

2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Westchester County Center, White Plains
Tuesday, June 25, 2013

<http://wcsa.usswim.net>

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Members of the Board met briefly prior to this meeting. Paul McClintock, Mike Morrissey, Dave Heller, Karen DeSantis and Monique Grayson were present at the meeting.

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone in attendance at the meeting which was called to order at 7:01pm. 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 Dave Heller (Treasurer, Head of Officials). John Hughes (Member At Large, timing system operator) and Jack Geoghegan (Immediate Past President) were unable to attend.

This was the 6th anniversary of the "Last Year at Playland"! The pool is not a fast pool but more than 50% of the teams would like to see the meet continue at Playland, not somewhere else! There is tradition at Playland. Grandparents and parents swam in the same pool in which their grandchildren and children are swimming now. We are looking at other options. Lake Isle has stepped up for the Diving.

Paul thanked the members of the board for their volunteerism and hard work at the 87th Annual Meet of 2012. The meet went well and we were done everyday by 8pm.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Ardsley Swim Team, Birchwood, Davenport Club, Chappaqua Swim & Tennis. Mount Kisco Memorial Swim Team, Pound Ridge Swim Team, Rye Golf Club and Larchmont Shore Club. Two teams, Bedford Village and Twin Oaks, are looking into joining the Association.

3. ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the representatives of the following clubs that were in attendance: Denice Delfico for Bedford Village, Mary Gray for Davenport, Don Wemer for Hastings Town Swim Team, Patricia Rivera for Lake Isle Club, Michael Stedzinski for Leewood Golf Club, Mike Kane for Ossining, Kelly Brennan for Sleepy Hollow, and Fritzi McClintock for Westwood Swim & Tennis Association.

4. MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of June 19, 2012 was made and seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed and posted on the WCSA Web site.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Association is solvent and in good shape. All bills are paid. Invoices will go out in a few days. Clubs were reminded to pay the dues. Dues will remain at \$100 and must be paid by August 1st

Reminder to all: Change of address for the treasurer:
Dave Heller - 448 Glen Ave – Port Chester, NY 10573

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Review of 2012 – We thought that 2007 was going to be the last year at Playland ... 2013 will most probably be the last year we can host the meet at Playland.

7. 2013 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO:

This year will be the 88th Annual Westchester County Championships. The **Age Update** for the meet will be age of swimmers and divers as of **July 22, 2013**

1. **The Diving Competition:** will be held again at the **Lake Isle Club** (Eastchester). Diving will begin on Monday, July 22nd for the 10-13 divers, at 2pm with a 12pm warm-up. The 14-17 divers will compete on Tuesday, July 23rd. Corrections to the diving sheets must be submitted by 1:15pm. Girls will dive first on both days. Rain date is July 24th.
2. **Swimming** will be at the Playland Pool in Rye! Swimming will begin on Monday, July 29th and end on Thursday, August 1st. Friday, August 2nd, is the rain date.
 - Monday, July 29, 2013: **warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm**
 - Tuesday, July 30, 2013: **warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm**
 - Wednesday, July 31, 2013: **warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm**
 - Thursday, August 1, 2012: **warm-up at 3:30pm; start at 4:30pm**
3. **The date for the age of each competitor** for this meet is as of the first day of the diving competition, so all entrants compete based on their age on **July 22, 2013!** 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!)
4. Teams will receive **three coaches' passes**. For every 25 competitors, coaches can request an additional coach pass.
5. **Theme Nights:** We will continue this tradition: Tuesday will be **Hawaiian Night**, Wednesday will be **Red/White/Blue Night**, and Thursday will be **Team Spirit Night**.
6. **Office Coverage Dates for 2013:** The Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation office has moved to 450 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley, NY 10502 (just south of Lawrence Street). If you need to speak with someone about entries or about the Counties, please leave a message at 914-231-4586. 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 5: from 12 to 3pm
 - b. July 8: from 12 to 3pm
 - c. July 12: from 12 to 3pm (This is the **AD DEADLINE**)
 - d. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Monday, July 15: from 10am to 3pm sharp! In addition, entries will also be accepted on Monday, July 15th at the County Center in White Plains, between 6:30pm and 9pm. **Doors WILL close sharply at 9pm – NO EXCEPTION!**

7. **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.

8. **Advertisement: Ad Deadline** All info/wording for Ads for the meet program MUST be in by Friday, July 12th. No exceptions! Photographers will be sending the pictures directly to WCSA. If parents are taking the team pictures: please email those to Karen.
9. **Eligibility:** The Westchester County Swimming & Diving Annual Championship meet is open to **Westchester County Residents ONLY**. This rule is not bendable. Swimmers/divers' age for this meet is as of **July 22, 2012** – 17&Under swimmers only.

- 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.

10. **Entries will close on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 9pm sharp** (no exceptions!). Clubs should try to get their entries as early as possible. We will be accepting entries at the County office in Ardsley from 10am to 3:00pm (please arrive no later than 2:30pm), and also at the County Center in White Plains from 6:30pm to 9pm. Teams may also mail their entries early to the Ardsley Office (450 Saw Mill River Road) but they must arrive on time!!

Clubs can email their Team Manager Export File (and entries report from team manager) ahead of time to Anissa Sullivan at anissasullivan@gmail.com - BUT all WCSA forms and payment must still be handed in no later than Monday, July 15th. The Team Manager meet events file is posted on the WCSA website.

An active email account must be included on entry forms so the coach or an assistant coach can be contacted with entry questions or problems. **Please print the email address legibly!!!**

- 11: **Reminder:** Teams are allowed to enter up to 4 swimmers and up to 4 alternates in each event. Alternates must be clearly marked as ALT. Swimmers may not swim more than 4 individual events. There are no rules on the number of relays a swimmer may swim in.

Check your swimmers' birth dates carefully!!! For example, a swimmer turning 13 on July 10th will have to swim in the 14-under age group at this meet – so distance are 100's and not 50's (even though he/she may still swim in the 12-under age group for the dual meet season!!!)

12. New Swimmers: All new swimmers **MUST** be registered by the entry deadline of July 15, 2013. Completed Registration forms with all signatures 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! All copies of proof of age will be shredded after the meet.

13. Medals: they will be the same as in the past 87 years! Medals and Awards have been ordered. President Award winners will be announced at the meet at Playland.

14. Vendor: A motion to accept Ed Gulbenkian was made, seconded and approved by those in attendance. Ed 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.

8. 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. Anissa Sullivan has volunteered to replace Paul Simco as an At Large member.

A motion to accept the slate of officers as proposed was made, seconded and accepted by all in attendance: 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), Anissa Sullivan (Member at Large) and John Hughes (Member at Large). Motion carried. The members of the Board thanked everyone present. They are all looking forward to work with the Association again.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Facebook: We are now on Facebook. Become a fan and we'll email you updates and announcements..

2. Acceptance of Provisional Member Teams: A motion was made, seconded and accepted by all to accept the following provisional member teams: Bedford Village (53rd team) and Ossining (54th team). Welcome to both to the Association.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm was made, seconded and accepted by all. Paul McClintock thanked all for their interest in the organization and for attending the meeting.

The Coaches meeting followed the representatives meeting at 7:38pm.

Karen DeSantis has the list of Clubs that were in attendance at the meeting.

The Coaches meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Monique G. Grayson –July 3, 2013