.
- We are looking into ways to shorten the length of the meet. One possibility would be to swim all relays as Timed Finals, or run the relays as the first events of the finals instead of last events. No change will take place for this year.

Michael Panzarino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Cecchetelli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.
Paul McClintock thanked all for attending.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson - July 7, 2003.

COACHES MEETING:

1: The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm. 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 78th year. Dave Heller was 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, Apawamis, Davenport, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings Town Pool, Mamaroneck, Manursing, Mount Pleasant, Peekskill, Sleepy Hollow, Windmill, and Wykagyl were not represented at this meeting.

3: Meet: Warm-up information will go out soon. Remember that pool parking lot fills up fast. Age for this meet is as July 28, 2003.

- Diving: Sprain Ridge Pool July 28-29, 2003 (rain date July 30)
- Swimming: Playland Pool August 4-7, 2003 (rain date August 8)

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: New Member Clubs:

Paul McClintock mentioned that the Town of Peekskill and Torview Swim Team are now approved as permanent members of the Association. We now have 52 teams in the Westchester County Swimming Association.

6: Playland:

The pool at Playland needs renovations and repair. Work will start after the 2004 season and Playland pool will most probably be closed for one season in 2005.

7: Diving:

The diving sheets must be turned in earlier than in the past on the day of the meet. We will use the new automatic scoring system.

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

- The age of all competitors is as first day of the meet: July 28, 2003.
- All competitors 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.
- Registration: Coaches: for all questions: email Karen at: kdesantis@mail2iris.com. The phone number at the Recreation Department is 914-864-7058
- Deadline for ads has been extended to July 21st. Deadline for entries is Monday, July 21st 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 30th.
- 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.
- 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.

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11: We are looking into ways to shorten the length of the meet. One possibility would be to swim all relays as Timed Finals, or run the relays as the first events of the finals instead of last events. No change will take place for this year. Reminder to all coaches: warm-up is hectic and short at Playland. We also need the scratches as soon as possible each night. Timing assignment sheets are in the packet. Contact Karen if the night is not good for your club.

13: Questions:

- If a swimmer is entered in 3 individual events, can same swimmer be entered in more than 1 alternate event? Answer: No. Each swimmer/diver pays for a maximum of 4 events. Diving counts as one individual event.
- Cut-off times: these are guidelines, not strict cut-off times.
- Hy-Tek entries on diskettes will be accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – July 7, 2003