

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE AUGUST 2, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 6:53pm at A.L.E.

ATTENDANCE: Members of the Board:

Rose Colonna & Barbara Mitchell (Co-Presidents), Carolyn Johnson (Past President), John Santos (Officials Liaison), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary).

Representatives/Coaches from the following teams were present:

A.L.Erhman, Bedford Hills, Briarcliff, Chappaqua, Cortlandt, Mount Pleasant, Willowbrook, Windmill, Yorktown.

The following teams were not represented at the meeting:

Bedford Golf, Bedford Village, Birchwood, Katonah, Lakeside, Lewisboro, Mt.Kisco C.C., Mt.Kisco Memorial, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Pocantico, Pound Ridge, Seven Bridges, TarryCrest, Torview, Twin Oaks, Waccabuc, Whippoorwill.

MINUTES:

Meredith Rooney (Yorktown) made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20 meeting. Rodger Guest (Bedford Hills) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes of June 20, 2000 were accepted as sent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Osterhoudt was absent.

DUAL MEET RESULTS:

	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	DIVISION IV	DIVISION V
up/champion	<i>Yorktown</i>	<i>Birchwood</i>	<i>Katonah</i>	<i>Willowbrook</i>	<i>Seven Bridges</i>
down	<i>Cortlandt</i>	<i>Waccabuc</i>	<i>Bedford Village</i>	<i>Whippoorwill</i>	

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ALL-STAR MEETS:

Barbara thanked Lewisboro and Pocantico for hosting the All-Star meets. Laura Polhill (Willowbrook) asked what could be done to tighten the rope used for the 8-under individual events at Lewisboro. Someone suggested having the lifeguards hold it. A sign up sheets for volunteers to host the 2001 championships was passed around.

SCHEDULE OF MEETS FOR 2001:

A motion made by Laura Polhill (Willowbrook) to accept the 2001 schedule, seconded by Stanley Chen (Cortlandt), was denied. The schedule included Thursday July 5 as a possible meet date. After discussion, a new motion made by Susie Casey (Briarcliff), and seconded by Elizabeth Patella, was accepted by all. The schedule will be as follow:

A Meets: Saturday, July 7; Tuesday, July 10; Thursday, July 12;
Saturday, July 14; Tuesday, July 17; Saturday, July 21;
Tuesday, July 24.

B Swim: Mondays, July 9, 16, 23

B Diving: Wednesday, July 11 and 18

Diving Champs: Wednesday, July 25

Diving All-Star: Thursday, July 26 (rain date: July 27)

Swim Champs: Saturday, July 28

Swim All-Star: Sunday, July 29

Westchester Counties: Diving: July 30 & 31 - Swimming: August 6, 7, 8, 9, 2001.

MEETING DATES FOR 2001: (Please note these dates on your calendar)

January - Executive Committee Meeting

March - Monday, March 19, 2001 - site TBA

May - Monday, May 21, 2001 - site TBA

June - to be determined

August - to be determined

OLD BUSINESS:

* John Santos said that 95 officials were used in 89 meets. He received only 9 officials' evaluation sheets!

* We ask coaches to move the kids back from the starting blocks during the meets, if they are not swimming. Otherwise, it becomes too noisy.

ONLY the 8-under swim 100 yds/meter relays. All other age groups swim 200.
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* Problems at "B" meets: Chaos: some coaches are not in control, and are more interested in talking to their friends than watching the kids. There are also parking problems at many facilities. Size of teams should be considered when scheduling "B" meets.

Some 'B' meets were very disorganized. We might try again to have a clinic on how to host a 'B' meet. We must explain to the coaches what to do.

We ask that "B" swimmers ONLY attend "B" Meets. There was also a discussion about "A" swimmers swimming up at "B" meets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1: Mount Pleasant: the Pool Director and Assistant Swim Coach came to tell us that the head coach (Peter Ognan) had quit without telling anyone or leaving any information about counties. Monique Grayson was going to contact Karen DeSantis about this problem. (PS: it was solved right away).

2: Keenan Deegan (Yorktown) made a motion to revisit the issue of teams that do not have diving: when they go to a meet the opposite team must dive exhibition only, and does not score points. Carolyn Johnson seconded the motion.

There was a long discussion about this problem. Four pools do not offer diving. We changed the Constitution in 1989 after the Health Department Code for having a diving board became more stringent. At the high school level, if your team goes to a pool with a diving board, you must dive or you forfeit the points.

Susie Casey asked why diving as exhibition counts as an event if no points are given. It counts because it qualifies the diver for championships.

Tammy Neubauer (Bedford Hills) made a motion to separate swimming and diving teams. Laura Polhill (Willowbrook) seconded the motion. *This motion will be tabled until March.*

Susie Casey (Briarcliff) made a motion to follow the high school rules on diving: "If the host team's facility meets minimum depth recommendation and the visiting team has eliminated diving from its program because its facility does not meet the depth standard, the host team (and all teams with diving entries) shall dive, places shall be awarded to the competitors and their points shall be included in the total team score."

Keenan Deegan seconded the motion. *This motion will be tabled until March.*

3: Letter from Cortlandt about a disabled swimmer on their team. They want to know what can be done to have an equal opportunity when swimming against able body swimmers. It was mentioned that other swimmers in the N.W.S.C. have had disabilities (dwarfism, Down Syndrome, partial blindness), etc. Anybody can swim in the league. We do not have any restrictions and we give disabled children the same opportunities as everyone else. Someone proposed to make a sub-committee to look into this in more details. Suggestions included "no DQ's" or "head start of 20 sec."

The feeling is that the swimmer should swim the same as everyone else.

The mother complains about discrimination. Is she asking for special treatment? We have to ask the mother what she wants. It looks like it might be an issue between the parents and the Town of Cortlandt. But to give special treatment might not be in the best interest of the swimmer.

Victoria Schwab (Cortlandt) was unable to tell us what the mother wanted and could not give any specifics or suggestions to solve the problem.

Carolyn Johnson made a motion that, if there is a need, as well as specific issues that Northern Westchester Swimming Conference has to address about handicap athletes, we will look into it. Rodger Guest (Bedford Hills) seconded the motion.

All in favor except for one abstention (coach and Representative from Cortlandt had a conflict about this issue).

No one opposed the motion. *This motion will be tabled until March.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson
August 14, 2000