

2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Westchester County Center

June 19, 2006

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CALL TO ORDER:

Members of the Board met briefly prior to this meeting.

WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone after the meeting was called to order at 7:09pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Dave Heller (Treasurer), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator), Mike Morrissey (Vice President, timing system operator), Paul Simco (Member At Large, President of Westchester Swimming Officials) and Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large). Jack Geoghegan (Past President) and Andis Akerfelds (WCSA photographer) were unable to attend. Paul thanked the members of the board for their contribution and hard work at the 80th Annual Meet of 2005. The meet went well. We hope to be blessed with good weather again this year.

ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the representatives of the following clubs that were in attendance: Anita Louise Ehrman, Pound Ridge, Mount Kisco Memorial, Torview, Lake Isle, Katonah, Westwood, Scarsdale Golf Club and Winged Foot.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dave Heller reported that the Association was solvent and in good shape. All bills are paid. Requests for payment of \$100 dues for 2006 (blue sheet) were mailed a week ago and payment is due no later than July 24th, the first day of the meet.

MINUTES:

Paul Simco (Pound Ridge) made a motion to accept the minutes of June 20, 2005. Ellen Katchis (Winged Foot) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Ardsley Swim & Tennis Club, Birchwood Swim & Tennis, Briarcliff Manor Swim Club, Chappaqua Swim & Tennis, The Davenport Club, Manursing Island Club, Mount Pleasant Town Pool, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, and Yorktown Swim & Dive Team. Calls were made to all clubs to remind them of the meeting.

2006 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO:

This year is the 81st anniversary of the Annual Westchester County Championships.

- 1) The dates for 2006 have been changed from July 31-August 1st (diving) and August 7-10 (swimming) to **July 24 & 25 (diving) and July 31 to August 3 (swimming)**. This change was requested by the Westchester County Swim Conference who always starts its Conference Championships after the Counties and otherwise would not have finish its season until August 17th. (Rain date is August 4th – there is a typo on the poster).
- 2) **Swimmers and Divers age** is as of the first day of the meet (July 24, 2006). 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!)
- 3) The Westchester County Swimming Championship is **open to Westchester County residents ONLY**. This rule is not bendable.

- 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.
 - A swimmer that moves out of the County at any time before the start of the meet is not allowed to participate.
 - Swimmers that have changed club since last summer may not compete as part of their new club. They may compete as Unattached for one year.
 - 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.
- 4) **Entries will close on Monday, July 17, 2006 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 7:00pm-9pm. New and updated ads for the meet program are due no later than Friday, July 14, 2006.
 - 5) **Diving** will be held at the Sprain Ridge Pool: July 24-25, 2006 at 3pm (July 26 as rain date). Warm-up starts between 1:30 and 2pm.
 - 6) **Swimming** will be held at Playland: July 31-August 3, 2006. The pool will now close at 3pm and we will be able to start warm-up no later than 4pm and actually start the meet at 4:30pm instead of 5:30pm as in the past. The time is incorrect on the Poster!
 - 7) Joe Montalto has retired and Dan McBride is now the new Director of Playland.
 - 8) We are working on getting incentives to go to Playland. Some kind of coupons may be inserted in the meet programs.
 - 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 out 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 Executive Committee recommends a **change in the order of events** on nights 2 and 3. On Tuesday, hold 17-under events (100 breaststroke) before 14-under events (100 backstroke). On Wednesday, do the same (17-under events before 14-under events). The changes are recommended to allow more time between the 17-under individual event final and the 17-under relays. Michael Panzarino (Torview) made a motion to accept the recommendation. Ellen Katchis (Winged Foot) seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
 - 11) Wednesday Night will again be **Hawaiian Night**. We will also have a **Red, White & Blue "Patriotic" Night** on Thursday, the last night of Counties. There will be prizes for the best costumes!
 - 12) **Rule Changes for 2006**: WCSA has decided to allow swimmers to do a single downward butterfly kick followed by a breaststroke kick after the start and after each turn in the breaststroke. This rule is already followed by USA Swimming, College Swimming and both the NWSC and WCSC. It will be allowed in High School Swimming starting in September 2006.
 - 13) **Office Coverage Dates for 2006**: If you need to speak with someone about entries or about the Counties, please leave a message at 914-864-7058. 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:
 - July 6: 12 to 3pm
 - July 11: 12 to 3pm
 - July 14: 12 to 3pm
 - ENTRY DEADLINE: July 17: 12 to 3pm

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

WCSA welcomes anyone that would like to get involved with the Association.

Michael Panzarino (Torview) 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) and Paul Simco (Member at Large). Greg Sims (A.L. Erhman) 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:

- Mike Morrissey mentioned that the equipment is working well. We purchased a backup harness and backup extension cable. Mike thanked Greg Sims and John Hughes for filling in at the last minute last year!
- Paul Simco mentioned that the new additional awards were a great addition last year and that we will continue this year: 1-3 place high point in each age group and 3rd place Women, Men and Combined team award.
- Ellen Katchis (Winged Foot) made a motion to appoint Ed Gulbenkian once again as vendor at the meet. The motion was seconded by Emily Browne (Lake Isle) and accepted by all. Ed Gulbenkian, who has been the vendor at the meet for the last 7 or 8 years, will get the job again this year for the same amount of money as last year. Ed is a very good friend of the meet. He donates shirts to all volunteers and swimming/diving officials.
- The President Awards were well deserved and were a hit again last year: the 2005 recipients were Ted Strauss, Charlie Sandorf, and Dan McBride. The Board has selected the 2006 recipient of the President Awards.
- Greg Sims (A.L. Erhman) made a motion that the Association purchase between \$500 and \$600 of tickets for Playland. The tickets will be randomly distributed again this year during the meet. Carol Curro (Katonah) seconded the motion. All those in attendance were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dates for 2007: The dates will be as follows: Diving: July 23-24, 2007; Swimming: July 30-31-August 1-2, 2007. Michael Panzarino mentioned that the Empire State Games 2007 will be held in Westchester County. This should not affect the Counties as ESG opening night is July 25th. The ESG swimming (Scholastic and Open) will be held at Scarsdale Municipal Pool. The Masters events are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Sprain Ridge Pool
- Playland Facility Update: We are safe for the 2006 and 2007 seasons. We might be out of the facility for one summer (and hope to hold the meet at Sprain Ridge that summer. We have also been offered the use of the NYAC facility at Travers Island – 50m pool).
- Many thanks to Andis Akerfelds and Michael Ghitelman for the pictures taken at the meet last year.
- Each club gets a timing assignment for the meet. Please contact Karen if your team needs to switch night!
- We are very excited about starting the meet earlier this year! Hopefully many families will be able to attend the Playland Park since the events will finish earlier each night.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm 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.

COACHES MEETING:

1: The meeting was called to order at 8:07pm. The coaches were asked to sign in and pick up their registration packet. Paul McClintock reminded all coaches to view the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame in the hallway. Many members of the swimming community have been inducted in the HOF over the years and plaques are mounted on the walls: Carol Ann Heller, Cristina Teuscher, Leo Butler, Rick Carey, Bobby Hackett, and more.

2: WCSA President, Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone to the start of the 81st Westchester County Swimming & Diving season. Paul thanked all those that attended the meet last year and reminded everyone that we take great pride in this meet, which is the only true Westchester County Championship. Paul McClintock introduced the member of the board that were in attendance.

3: WCSA Meet and rules are below - Age update for this meet is as July 24, 2006

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- Important reminder to all: the Westchester County Swimming Championship is **open to Westchester County residents ONLY**. This rule is not bendable. Swimmers/Divers (including unattached swimmers and divers) must have been residents of the County for at least 6 months prior to the start of the meet.
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- Swimmers that moved from one club to another since last year must swim as unattached for one year. Unattached swimmers/divers may not swim in relays. Swimmers that were unattached last year can now swim attached to a club.
- Entry deadline is Monday, July 17, 2006 at 9pm sharp. Please, do your best to bring in your entries early (at the County office in Mt. Kisco 10:00am-3:00pm or County Center 7:00-9pm on Monday, July 17, 2006). Also previous week at County office.
- Wednesday Night will again be the Hawaiian night at the Counties! Everyone is asking to wear their Hawaiian garb that night! Thursday Night will be Red, White & Blue Night and everyone is asking to wear their Patriotic garb.
- Ed Gulbenkian, who has been the vendor at the meet for the last 8 or 9 years, will get the job again this year for the same amount of money as last year. Ed is a very good friend of the meet.
- Clubs dues (blue paper) are due July 24, 2006
- Playland will still be available in 2007.

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

- The age of all competitors is as first day of the meet: July 24, 2006.
- A blue sheet may be included in some packets if swimmers/divers previous registrations are missing or incomplete. All must be in with the entries by the due date.
- All competitors (including unattached swimmers and divers) 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. This rule is not bendable.
- 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 is July 14th. Deadline for entries is Monday, July 17th 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 26th. The diving sheets must be turned in at the same time as registrations. We will be using the new electronic system. **Diving counts as one event** (out of 4 possible events). A diver may only enter a maximum of 3 swimming individual events!
- 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 not needed for relays. Coaches must fill out entry forms for individual events and for relay events (up to 8 names can be entered on the relay forms). Coaches who have Hy-Tek Team Manager can send their entries on disk but must still bring in all the paperwork. **Please make sure that the names of all possible relay swimmers and alternates are on the team roster.**
- **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. New registration form and proof of age must be included with the entries.
- We will pre-sell 4-day passes. 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 is \$3 (adult admission); \$4 (program); \$1 (13-Under admission).
- We will start the meet earlier this year at Playland: 4pm warm-up (8 min. per age group!) and start the meet at 4:30pm.
- All forms are also available on the WCSA website (at Forms): <http://wcsa.usswim.net>

5: The following teams were not represented at the meeting: Amackassin, Apawamis, Cortlandt, Lakenridge, Mamaroneck, Mount Kisco Country Club, Tarry Crest, Westchester Hills, Wykagyl, and Yonkers. The following teams were excused: Yorktown and Windmill.

6: New Rules for 2006:

- WCSA has decided to allow swimmers to do a single downward butterfly kick followed by a breaststroke kick after the start and after each turn in the breaststroke. This rule is already followed by USA Swimming, College Swimming and both the NWSC and WCSC. It will be allowed in High School Swimming starting in September 2006.
- Relays: Legs 2 and 4 must start in the water at the shallow end of the pool
- Events order change for Tuesday and Wednesday nights: On Tuesday night the 17-under events (100 breaststroke) will be held before 14-under events (100 backstroke). On Wednesday, do the same (17-under events before 14-under events). The changes were recommended to allow more time between the 17-under individual event final and the 17-under relays.

7: Reminder to all coaches: warm-up is hectic and short at Playland. We will need the names of alternates as soon as possible each night. Timing assignment sheets are in the packet. Contact Karen if the night is not good for your club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 21, 2006