

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SWIMMING CONFERENCE

MARCH 19, 2001

The meeting, held at the Briarcliff Recreation Department complex, was called to order at 7:40pm by Barbara Mitchell Cronk.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Executive Committee members were in attendance: Barbara Mitchell Cronk, Carolyn Johnson, Monique Grayson, John Santos and John Osterhoudt. Rose Colonna was unable to attend. The attendance sheet was passed around.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

John Santos made a motion to accept the minutes of August 2, 2000 as mailed. Laura Polhill seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The NWSC 2000 Financial Report was distributed to all present.

1999 year ending was \$1,7000 - 2000 year ending was \$1,353 (loss of \$347).

John Osterhoudt made a motion to raise the dues to \$620 for the summer of 2001. Mary Lou Herr seconded the motion. None in favor. 19 against. Motion denied.

After discussion, Meredith Rooney made a motion that we raise the dues to \$650. John Osterhoudt seconded the motion. 5 in favor. 12 opposed.

Paul Simco suggested that we make it a 2 or 3 years project. **Paul made a motion that we raise the dues to \$625 this summer, and another \$25 (to \$650) next summer (2002). Jack Mullaney seconded the motion.** 20 in favor. 1 abstained. None against. Motion passed.

The 2001 dues were handed out to those present: \$625 - **DUE JULY 1st, 2001**

JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP:

Barbara gave a overview of what was discussed at the January meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET SITES:

division I: Pound Ridge (diving) Mt.Kisco Memorial (swimming)

division II: Briarcliff (diving) Katonah (swimming)

division III: A.L.Erhman (diving) Chappaqua (swimming)

division IV: Bedford Hills (diving) Bedford Village (swimming)

division V: Bedford Golf (diving) Mt. Pleasant (swimming)

Warm-up for diving championships: 5pm warm-up; 5:45pm start

All Star Diving at Pocantico Hills: 5:00pm warm-up; 5:45pm start

Divisional Swimming Championships: 8:30am warm-up; 9:00am start

All Star Swimming at Lewisboro: 8:30am warm-up; 9:00am start

There were many problems this year to prepare the schedule because of pool sites construction and parking problems. John Santos mentioned that only 17 out of 27 clubs sent their post cards back.

"B" MEET SCHEDULE:

Swimming: Mondays, July 9, 16, 23

Diving: Wednesday, July 11 and 18

We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the "B" meets' schedule.

We need enough clubs to host meets to be able to limit the number of teams in attendance at each site.

Carolyn volunteered to do the "B" meet schedule. Meredith Rooney will help her. The schedule will be done after the May meeting. It was noted that "B" meets can also be run if a coach calls another coach and they agree on a place and time!

RULE CHANGES:

The meet committee shall make decisions on matter not specifically covered by the rules or on the misapplication of a rule during a meet. Judgment calls are not subject to review by this committee. The decision of the meet committee is final. Rationale: the authority of the meet committee does not extend beyond addressing the misapplication of rules, or addressing situations not covered by the rulebook.

Meet Committee: At a dual meet: official, one coach from each team, each team representative, if present.

At championships: the meet referee, one coach per team, and the division chairperson.

Please note that all protests MUST come from the coaches, not the parents!

NEW BUSINESS:

* Young swimmers swimming "up" in order to score points for the team (especially swimming up in the 18-under group!). Should there be a minimum age limit to be entered in above age groups? The majority of members believe that we should try not to put a child in a event that he/she can't swim.

* Questions about the number of clubs attending meetings!

Carolyn Johnson made a motion to change the voting requirements of 2/3 of membership to majority of members present per meeting. Laura Polhill seconded the motion. Ten in favor; 11 against. Motion denied.

John Santos made a motion that we have a minimum of 50% of the membership present at the meeting, and then to have the majority of the votes of those present at that meeting, for approval. Paul Simco seconded the motion. 18 in favor; 3 against. Motion passed.

* Paul Simco asked if it was possible to have the schedule of meeting for the whole year. This is in the Constitution: third Monday in March, third Monday in May, June clinic by availability of site, and the August meeting on the second Monday following the Championships or as designated at the discretion of the President.

We are looking for a place for the May meeting. Paul will check with the Pound Ridge Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Lynn Ballinger said that the following business from the August 2, 2000 meeting was discriminating against Pleasantville, Mt.Kisco C.C., Seven Bridges and Peekskill: *"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."*

The following motions were tabled until this meeting:

1: Tammy Neubauer (Bedford Hills) made a motion to separate swimming and diving teams. Laura Polhill (Willowbrook) seconded the motion. in favor: none; against: 18; abstain: 2.

2: 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.

A long discussion followed. John Santos reminded everyone that we follow the high school rules. It was suggested that each division chair person from last summer look at the difference in points in each division after the diving events. We will research this a bit and table this motion until the May meeting. Paul Simco suggested that a committee be assigned. Linda Hunter (division I), Jake Mullaney (division II), and Monica Purdy (division IV) will form the committee. They will try to collect the information, otherwise we will catch this year's data.

3: 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.

4: Steve Schneider, from Windmill Club gave a letter stating that all work had been done to fix the electrical problems of last summer. He gave the letter to Barbara Mitchell.

NEXT MEETING:

May 21, 2001 - site to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Submitted by Monique Grayson
April 3, 2001