

2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, June 21, 2010

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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 7:06pm. 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), Dave Heller (Treasurer, Head Officials) and John Hughes (Member At Large, timing system operator. Jack Geoghegan (Past President) and Paul Simco (Member At Large) were unable to attend. Paul thanked the members of the board for their volunteerism and hard work at the 84th Annual Meet of 2009. 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: Ardsley Swim & Tennis Club, Birchwood Swim & Tennis Club, Chappaqua Swim & Tennis, Katonah Swim & Dive Team, Leewood Golf Club, Rye Golf Club and Wykagyl Country Club.

ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the representatives of the following clubs that were in attendance: Bill Mitzian (A.L.Ehrman), Jeffrey Allen (Ardsley Swim Club), Marjorie Bee (Greenburgh Town Pool), Kate Kennon (Lake Isle Club), Cynthia Predmore (Westchester Hills Golf Club), Fritzi McClintock (Westwood Swim & Tennis Association), Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook Club), and Ellen Katchis (Winged Foot Golf Club).

The Association has 50 member clubs – Two clubs are no longer in the WCSA (Mount Kisco Country Club and Torview Swim Club). Two clubs are looking into joining the WCSA but have not complete the paperwork and financial obligations (Harrison and Ossining).

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2009 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. Dues will remain at \$100.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Review of 2009 – earlier start times were great. The facility (50 yd long course pool) is not the best but the location and the history of the meet are two of the factors that combine for a great meet each year! We are hoping to continue hosting it at Playland. If the meet needs to be moved to a new location it would most probably be to the Sprain Ridge 50 meter long course pool.

2010 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO:

This year will be the 85th Annual Westchester County Championships.

1. Thanks to Mike Morrissey, Greg Sims and John Hughes for their hard work at the pool at Playland before, during and after the meet each day!
2. **The Diving Competition** will begin on Monday, July 26th for the 10-13 divers, at 2pm with a 12pm warm-up. The 14-17 divers will compete on Tuesday, July 27th. Corrections to the diving sheets must be submitted by 1:15pm. Girls will dive first on both days. Rain date is July 28th.
3. **Swimming** will be at Playland Pool in Rye August 2nd through August 5th. August 6th is the rain date.

We will keep the earlier start on the first 2 days at Playland and hope to extend it to the next 2 days as well – This will be posted on the web site if/when we receive approval:

- Monday, August 2, 2010: **warm-up at 2:30pm; start at 3:30pm**
 - Tuesday, August 3, 2010: **warm-up at 2:30pm; start at 3:30pm**
 - Wednesday, August 4, 2010: warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm
 - Thursday, August 5, 2010: 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 26, 2010!** 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 Info - Competition Suits rules:** All suits used for competition must be on the FINA list (check on the FINA.org web site). 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.
 8. **Office Coverage Dates for 2010:** 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 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 7: from 12 to 3pm
 - b. July 14: from 12 to 3pm
 - c. July 16: from 12 to 3pm (**Ad deadline**)
 - d. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** July 19: from 10am to 3pm sharp!
 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:** All info/wording for Ads for the meet program MUST be in by Friday, July 16th. No exception! Photographers 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 19, 2010 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 from 7:00pm to 9pm. Teams may also mail their entries early to the Mount Kisco Office but they must arrive on time!! Clubs can email their Team Manager Export File ahead of time to Monique at mgrayson@aol.com BUT all forms and payment must still be handed in no later than Monday, July 19th. Team Manager meet events file is posted on the WCSA website.
13. **New Swimmers:** All new swimmers **MUST** be registered by the entry deadline of July 19, 2010. 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 84 years! This year's medals will have a special commemorative ribbon. Medals and Awards have been ordered. The association is looking for a new vendor for the awards for next year as they have been discontinued and are very expensive. 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 eight members of the board were up for re-election.

Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) 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). Ellen Katchis (Winged Foot) 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:

1. **Equipment:** A motion to purchase the following items was made, seconded and approved by all:

- a. 3 new touch pads at a cost of \$2400 for the 3 full size pads.
 - b. a new PA system (between \$2000 and \$2250)
 - c. the new version of Hy-Tek Meet Manager 3 (under \$500)
2. **Vendor:** 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Michael Panzarino, President of Northern Westchester Swimming Conference, contacted Paul about holding a Food Bank during the meet at Playland. Food collected would be donated to a food bank. We are looking into it and will contact Westchester County for approval. We are looking to host this on Wednesday "Red/White/Blue Night" and maybe donate the food to the VA Hospital in Montrose (or to any other Food Pantry suggested by the County. Information about this project will be posted on the WCSA web site.
2. Question: Do we have a backup plan if the pool becomes unavailable – at this time, it would be moved to Sprain Ridge. A Club member has also volunteered to host the meet if needed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm 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.

The following Clubs were not represented at the meeting:

Dobbs Ferry Swim Team
Hastings Town Pool
Lakenridge Club
Mt. Kisco Memorial Pool
Mt. Pleasant Swim Club
Peekskill Swim Team
Pleasantville Swim Team
Pound Ridge Swim Team
Rocky Ledge Swimming Association
Scarsdale Golf Club
Windmill Club
Yonkers Recreation

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 22, 2010