

**Masters Swimming Ontario  
Annual General Meeting**

Sunday November 16, 2008  
Etobicoke Olympium Pool, Olympic Lounge  
590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke  
After Swim Meet Social

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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Masters Swimming Ontario shall be held at the Etobicoke Olympium, Olympic Lounge, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, immediately following the conclusion of the Swim Meet social on Sunday November 16, 2008.

The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Association for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008
2. To elect Directors to the Board
3. To appoint Auditors; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Annual reports from the Workgroups, a blank Notice of Motion and a blank Nomination/Consent to Serve Form accompany this notice. In addition, the list of current serving Directors, new nominations and an explanation of the voting procedure are attached. The Association's financial statements will be presented at the AGM.

All members, including Unattached Members, are encouraged to attend. Only those clubs and unattached member registered during the 2007-2008 season may have voting rights.

Voting Delegates are required to sign the Register and record the number of votes they represent for the Member Club.

Dated at Ottawa, Ontario November 1, 2008

By the Order of the Board of Directors

Sally O'Brien, President

## **Board of Directors 2007-2008**

A Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, each to serve for a term of two (2) years, shall manage the affairs of the Association.

Five (5) in numerically odd years and four (4) in even years shall be elected by the duly authorized Delegates at the AGM.

To complete their two (2) year terms, the returning Directors are as follows:

Michael Heath –Eves	Sally O'Brien	
Sean Warburton	Johnny Hewerdine	Nathan Degiorgio

The Directors whose terms have expired are:

Lesley Mason-Ward	Olenka McKee
Marion Wyatt	Cindy Bertilink

Therefore there are four (4) positions open for the year 2008-2009.

Nominations are welcome and must be submitted on the appropriate Nomination/Consent to Serve form (attached) and received by the Registrar, Box 8, 552 Church Street Toronto M4Y 2E3 prior to the AGM.

Additional nominations, if properly submitted and approved by the Delegates to the AGM, may be entertained from the floor at the AGM.

## **Voting Procedure**

Only registered Members of MSO may vote at Delegates at the AGM. One Delegate may represent all the votes of the person's Club, or where a Club has more than one vote, it may spread its votes amongst more than one of its members. For Member Clubs having two (2) or more Members in good standing, the votes are allotted as follows:

Registered Members	Votes Allotted
2-24	1
25-49	2
50-74	3
75 and over	4
Unattached members (as a Group)	1

## 2008 MSO AGM

### AGENDA

1. Welcome. Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulations
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of the 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Business arising from the 2007 AGM Minutes
5. Annual Reports from Workgroups, External Representatives and Staff
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9. Election of Directors
10. Appoint of Auditors
11. Adjournment

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Last year's Annual General Meeting was attached to a morning swim meet at the Etobicoke Olympium which greatly improved the attendance. We have done the same this year. The AGM will be held right after the free lunch, which follows "A Fourth Not So Serious Swim Meet".

### **Registration**

One of the main features that we have been working toward these last 3 years is an online database so that our swimmers can register on line. With this database we should be able to register for meets much more easily and Meet Managers will have the ability to confirm MSO memberships directly. We are getting close. There are some kinks to be ironed out, as with any new program, and we want it to be as user friendly as we can possibly get it. Our registration will continue this year as it has in the past. In a few months we may be able to start on the new format

### **Communications**

Our newsletter, which is published regularly on the website, is a useful tool to help all Ontario swimmers keep up to date with what is happening with Masters Swimming Ontario.

### **Competition**

If you check out the latest newsletter you will notice that competition is doing great with records being broken everywhere. Open Water Swimming competition and attendance is also increasing.

### **Leadership**

We are looking at following up on the ideas received as a result of the surveys. More to come on this.

### **Health and Lifestyle**

Again there is a plan in the works with more to come in the near future.

We, the Board members, continue to work towards our mission statement "**To contribute to the overall health and fitness of adults in the Province of Ontario through participation in a Masters' Swimming program**". We are not all for competition alone. Our motto, "**Fun, Fitness and Friendship**" shows that MSO is a social and competitive organization for those who love to swim for fitness. I know I repeat this every year but I feel it's important to recognize that most of us came to Masters swimming for the fitness and the love of swimming. Some of us came because the club has good parties with great food.

I would like to thank our VP Mike Heath Eves who has graciously taken over the reigns during the summer months while I was in the long process of moving from the Soo to Ottawa.

MSO's work is only possible with the help of its members. That means **YOU**. We have a great group of people on the board, but a number of vacancies need to be filled once again this year, and **we need your help** to further grow the organization and move our projects forward.

Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance.

Sally O'Brien  
President

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. COP/MSC**

- Your Vice President attended the Council of Provinces meeting in Quebec City at Nationals. This body of Provincial Masters representatives ensures that the comments and concerns of the Provincial Masters Organizations (PMO) are brought before the MSC. It is also a forum for the exchange of ideas between PMOs. In all sincerity though this body needs to be challenged with useful projects to be truly effective. This will occur in time.

### **2. Swimmer Registration Program**

- 2007 – 2008 saw a change in direction by SNC with the discontinuance of the Swim Direct registration program, which MSO and other PMOs were reviewing if not utilizing. Although Ontario was not affected as it currently uses a “made in Ontario” registration system, many Provinces had to switch or are in the midst of changing to or sampling a new registration system. Your MSO Board, which is currently reviewing new systems designed by MSC, will recommend that its member clubs and Registrar change to a new program. It can be said now that a change will be recommended if it makes sense to us in Ontario. As a goal for this current swimming year your VP will investigate a new system and promote its use only if the Board approves it so that by next year (September 1, 2009) I think we will be on a new system. Look forward to a change that will make registration electronic and easier.

### **3. Insurance**

- Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank our risk manager, Claus Koch, for his continued service to our organization. Insurance, which represents one of the largest expenses in the budget, is managed

by Claus to ensure that our requirements are placed with the company that will give us the best protection at a reasonable cost. Its one of those things we don't think about as we workout in the pool but its there thanks to Claus.

I look forward to serving on the MSO Board with a very dedicated and talented team for another year. If you are thinking about assisting the Masters swimming community then the MSO Board is an excellent place to start. I have learned much about the organization side of swimming and met some wonderful people doing it. There is still a lot of work to do and we need help to get it all done.

See you at the pool!

Michael J. Heath-Eves.

## **COMPETITION REPORT**

As this will be my final report as the competitions meet coordinator I would like to thank my predecessor, Charlie Lane, all the meet managers, officials and the MSO board for their support and guidance over the past four years.

One major initiative I undertook with Craig Zimmerman, the Webmaster, was the online sanctioning process. This procedure has proven successful and will make the changeover to the new coordinator easier.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of Masters swimming in Ontario.

### **Open Water Swims**

St. Mary's and Bright's Grove were again well-organized successful championships. Thank you to Sue Weir and TYMS, Bryan Finlay and LSD for their hard work.

Two events were added this year : Welland Canal swim was revised. On behalf of MSO Charlie Lane and Bryan Finlay worked with the organizing committee to ensure a safe and successful event.

1000 Islands Y Swim Masters and Upper Canada Swim Club introduced the cable swim, a bridge between pool swimming and open water. The event was well received even by seasoned open water swimmers.

### **2007 – 2008 SEASON**

Another year that provided our members with opportunities to challenge themselves

22 meets were sanctioned, 4 were later canceled.

In order to be able to continue running successful meets MSO and the clubs have some challenges facing them- the cost of pools, pool availability, and marketing and availability of officials.

### **2008 - 2009 SEASON**

The meet calendar is rapidly taking shape. Refer to MSO web site for the schedule.

PROVINCIALS hosted by Nepean at the Sportsplex March 20 – 22, 2009.

NATIONALS in Toronto at the Etobicoke Olympium May 15 – 18, 2009.

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

### **Newsletter**

This past year, we have continued to develop the MSO newsletter. During this time, we have been working on slowly evolving it from a means of keeping membership posted on board activities to encompassing a larger view on Master's Swimming in Ontario and around the world. Moving forward, our goal is to include articles on our members, health & lifestyle information, technique tips, as well as information on upcoming events (competitions, clinics, etc.).

We encourage anyone who has ideas for articles, or wishes to submit an article to contact us at [communications@mastersswimmingontario.ca](mailto:communications@mastersswimmingontario.ca)

Currently the newsletter is emailed to a designated club contact for internal distribution. We also post it on the MSO website, so you can find current and back issues there. Please note: Every issue we have several bounced messages due to incorrect email addresses. Make sure your club has submitted a valid and correct email address – and don't forget to contact us if this address changes!

### **Website**

Over the past year, Craig, our Webmaster has been reviewing the website and re-organizing it to update any outdated information, as well as to remove any extraneous or duplicated information. He has also worked with Olenka to create a simple online process for sanctioning meets.

The website contains a lot of information – everything ranging from pool and open water competition dates, to workshops on how to be a meet manager. If you haven't gone to the website lately – check it out!

## **Ongoing Projects**

We have been exploring the feasibility of having advertising of our website and newsletter to generate revenue and/or sponsorship to provide added value for our members. We will continue moving forward with confirming the feasibility of this as well as putting together a strategy.

Cindy Bertelink  
Director, Communications

## **LEADERSHIP REPORT**

No Report Submitted.

## **OFFICIALS REPORT**

### **Ontario Swimming Officials Association**

OSOA has now incorporated components in their training material that deals with officiating at Masters meets and these are now in use at Clinics across Ontario and in most of Canada. They are now developing programs that will allow people to take clinics and receive certification on these on line, most important for people with time challenges and in isolated areas.

Ontario officials look forward to the release of the MSC Rule Book later this year which will eliminate some of the current confusion on Masters rules. They look forward to working at both our Provincials in Nepean and Nationals in Etobicoke next year. They, as always, express their great appreciation for the financial support by the members of MSO through the meet surcharge, without that the development and operation of OSOA's training programs for officials for all swimmers, Masters, youth and elite, would not be possible.

We would encourage any Masters interested to take the officials clinics which are available in all regions of Ontario to become certified and contribute to our great sport. You learn more about swimming which could be useful to you, contributing in this way has its own rewards.

## **MASTERS SWIMMING CANADA REPORT**

### **Masters Swimming Canada**

MSC continues to work on programs for our members across Canada. In addition to the need of a MSC Rule Book to cover all Masters competitions across Canada, it has become clear that we need a modern, national registration system where member clubs and swimmers can register on line for both membership, for competitions and other programs and pay on line. Producing such a program has faced many challenges, both technical and political. MSC continues to move forward, overcoming these obstacles as quickly as possible to achieve the optimum solution for all our members across Canada.

It is clear that certain programs such as the very successful Million Metre Challenge should be administered at the national level as most of the provinces have no capacity to develop and operate such programs. MSC continues to look at new programs to serve our members, new and better ways to communicate with our members so that Masters; swimmers, clubs and all provincial organizations can achieve their potential and we can contribute to the overall health and life experiences of our communities across Canada. MSO, because of its size, has the capability to develop such programs for its members. MSO's contribution and co-operation with MSC in developing these programs at the national level to serve all Canadian Masters is necessary to achieve this goal and greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Prebble of Welland, a member of Niagara Brock Masters, is an elected member of the MSC Board and Executive, also the Treasurer of MSC. Carolyn is moving to St. John, NB in October. We wish her well in her new home and shall miss her in Ontario.

Chris Smith  
OSOA Board  
Past President of MSC

## REGISTRAR REPORT

As of August 31, 2008

Clubs 91

Mail memberships 3

Total swimmers 3368

Club swimmers 3330

Unattached Swimmers 38

8 OSG Members, Beth Whittall, Ted Roach,  
Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Chris Smith  
Pat Niblett, Bryan Finlay, Barrie Malloch

New Clubs- Cambridge Aquajets- Cambridge  
Performance Plus- Mississauga  
Sarnia YMCA- Sarnia  
St. Lawrence Masters- Downtown Toronto  
Toronto Swim Club- Downtown Toronto  
Open Water River Swimmers- Brockville

Lost Clubs Ajax Masters  
Elliot Lake Masters  
St. Laurent Ageless Power Swimmers

**MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2007 – ETOBICOKE OLYMPIUM  
TORONTO, ONTARIO**

**Present**

Sally O'Brien – Sault Ste. Marie  
Olenka McKee – 1000 Islands Y  
Marion Wyatt – 1000 Islands Y  
Jonathan Wyatt – 1000 Islands Y  
Ralph Chown – Arnprior  
Jane Dowd - Arnprior  
Chris Smith – Trillium Y  
Claus Koch – Trillium Y  
Brian Croker – Downtown Swim Club  
Lesley Mason-Ward – Swimming West Y  
Mike Heath-Eves – TechnoSport  
Jacqueline Odlum – Etobicoke  
Cindy Bertelink – Etobicoke  
Charlie Lane – Etobicoke  
Steve Goodwin - Etobicoke  
Gilles Levesque – London Silver Dolphins  
Nathan Degiorgio - London Silver Dolphins  
Laura Pus - London Silver Dolphins  
Johnny Hewerdine - London Silver Dolphins  
Tristan Squire-Smith - London Silver Dolphins  
Bryan Finlay - London Silver Dolphins  
Amy Bartoch - London Silver Dolphins  
Meaghan St. John - London Silver Dolphins  
Kristy Corley - London Silver Dolphins  
Sean Warburton – Granite  
Barrie Malloch – Alderwood  
David Jackman – Alderwood  
Grant Jeffrey – Alderwood  
Judie Oliver – North York Gators  
Sandy Oliver - North York Gators  
Lawrence Rodrigues - North York Gators  
Janet Mayville – North Toronto  
Doug Vanderby - North Toronto

**1. Welcome, Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulation**

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Michael Heath-Eves. The Board members and staff introduced themselves. Brian Croker as Registrar confirmed 13 clubs were present with 39 votes so we have a quorum.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1000 Islands	3
Arnprior	1
Alderwood	3
DSC	4
Etobicoke	4
Granite	1
LSD	4
North Toronto	4
North York	4
SOO	3
SWYM	2
TECH	4
TYMS	2

## **2. Acceptance of Agenda**

**Motion:** To accept the agenda

Moved by: Ralph Chown Seconded by: Jonathan Wyatt

Carried unanimously

## **3. Acceptance of 2006 AGM minutes**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the 2006 AGM

Moved by: Laura Pus, Seconded by: Barrie Malloch

Carried unanimously

## **4. Business arising from the 2006 AGM Minutes**

Michael Heath-Eves spoke about the registration process – as Swim Direct is now defunct, we will continue to use our current system. There is ongoing discussion with MSC regarding the use of Clever Net but no decisions have been made.

Chris Smith's report, which follows, was not included in the original package but was printed out and attached to the hard copy.

## **Report to the Members of Masters Swimming Ontario September, 2007**

RE: The Ontario Swimming Officials Association

OSOA is an association of all swimming officials in Ontario and are responsible for the training of all officials and the compliance of all swimming rules at all swim meets, including Masters and Open Water Swims, in Ontario. OSOA has had a close working relationship with MSO for a number of years, has participated in the running several of our Provincials and the 2005 Nationals. Masters now contribute a significant amount to officials training. Since the Provincial

Government has been reducing funding to swimming and now provides no funding for the officials, this support from Masters has been greatly appreciated. The MSO Board formalized this this year and all those entering meets or OWS competitions in Ontario, starting this month, will have included in the fee, \$2 for regular meets and \$5 for Provincial Championships for OSOA. OSOA may still involve itself in the management of meets and share in the surplus.

OSOA has been the lead agency in Canada in producing the clinics and exams for training and qualifying officials. These have developed in recent years into sophisticated power point presentations, which are now used in several provinces across Canada. OSOA is now producing video training tools, which carry the training to a new level and can be easily used by officials in remote areas. The first of these will be ready in January.

OSOA has recognized that the clinics did not cover appropriately the differences between age group/elite swim meets, and Masters, and have been working on this over the summer and expect to have these up and running by January, 2008. There are minor variations in the stroke rules, the start, also some significant differences in Meet Management between the two.

OSOA has recognized that there is inadequate information and process in the training and qualifying of officials for Open Water Swims, which is growing in popularity in part because of its inclusion in the 2010 Olympics. I have been asked to meet this month with officials from USA Swimming and US Masters Swimming to discuss their training and qualifying processes with a view to incorporating them into our training and qualifying of OWS officials in Ontario. The US has again offered to assist us whenever they can.

OSOA has had an interest in our MSC Rule Book as this is what they require to run our meets. MSC has produced a rule book since 1992 however the swim component only refers to the exceptions to standard swim rules that apply to Masters and refers the official to the SNC Rule Book. This is extremely awkward for an official on deck at a meet and they have requested for some time that the MSC Rule Book be a complete Rule Book. FINA changed some rules related to all swimmers in September 2005, they also announced that they were going to change the Masters Rules to make it stand alone rules, for the same reasons that concern the OSOA Board, which included bringing the rule numbering system into compliance with each other. MSC's latest Rule Book was published in 2003. MSC decided that they would hold off on the publishing of a new Rule Book in 2005, when FINA changed some swimming rules, until FINA had completed their review and approval of the FINA Masters Rules. This was completed in October 2006 and a committee set up by the MSC Competition Committee to draft a 2007 version of the MSC Rule Book. This work is on hold.

OSOA has encouraged MSC to complete and publish a current, complete MSC Rule Book and have offered to pay for the printing. Again this past weekend they passed a motion “that the OSOA Board recognizes the benefits of having a stand alone complete rule book for use at Masters meets in Ontario.”

There had been confusion in Ontario previously as some meet packages referred to “MSO Rules”. Since MSO has not published a rule book for some years and since in all other jurisdictions the national body sets rules which are complied with across the country, OSOA asked MSO to refer to MSC Rules in all instances. MSO has agreed to do this. OSOA recognizes that recent changes to MSO sanctioning processes are excellent, simple and easy to understand. They congratulate MSO on this. Confidentially, they don’t feel the same way about the Swim Ontario sanctioning system.

For the second time, OSOA is contributing towards the expenses of an Ontario FINA Masters Official going to the FINA Masters World Championships in Perth, Australia, April, 2008. This is Helen Raittinen of Timmins, who has officiated at many Ontario Masters meets. OSOA supported three such officials who went to Stanford in 2006. For the first time MSC was allowed to have some say in the selection by FINA of the FINA Masters Officials and Alastair Curry and Jeff Kafka were appointed to FINA Masters list #8. Alastair has been involved in many Masters competitions in the Toronto area and Jeff has officiated many times at Bright’s Grove and St. Mary’s. He is now a FINA Masters Official in OWS.

Eunice Fowler and Helen are on FINA list #7. Both Eunice and Alastair are on the Board of OSOA. The national governing body for officials is the National Officials Committee (NOC) and Philip Clark of Winnipeg is retiring next month as its chair, so SNC must appoint a replacement. The NOC unanimously recommended that Eunice be the next chair. Horst Tietze, the Past President of OSOA, has been nominated for the Ken Filippelli Award, Canadian officials’ highest award for service. Dave Roza of Ottawa is now the OSOA President and continues the great leadership provided by Horst. I was honoured at the Ontario Swimming Hall of Fame banquet, being placed on the Golden Roll of Honour for over thirty years of service to officiating in Ontario. I enjoy the work, it is also always nice when someone says thanks!

Chris Smith, MSO rep to the OSOA Board

## **Treasurer's Report**

The 2006-2007 year has been disappointing. Revenues from swimmers and clubs have been down from expectations, and expenses have grown.

Despite all the efforts of Claus Koch to elucidate the fine print and to contain our insurance costs, we paid \$10,944 last year - \$880 more than in the previous year. We have continued the established practice of submitting money to Swim Ontario – over \$6300 last year. In 2006 we offered a token grant of \$1000 with thanks to the officials, but this year a policy has been put into place for part of the entry fee for swimming meets to be forwarded to the officials. The Board considered this a better option since the work of the Officials benefits only those of our members who compete, and should not, therefore, be an expense borne by general membership.

Audit accounting advice and review of the 2004-5 accounts has cost us \$4,452 this year. The auditors have already completed work on the 2005-2006 year, and the 2006-7 results were sent to the auditors in early September. Through the streamlining of our accounts it is hoped that audit fees will now be considerably reduced.

On a positive note, although interest rates have been very low, the transfer of money to a savings account has now increased our revenue. Also on a positive note, the Board has seen fit to look ahead in the purchase of awards and medals, and Olenka McKee has established control of our inventory. Considerable savings have been made through Sally O'Brien's instigation of the use of teleconferencing . It is proving advantageous to use the internet rather than snail mail now that the cost of mailing is so high.

We are currently poised on a balance beam. Our projected loss for the 2005-6 year is approximately \$4000. Despite a detailed budget review, we anticipate that losses in the current year will be higher. When measured against the costs of other sports (especially golf) the \$25 membership assessment is incredibly modest. I would urge fellow swimmers to recognize the value of our sport and to agree to a fee increase.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lesley Mason-Ward, Treasurer.

A question was raised as to why the delay in Audit and Lesley explained that on the advice of the auditors, we now have four committees which track expenses separately which caused a major change in accounting procedures.

Another question was why we were in a deficit position. The explanation is that for the first time in about 15 years, our membership declined instead of increasing.

**Motion:** that the MSO fees be increased to cover increased operating cost. This increase will be \$10 total and will be implemented in two phases over the next two years, \$5.00 per year.

Moved by: Cindy Bertelink, Seconded by: Marion Wyatt

**Amended Motion:** That MSO fees be increased to cover operating costs. This increase will be \$5 to be implemented September 1, 2008 and fees reviewed again at the 2008 AGM.

Moved by: Ralph Chown, Seconded by: Jane Dowd

Carried

MSO has received no official word of an MSC increase to take effect in September 2008.

## **5. Annual reports**

**Motion:** To accept the reports as distributed.

Moved by: Sally O'Brien, Seconded by: Jacqueline Odum

Carried

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello everyone.

Here I am again reporting on what your Masters' Swimming Ontario (MSO) Board has done for you over the past 12 months. Continuing our tradition of alternating the AGM between Toronto and other parts of the province, we're back in Toronto for the 2007 AGM. We have decided to attach the AGM this year to a morning swim meet at the Etobicoke Olympium- "A Third Not So Serious Swim Meet". The AGM will be held right after the free lunch.

Your directors and workgroup leaders have been working hard this year with the Coach and Swimmer surveys that were conducted in early 2007. Competition both in the pool and in Open Water has increased and with that the new sanctioning format has been introduced online.

Last year we gave a one time grant to the officials who volunteered at the World Masters' Swimming Competition in California. We now feel the need to support our own Provincial Officials without whom Masters' swim meets would not be possible. A competitive swimmer surcharge will be added to meet registration all, of which will remain in the region for Officials' training.

With the growing numbers of competitions, which means more new swimmers, we again would like to advise Clubs and Meet Managers of the importance of MSO safety rules and enforcement of these rules during warm-ups.

We have also launched an online newsletter this year in the hopes of better communication between the Board and all the clubs and swimmers.

The MSO mission statement "**To contribute to the overall health and fitness of adults in the Province of Ontario through participation in a Masters' Swimming program**" shows that we are not all for competition alone. Our motto, "**Fun, Fitness and Friendship**" shows that MSO is a social and competitive organization for those who love to swim for fitness.

MSO's work is only possible with the help of its members. We have a great group of people on the board, but a number of vacancies need to be filled once again, and **we need your help (FRESH FACES AND IDEAS)** to further grow the organization and move our projects forward.

Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance.  
See you in the pool!

Sally O'Brien  
President MSO

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **4. COP**

MSO VP attended a face to face meeting of the Council of Provinces (COP) (10 Representatives) held in Montreal, December 8, 9 and 10, 2006. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss how this body, which advises MSC on matters the Provinces wish to see implemented can be as effective as was originally intended. Copies of the minutes and action items were circulated to the MSO Board by e-mail January 17, 2007.

## **Recommendations of COP**

1. a) Accept the work of the Officials/Rules Committee.  
  
b) PMO's are to advise member clubs that a new rule book is being produced.  
  
c) PMO's are to encourage Masters Swimmers to become Masters Officials.
2. a) Encourage all PMO's to use Swim Direct to register their swimmers.  
  
b) MSC is to be encouraged to interface Swim Direct and mymsc.ca.
3. a) COP representatives should promote the MSC election process as set by the MSC Elections Committee by ensuring member clubs are aware of the process through their Provincial notifications.
4. COP members are encouraged to get involved in committees (i.e. Health and Fitness, Open Water, Marketing, Rules and Officials, Competition, Coaching, Elections).
5. MSC be encouraged to review the MYMSC web site with respect to language access, budgets, etc.
6. Create a formal structure for the COP.
7. Encourage MSC to value Canadian issues as the priority but continue to gather information from international sources to improve the Canadian organization.
8. COP Representatives to investigate how each PMO runs a National Swimming Championship, what events would they provide how the event is insured.
9. All PMO's are to be encouraged to submit a calendar of event to Lindsay Paterson for incorporation into a National Calendar on the MYMSC website.
10. The MYMSC web site master is to be encouraged to incorporate articles on "How to start a Masters club", "How to run a Meet" etc. so that all PMO's can share information.
11. Recommend that MSC Board accept the work and recommendations of all the working committees.

## **5. Swim Direct Registration**

- The project to source a new registration program for MSO is still ongoing. Efforts to obtain a proposal from for the Swim Direct program during 2007 complete with costs where unsuccessful. The MSO Board will review alternative programs in the future. In the meantime it is business as usual. At this time we will run with the current registration program until a change makes sense.

## **6. 2006 AGM and Training Camp**

- The TechnoSport Swim and Triathlon Club prior to the 2006 AGM in Ottawa ran a successful Training Camp attended by 27 participants.

## **7. Insurance**

- During 2006 – 2007 Claus Koch has continued to advise the Board on insurance matters. Often an insurance question comes to a Board member from a club and it is Claus to whom we turn for advice and even ask to respond directly to the club. I have seen several e-mails of thanks through the year for these clarifications. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Claus for his valued input on this important subject.

Mike Heath-Eves

## **COMPETITION REPORT**

### **OPEN WATER SWIMMING-Olenka McKee**

Each year our swimming season begins and ends with open water swims. The 2 Provincial championship events Bright's Grove (TYMS) and St Mary's (LSD) were part of the MSC Open Water Swim Championship series 1, a program initiated to promote OWS throughout Canada Technosport hosted the 3k and 4k and added the 2k this year. 1000 Island in Brockville revived their river swim. This year our swimmers were offered 6 OWS events ranging in distance from 750m to 5k, over 200 swims were recorded

Results for the Open water swims are carried on the MSO web site.

## **POOL SEASON**

Another successful year even though the number of meets dropped from 26 to 17

2006/2007 had an increased number of meets in preparation for Worlds

Safety Procedures during Warm up

Meet managers and referees were asked to ensure supervision of the warm up. This will be an on going project for 2007 / 2008.

2008 Ontario Swimming Championship will be hosted March 28 – 30 at the Etobicoke Olympium hosted jointly by Etobicoke Olympium Masters Aquatic club and Aurora Ducks.

2008 Canadian Championship will be May 16 – 19 in Quebec City.

## **FEE FOR OFFICIALS**

After careful consideration the MSO board approved a motion to collect \$2 per swimmer for all non-championship sanctioned events and \$ 5 per swimmer for championship events to aid in future training of the officials Effective September 2007

## **SACNTION PROCESS**

Thanks to the work of Craig Zimmerman, MSO webmaster, the process for obtaining a meet sanction has been simplified. The forms, found on the MSO website can now be filled out online and submitted directly to the meet coordinator.

## **STATISTICIAN'S REPORT**

This past season the meet managers have submitted all the meet results (SCM and LCM) to Lindsay Patten to be added to the MSC data base. Lesley Mason-Ward (MSO statistician) and Lindsay have been working together so this information automatically updates the files for Ontario and Canadian Records, flags new records for verification updates the top twenty

SCY results and records (Alderwood / USA meets) and the OWS results will be on the MSO web site

## **RECORDS** (submitted by Pat Niblett)

There were 22 swim meets processed (2007) including all Ontario meets plus Nationals in Winnipeg ,Quebec Provincials, B.C. Provincials, YMCA (USA), Dollard in Quebec, and New England

### Ontario Records

Short Course Yards 9 Women 23 Men.

Short Course Meters 33 Women 37 Men

Long Course Meters 21 Women 25 Men

### Canadian Records

Short Course Meters 25 Women 30 Men

Long Course Meters 12 Women 15 Men

Total Individual records 73

World Records 4 -Judie Oliver 2, Lynn Marshall 1, Wes Musial 1

### Relays

Ontario Records

Short Course Meters 10

Long Course Meters 16

### Canadian Records

Short Course Meters 5

Long Course Meters 6

### **Note**

There were probably more records done in this time frame as some records were broken more than once, usually by the same swimmer.

These statistics do no include the World Championships in Stanford where many records were broken including the 280+ Women's 200 Medley Relay

The high record breaking effort has been by Judie Oliver who managed to break a total of 19 records since December 2006 when she changed age groups.

## **HEALTH/LIFESTYLE REPORT**

No Report Submitted

## **COMMUNICATION REPORT**

This year we have had the continuing challenge of keeping our Club email contact list updated.

We have had several suggestions to make it easier, which hopefully we can address in the 2007-2008 swimming season.

A News Letter began this season and is posted on the MSO website quarterly to keep club apprised of upcoming issues. Each committee has contributed reports for the newsletters.

We strongly suggest that clubs regularly check the website. After a trial of emailing the News Letter, the board decided that posting it was a more sure way of ensuring all clubs and club members had access to it.

Our strongest link for communications is the web site as it a stable section and as clubs change contact personnel yearly this can be a much better used platform for communications.

Marion Wyatt

## **LEADERSHIP REPORT**

No Report Submitted

Masters Swimming Ontario  
REGISTRAR REPORT

As of August 31, 2007  
Unaudited

Clubs	85
Mail memberships	6
Total swimmers	3073
Club swimmers	3029
Unattached Swimmers	44

8 OSG Members, Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Geoff Camp,  
Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Chris Smith  
Pat Niblett, Bryan Finlay

**New clubs- Elliot Lake,  
U of T- Mississauga,  
St. Laurent Ageless Power Swimmers,  
Ottawa Center Masters**

**Old return clubs- Norfolk Hammerheads**

**Renamed club- Fitness Institute now Toronto Athletic Club**

## **6. Notices of Motion**

None have been received

## **7. New Business**

None

## **8. Termination of outgoing Directors**

Jim Talbot, Sally O'Brien, Hillary Richardson, Michael Heath-Eves, are all completing their 2 year term and Sean Warburton came onto the Board mid-term.

## **9. Election of Directors**

Six nominations have been received to fill five vacancies:

Sally O'Brien – Soo

Sean Warburton – Granite

Michael Heath-Eves – TechnoSport

Craig Denstedt – Muskoka

Nathan Degiorgio – London Silver Dolphins

Johnny Hewardine - London Silver Dolphins

**Motion:** To close the nominations

Moved by: Grant Jeffrey, Seconded by: Brian Croker  
Carried

Each club present voted according to the number of votes allowed.

Results – Sally, Sean, Michael, Nathan and Johnny were elected

**Motion:** To destroy the ballots

Moved by: Grant Jeffrey, Seconded by: Brian Croker  
Carried

## **10. Appointment of Auditors**

**Motion:** To keep the same auditors.

Moved by: Brian Croker, Seconded by: Tristan Squire-Smith  
Carried

## **11. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Moved by: Chris Smith



MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

## Ballot for the Election of Directors

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Write the name of your preferred Nominees on separate lines.

No ranking shall be inferred.

Each Ballot equals one vote for each Nominee.

The number of names written may be equal to or less than the number of positions available.

A name may be written only once on each Ballot

Any Ballot that contains more names than the number of positions available or on which a name appears more than once shall be identified as "spoiled" and shall not be counted.

**NOMINATION / CONSENT TO SERVE FORM**

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)  
NOMINEE'S CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

**BRIEF MONOGRAPH:**

(Description of nominee's interest in / experience in / contribution to the Masters Swimming Programme, and any other pertinent comments)

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I, ....., certify that I am currently a registered Master in good standing, and consent to stand for election, and to serve, if elected, on the Board of Directors of Masters Swimming Ontario.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)