

2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Westchester County Center
June 25, 2007

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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 7:00pm. Paul introduced the members of the Board that were in attendance: Dave Heller (Treasurer), Monique Grayson (Recording Secretary, computer operator), Karen DeSantis (Liaison with County Recreation Department & Member At Large) and Mike Morrissey (Vice President, timing system operator) who arrived after the beginning of the meeting. Paul Simco (Member At Large and President of Westchester County Swimming Officials) and Jack Geoghegan (Past President) were unable to attend. Paul thanked the members of the board for their volunteerism and hard work at the 81st Annual Meet of 2006. The meet went well. We hope to be blessed with good weather again this year. He mentioned that we had just received word that the renovations at the Playland pool would not start until 2009, and that we will definitely have the pool in 2007 and 2008.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We received proxies from the following clubs: Birchwood Swim & Tennis, Bronxville Field Club, Chappaqua Swim & Tennis, Coveleigh Club, The Davenport Club, Leewood Golf Club and Mount Pleasant Town Pool.

ROLL CALL:

Paul thanked the representatives of the following clubs that were in attendance: Hastings, Mount Kisco Memorial, Westchester Hills, Lake Isle, Willowbrook, New York Athletic Club, Greenburgh Swim Team and Orienta Beach Club.

MINUTES:

Greg Mariano (Greenburgh) made a motion to accept the minutes of June 19, 2006. Kevin Dougherty (Westchester Hills) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were accepted as mailed.

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 2007 (blue sheet) will be mailed this week and payment is due no later than July 23rd, the first day of the meet. Mary Lou Pagano (NYAC) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Don Wemer (Hastings) seconded the motion which was then approved by all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2007 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO:

This year is the 82nd anniversary of the Annual Westchester County Championships.

1. The 2006 meet saw a record of entries and participation. It was a very HOT and HUMID week. We started the meet earlier at 4:30 pm and it seemed to go well.

2. **The Diving Competition** will begin on July 23rd at 2pm with a 12pm warm-up. Corrections to the diving sheets must be submitted by 1:15pm. Girls will now dive first on both days.
3. Teams will receive **three coaches' passes**. For every 25 competitors, coaches can request an additional coach pass.
4. The dates for 2008 will be July 28-29 (diving) and August 4-7 (Swimming)
5. **Theme Nights**: Tuesday will be **Hawaiian Night**, Wednesday will be **Red/White/Blue Night**, and Thursday will be **Team Spirit Night**.
6. Don Wemer (Hastings) made a motion to accept the **American Yacht Club** as a probationary member of the Westchester County Swimming Association. Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept AYC as the 54th member on WCSA. The American Yacht Club of Milton Point in Rye will be coached by Kevin Stone.
7. **Office Coverage Dates for 2007**: 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:

- a. July 2: 12 to 3pm
 - b. July 6: 12 to 3pm
 - c. July 11: 12 to 3pm
 - d. July 13: 2 to 5pm
 - e. ENTRY DEADLINE: July 16: 12 to 3pm
8. **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.
 9. **Swimmers and Divers age** is as of the first day of the meet (July 23, 2007). 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!)
 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 that have changed club since last summer 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. **Entries will close on Monday, July 16, 2007 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 13, 2007.

12. **New Swimmers:** All new swimmers **MUST** be register by the entry deadline of July 16, 2007. 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!
13. **Medals:** they will be the same as in the past 81 years! Medals are in and Awards have been ordered.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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

Kevin Dougherty (Westchester Hills) 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). Kelly Blacker (Willowbrook) 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 and has been well taken care of during the off season.
- 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:

- Dates for 2008: The dates will be as follows: Diving: July 28-29, 2008; Swimming: August 4-7, 2008.
- The Empire State Games will be held in Westchester County fir the first time this summer. 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. Many volunteers will be needed. Applications were available at the meeting.
- Questions from members in attendance:
 - At what time does the swimming warm-up actually starts? It will start around 3:45pm
 - Is it possible to get better food for the swimmers at the snack bar?
- Marshals: meet marshals are needed (for the girls side and for the boys side) every night at the swimming competition. New people are needed to volunteer for those positions!

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm 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.

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 28, 2007

COACHES MEETING:

1: Westchester County Swimming Association President Paul McClintock, welcomed everyone to the start of the 82nd Westchester County Swimming & Diving season. The meeting was called to order at 8:06pm.

2: 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 members of the board that were in attendance. The coaches were asked to sign in and pick up their registration packet.

3: WCSA Meet and rules are below - Age update for this meet is as July 23, 2007. In addition to the Coaches' packets, Karen handed out a pink paper with the changes and announcements for 2007, and a tan paper with the Office Coverage Dates for 2007.

- This year is the 82nd anniversary of the Annual Westchester County Championships. **Entries will close on Monday, July 16, 2007 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 10:00am 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 13, 2007. Diving at Sprain Ridge Pool: July 23-24, 2007 – 2pm start (July 25 as rain date). Swimming at Playland: July 30-31-August 1-2, 2007 – 4:30pm start (August 3 as rain date).
- 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.
- A swimmer that moves out of the County at any time before the start of the meet is not allowed to participate. 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.
- 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. The fee for Transfer is now \$2.
- New registrations must include all the required signatures. Proof of age can be copy of a birth certificate, or a baptism certificate, or a passport, or a driver license. **New registration forms and proof of age must be included with the entries.**
- The meet entry deadline is Monday, July 16, 2007 at 9pm sharp (excuses will not be accepted). 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 16, 2007). Also previous week at County office. The age of all competitors is as first day of the meet: **July 23, 2007.**
- Tuesday Night will be the **Hawaiian night** at the Counties! Everyone is asking to Show off their tropical cruise wear that night! Wednesday Night will be **Red, White & Blue Night** and everyone is asking to wear their Patriotic garb. Thursday Night will be **Team Spirit Night** (wear your team colors night).
- Clubs dues of \$100 (blue paper) are due July 23, 2007 (and no later than the first day of swimming at Playland).
- Playland will still be available in 2008 as the renovations will not start until 2009.
- 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 13th**. Deadline for entries is Monday, July 16th at 9:00pm sharp. Please be on time!
- Diving counts as one individual event. **Diving will now begin at 2pm** (noon warm-up). All changes on the sheets will be due by 1:15pm. As of this year, **girls will always start first on both days**. 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 25th. The diving sheets must be turned in at the same time as registrations. We will be using the e-dive 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.**
- We will sell 4-day passes again this year. 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).
- All forms are also available on the WCSA website (at Forms): <http://wcsa.usswim.net>
- A new team has been accepted with a one-year probation: American Yacht Club coached by Kevin Stone.

4: Kevin Donnelly came to talk about the 30th **Empire State Games** that will be held in Westchester County for the first time this summer. This should not affect the Counties as ESG opening night is July 25th. The ESG swimming portion (Scholastic and Open) will be held at Scarsdale Municipal Pool on July 26-27-28. Loads of volunteers will be needed. Applications were available at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Submitted by Monique G. Grayson – June 28, 2007