

# **Masters Swimming Ontario**

## **Annual General Meeting 2002**

Sunday December 15, 2002

Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario

Immediately following the North York Gators Pentathlon, approximately 1:00 pm

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Masters Swimming Ontario shall be held at the Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, North York, immediately following the conclusion of the North York Gators Pentathlon on Sunday, December 15, 2002.

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, 2002;
2. To elect Directors;
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 Committees and External Representatives, a blank Notice of Motion form and a blank Nomination / Consent to Serve form accompany this notice. In addition, the list of currently serving Directors, new nominations and an explanation of the voting procedure are attached. The Association's financial statements are currently being audited and will be presented at the AGM.

All members, including Unattached Members, are encourage to attend.

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

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, October 15, 2002

By Order of the Board of Directors

Mary Brinklow  
Chair, Constitution Committee

## Board of Directors 2002 - 2003

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors ([www.sentex.net/mso/contacts01.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/contacts01.htm) and [www.sentex.net/mso/admin01.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/admin01.htm)) consisting of nine (9) Directors, each to serve for a term of 2 years. Five (5) Directors in numerically odd years and four (4) Directors in even years shall be elected by the duly authorized Delegates at the AGM.

To complete their two year terms, there are five returning Directors, as follows :

Mary Brinklow  
Darlene Brown  
Claus Koch  
Shona Maclachlan  
Sue Weir

The three Directors whose terms have expired are as follows :

Ralph Chown  
Charlie Lane  
Lesley Mason-Ward

There is one vacancy.

There are four positions open for the year 2002 - 2003.

Nominations have been received from the following Members :

... none

Further 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, Ontario, M4Y 2E3 by Monday, December 09, 2002.

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 as Delegates at the AGM. One Delegate may represent all the votes of that 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

## Agenda

01. Welcome, Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulation
02. Acceptance of Agenda
03. Acceptance of the 2001 Annual General Meeting Minutes
04. Business Arising from the 2001 AGM Minutes
05. Annual Reports from Committees and External Representatives
06. Notices of Motion
07. New Business
08. Termination of Outgoing Directors
09. Election of Directors
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Adjournment

# President's Report

This year began with the distribution of the latest edition of the MSO Handbook that had been compiled the previous season. Our own independently purchased liability insurance was in effect now better addressing our needs. The previous liability insurance, subscribed to through Swimming Ontario, had serious restrictions that in many cases made coverage invalid. Items of note follow:

## MSO/SO Negotiations

At the end of 2001 Swim Ontario imposed a new fee on MSO of \$1.00 per registered swimmer. At the beginning of 2002, SO revised the fee to \$2.00 per swimmer. In February the MSO board met and entertained a delegation from SO. The explanation for the fee was given as an amount deemed reasonable by SO to afford MSO the right to sanction swim meets and to cover administrative costs associated with MSO.

The "Right of Sanction" is necessary for recognition of World Records as our link to FINA, the world organization, is through SO and SNC. Unfortunately we cannot subscribe directly to FINA nor is there currently a conduit to FINA through MSC. Recognition of Ontario Records or Canadian Records is not affected.

At first glance a \$2 per swimmer fee seems like a small amount but in fact represents 20% of the MSO operating budget. In a different context consider that if the fee is really only for the "Right of Sanction" then based on the 2002 membership of 2825 swimmers and 24 regular meets the cost share per meet is \$235.00. MSO questioned the fee as MSO is completely autonomous. MSO runs its own administration, registration, finance, insurance, record keeping and publishes its own Handbook. In spite of a payment deadline set by SO and the threat to nullify past sanctions, MSO declined to pay the fee and requested a meeting with SO to discuss the impasse. In May a committee was formed to lead discussions with SO. The committee repeated the request for a meeting but SO would not respond. The unwillingness of SO to meet with the MSO committee has been disturbing.

The board expects that this issue will be a live topic at the AGM and we encourage the participation of all members in the discussion.

## Membership

MSO continues to grow. Approximately 8 new clubs and 900 new members joined. At the same time we lost clubs and members. Comparing the numbers for 2001 and 2002 the net results were:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Number of Clubs	90	93
Club Swimmers	2738	2825
Unattached Swimmers	27	38
Total Registered Swimmers	2775	2863

For many reasons an attrition of swimmers is to be expected but the loss of a club needs followup to investigate if there is action that MSO might take or could have taken to maintain those clubs.

## Communications

To try to improve information available to the clubs of board activity Heather Davies was engaged in July to act as Meeting Secretary. Since that July the time taken to post minutes to the website has shortened. Discussion are continuing on how to post minutes still faster while at the same time allowing sufficient time for review and corrections.

## **Website**

The MSO Website continues to be the MSO flagship and best conduit for access to new and past swimming information. Barrie Malloch, the webmaster has updated the site regularly. To help in this task new software was purchased which Barrie has installed and put into play. As the site address is not intuitive we suggest that you post the address on your club bulletin board ([www.sentex.net/mso](http://www.sentex.net/mso)).

## **Provincials and OSOA**

For the second year the Ontario Swimming Officials Association ran the Ontario Masters Provincial Championships held at Etobicoke. MSO is pleased that OSOA is willing to take the time to host this meet otherwise a number of masters would be on deck rather than in the pool. In return OSOA is able to retain revenue earned at the meet which accounts for a large portion of their overall annual funding. Those monies are used to run future Officials Training Clinics. We trust this synergy shall continue.

## **World Championships**

A strong contingent of MSO members flew to Christchurch on the south island of New Zealand for this years world championships. Their results are impressive. Check out the meet results on the website. Our congratulations to all the MSO swimmers who participated.

## **The Future and Thanks**

At the AGM a new president shall be installed. The next term will be challenging. The MSO/SO debate may still be on going. Toronto pool closures will affect the membership. There is a need for an MSO organized swim clinic for Southern Ontario. Contact with clubs by the regional representative needs priming. Restructuring is a consideration and so the list continues.

Working with the current Board and Support Staff has been a pleasure. The board members have been a team all willingly contributing their time and ideas in the most constructive manor. My thanks also to the members at large who have taken the time to offer suggestions to or be critical of the board as ultimately it is the responsibility of the board to represent its membership.

Ralph Chown

## Balance Sheet as at August 31, 2002

### Assets

#### Current Assets

Bank	\$ 8,077.07	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 40.00	
GIC	\$ 26,112.50	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$ 34,229.57</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Medals & Ribbons	\$ 1,317.59	
Computer	\$ 3,640.72	
Pins	\$ 641.00	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>\$ 5,599.31</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 39,828.88</b>
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### Liabilities & Equity

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 20,674.10	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 20,674.10</b>

#### Equity

Retained Earnings	\$ 23,820.10	
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ (4,665.32)	
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$ 19,154.78</b>

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		<b>\$ 39,828.88</b>
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## Income Statement for the year ended August 31, 2002

### Revenue

Club Registrations	\$ 4,185.00	
Club Swimmers	\$56,500.00	
Mailing Members	\$ 195.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00	
Unattached	\$ 1,330.00	
Interest	\$ 1,112.50	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$63,472.50</b>

### Expenses

#### Internal Expenses

##### Administration

Donations	\$ 31.00	
Luncheon	\$ 202.20	
<b>Meetings</b>		
Rooms	\$ 100.00	
Travel	\$ 3,858.76	
<b>Total Meetings</b>		<b>\$ 3,958.76</b>
Miscellaneous	\$ 105.82	
Registrar Telephone	\$ 407.21	
<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$ 4,704.99</b>

Committees			
Communications			
Print Handbook	\$ 7,034.99		
Stipend Secretary	\$ 1,350.00		
Total Communications		\$ 8,384.99	
Competition			
Software	\$ 379.50		
Supplies	\$ 19.36		
Telephone	\$ 52.32		
Total Competition		\$ 451.18	
Constitution			
Print AGM Package	\$ 331.88		
Total Constitution		\$ 331.88	
Executive			
Print Editorial	\$ 859.85		
Total Executive		\$ 859.85	
Finance			
Bank Charges	\$ 62.99		
Insurance	\$ 5,342.66		
Computer Depreciation	\$ 344.54		
Total Finance		\$ 5,750.19	
Membership			
Copying	\$ 267.25		
Distribute Handbook	\$ 2,718.20		
Postage	\$ 855.87		
Copy Participation Awrd	\$ 1,719.70		
Software	\$ 379.50		
Stipend Registrar	\$ 5,000.00		
Supplies Membership	\$ 528.79		
SWIMS Award	\$ 506.00		
Telephone	\$ 6.96		
Total Membership		\$11,982.27	
Web Site			
Internet Line Webmaster	\$ 154.85		
ISP Website Hosting	\$ 265.41		
Software	\$ 169.39		
Stipend Webmeister	\$ 500.00		
Supplies	\$ 43.68		
Total Web Site		\$ 1,133.33	
Total Committees		\$28,893.69	
Total Internal Expenses			\$33,598.68
External Expenses			
Masters Swimming Canada			
Membership Fees	\$28,680.00		
Telephone	\$ 13.24		
Total MSC		\$28,693.24	
Swim Ontario			
Right to Sanction Fee	\$ 5,736.00		
Supplies & Telephone	\$ 109.90		
Total Swim Ontario		\$ 5,845.90	
Total External Expenses			\$34,539.14
Total Expenses			\$68,137.82
Net Profit (Loss)			\$ (4,665.32)

## Budget Income Statement for the year ending August 31, 2003

### Revenue

Club Registrations	90 clubs	\$ 4,050.00	
Club Swimmers	2700 swimmers	\$54,000.00	
Mailing Members	10 swimmers	\$ 180.00	
Miscellaneous		\$ 0.00	
Unattached	35 swimmers	\$ 1,225.00	
Interest		\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 60,455.00</b>	<b>\$60,455.00</b>

### Expenses

#### Internal Expenses

##### Administration

Luncheon		\$ 300.00	
Meetings			
Invited Guests	\$ 150.00		
Rooms	\$ 100.00		
Travel	\$ 4,000.00		
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>		
Registrar Telephone	\$ 420.00		
<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$ 4,970.00</b>	

##### Committees

##### Communications

	Distribute AGM Package	\$ 400.00	
(1/3 accrual)	Print Handbook	\$ 2,700.00	
	Print AGM Minutes	\$ 200.00	
	Print Board Minutes	\$ 200.00	
	Stipend Secretary	\$ 1,500.00	
	Supplies	\$ 100.00	
	<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>\$ 5,100.00</b>	

##### Competition

	Internet Line	\$ 120.00	
	Software	\$ 60.00	
	Stipend Statistician	\$ 2,000.00	
	Supplies	\$ 100.00	
	Telephone	\$ 25.00	
	<b>Total Competition</b>	<b>\$ 2,305.00</b>	

##### Constitution

	Print AGM Package	\$ 200.00	
	Stipend AGM Co-Ord	\$ 300.00	
	<b>Total Constitution</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	

##### Education

	Participation Programme	\$ 500.00	
	<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	

##### Executive

	Distribute Handbooks	\$ 2,700.00	
(1/3 accrual)	Print Editorial	\$ 150.00	
	<b>Total Executive</b>	<b>\$ 2,850.00</b>	

Finance			
Bank Charges	\$	300.00	
Insurance	\$	5,470.00	
Software	\$	300.00	
Supplies	\$	100.00	
Total Finance			\$ 6,170.00
Membership			
Distribute Editorial	\$	1,000.00	
Distribute Handbook yearly	\$	1,000.00	
Software	\$	60.00	
Stipend Registrar	\$	6,000.00	
SWIMS Award	\$	500.00	
Total Membership			\$ 8,560.00
Rules			
Invited Guests	\$	500.00	
Total Rules			\$ 500.00
Web Site			
Internet Line Webmaster	\$	482.00	
ISP Website Hosting	\$	266.00	
Software	\$	450.00	
Stipend Webmaster	\$	1,500.00	
Supplies	\$	30.00	
Telephone	\$	5.00	
Total Web Site			\$ 2,733.00
Total Committees			\$29,218.00
Total Internal Expenses			\$34,188.00
External Expenses			
Masters Swimming Canada			
Membership Fees		\$27,350.00	
Supplies	\$	100.00	
Telephone	\$	50.00	
Travel	\$	500.00	
Total MSC			\$28,000.00
Swim Ontario			
Supplies	\$	200.00	
Right to Sanction	\$	5,470.00	
Total Swim Ontario			\$ 5,670.00
Total External Expenses			\$33,670.00
Total Expenses			\$67,858.00
Net Profit (Loss)			\$ (7,403.00)
Add back 1/3 accrual re: handbook as it is only printed every three years			\$ 5,400.00
Net Profit (Loss)			\$ (2,003.00)

## Website Committee

2002 has been a year of many changes for the web site ([www.sentex.net/mso](http://www.sentex.net/mso)) and the web administrator.

In the spring a new computer was purchased by the web administrator, new software and high speed internet were purchased by MSO and installed.

By the December 2002 AGM it is expected that the new web editing software will be in use, enabling more efficient web site maintenance.

The web administrator would like to acknowledge the help of the following people without whom I could not have done much of what was accomplished this year.

1 - Michael Stroud (EYH) for general help and a huge contribution of new material adding past meet results and swimmer statistics to our database.

2 - Kelvin Landolt (DSC) for training and advice in the use of Dreamweaver web editing software.

3 - Don Clinton (NEP) for his ongoing help on meet results, records and top ten for our statistician who then sends these reports to the web administrator for the web site.

Respectfully submitted by :  
Barrie Malloch, MSO Web Administrator  
September 18, 2002

## Membership Committee

This year the membership committee has been putting the finishing touches on the MSO Swims Award Program. This award recognizes MSO members who have made a significant positive contribution to the sport of swimming.

There were two new SWIMS award recipients this year, Geoff Camp and Brian Croker. Check out Geoff and Brian's amazing commitment to the sport of swimming in their biographies, which can be found on the MSO web site ([www.sentex.net/mso/swims.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/swims.htm)). Here you will also find further information on the award itself.

Please remember that your regional representatives eagerly await any questions, comments or suggestions you may have regarding MSO. Contact information for the regional reps is posted on the MSO web site ([www.sentex.net/mso/contacts05.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/contacts05.htm) and [www.sentex.net/mso/admin08.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/admin08.htm)).

Here's to another good year!

Sue Weir  
Chair, Membership Committee

## Membership Committee - Registrar

Registered Clubs	93
Registered Club Swimmers	2825
OSG Members (Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Kay Easun, Pat Niblett, Michael Stroud)	5
Unattached Swimmers	38
Total Number of Registered Swimmers	2868
Mail Memberships (included above)	13
New Clubs this year:	
Stittsville	
Chatham	
Dorado Stars	
John Innes Devilfish	
Tillsonburg	
The Ontario Masters Swimmers	
Lost Clubs:	
Vaughan	
Woodstock	
Miscellaneous:	
Durham Y, Metro Central Y and Master Blasters merged to become TYMS	
Brian Croker	

## Education Committee

MSO was pleased to announce the Ontario Participation Awards this year. The purpose of these awards is to recognize swimmers for their participation at swim events throughout the calendar year.

The *Event Participation Award* recognizes participation in a broad selection of events. Participants can receive a Gold, Silver, Bronze or Honourable Mention certificate according to the number of events swum.

The *Meet Participation Award* recognizes participation at swim meets regardless of events swum. Participants will receive a certificate indicating the number of meets attended and the total number of swims.

All MSO members may apply for both awards. Application forms were mailed out during the year and are also available on the website ([www.sentex.net/mso/participation.award.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/participation.award.htm)). All entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2003 and mailed to the MSO Event Co-ordinator, Ann Gunther, 79 Nottingham Drive, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4S 2A1.

Please get your entries in so we can recognize your Participation!

Shona MacLachlan

## Constitution / AGM Committee

As the new title implies, the Constitution Committee has been expanded to include the co-ordination of the AGM. This consists of compiling the information package ([www.sentex.net/mso/agm2002.pdf](http://www.sentex.net/mso/agm2002.pdf)) which each registered club and unattached swimmer receives prior to the AGM.

The registrar performed the work, in the past. The MSO Board has realized that all this compiling and printing of the AGM package occurred at his busiest time of year, the fall, when all clubs are registering. It is hoped that the relocation of this work will better distribute the workload.

A sincere thanks to the various committee chair persons for their prompt reports and especially to Michael Stroud for his diligent, methodical work in the compilation and distribution of the package.

Mary Brinklow

## Competition Committee - Statistician

Swimmers who surf the web will already be aware that this has been another banner year for Master Swimming Ontario.

The highlight, of course, was the performance of our Canadian swimmers at the World Championships held in New Zealand; but, despite increasing difficulties in finding pool time and greater financial constraints, those of us who wish to compete have found the means to do so.

Results ([www.sentex.net/mso/res.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/res.htm)) from 18 meets held in Canada have already appeared on the web. Six more meets are planned to be held before the end of the calendar year. More information from our swimmers competing abroad has been forthcoming, and ten sets of results have also appeared on the web. From this activity will come the selection of the Top Ten ([www.sentex.net/mso/tt.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/tt.htm)) for 2002.

Most of the results from meets are now arriving in electronic form – a great boon to the statistician! Meet managers are now more diligent about checking for registration and ensuring that swimmers are competing in the correct age group, which is very helpful as we are having more competitors each year.

Although we only keep statistics for FINA-recognized distances it is a pleasure to receive notification of meets in which 25-metre swims with both orthodox and unusual constraints. These events encourage new competitors – as do the family-team and costumed swims. It is a great encouragement to find some meets held with age-group swimmers – they are our future champions.

Because each open-water swim has different criteria (varying winds, water-temperature, wave-resistance etc.) we do not have statistics kept for these events, but swimmers can check details on other web sites (via our website [www.sentex.net/mso/openwater.htm](http://www.sentex.net/mso/openwater.htm)), and MSO encourages everyone to try these challenges.

This will be the first calendar year in which results will be compared (we previously used a 'swimming season' year from September to August). We are anxious to bring to the attention of those who do not necessarily compete that a comparable measurement is also being made of personal progress. You may swim each stroke and each distance in a club environment and send results to us for gold, silver or bronze recognition – read all about participation results on our web site.

Respectfully submitted  
Lesley Mason-Ward  
2002-09-30

## Competition Committee - Meet Coordinator

Provincials

Once again the Ontario Swim Officials Association (**OSOA**) hosted our annual short course metres championship at the Etobicoke Olympium on April 5-7/02. Many thanks are extended to all the officials, committees and volunteers who helped make this year's meet another outstanding success. The statistics were.... 67 clubs attending including 13 from out-of-province, 577 entries, and a huge batch of new records...66 Ontario, 34 Canadian and at least 4 Worlds, as well as 23 Canadian and 26 Ontario relay records. A new and growing segment of our swimmers were from the Canadian Forces Masters clubs nationwide with at least 35 entries this year.

But the majority of us attending were not among the "record-smashers." The camaraderie with friends old and new...the fun of competing against others your own age... striving for at least one Personal Best during the weekend...these are the reasons most of us go to Provincials every year.

**The 2003 provincial scm championship will be hosted again by the OSOA officials on April 4-6 at the Nepean Sportsplex.** We look forward to another great meet with a large number of swimmers from eastern Ontario and Quebec. (Because the Nationals are to be held in Montreal May 16-19 there will be no Quebec provincial meet this year.)

### **Other Meets**

27 meets were sanctioned by Masters Swimming Ontario from Sept01 to June02.....including 24 normal pool meets that were actually held, 1 Open Water swim (the annual 5K Ont. Championship at St Mary's Quarry), and 2 cancelled meets. See the accompanying 2 pages of data and analysis from the meets.

Thanks to U of Toronto's TMU team we had **3 long course meets** again this year. In 2003 Nepean's and London's meets are 3 weeks apart for a change, so we should see a greater number of long course swims logged this coming season. Alberta and BC always lead the Canadian long course totals each year because they have far more of these meets. Maybe Ontario can pull up closer this year. All of us should plan right now to attend at least one long course meet this year.

### **Meet Business**

Most of our meet managers and officials do a great job of making sure all the rules are followed so there are seldom any problems at our meets. But I feel obliged to repeat a couple of points that could spell big trouble for swimmers, clubs and MSO if we don't tighten things up just a little.

- **Warm-up rules** are not being followed closely at several meets, especially the "no diving" rule, the clockwise/anti clockwise directions in alternate lanes, the close supervision by the chief official on deck, and the posting of the MSO safety rules around the deck during the meet. These slip-ups can leave us vulnerable to legal action and insurance problems if an incident occurs.
- **Meet managers must check with the registrar prior to any meet** to verify the paid-up status of every swimmer entering a meet. An MSO number submitted with a swimmer's entry is **NOT** a sufficient guarantee of his/her current status.

See you at the meets!  
Charlie Lane  
22 Sept 02.



Stats analysis from 24 non-championship meets reporting.....

Swimmers per meet (an average of 66 Masters attended each meet)

0-24 swimmers 7 meets, incl 5 of TECH's 9 small meets

25-49	4
50-74	2
75-99	5
100-124	3
125-149	0
150-174	2 (LSD, NEP-both lcn meets)
175+	1 (NYG pentathlon)

Sex Distribution of entries

Women 695 in 24 meets (42%)- 66 more than in 30 meets last year (10% increase).  
Men 949 in 24 meets (58%)- 158 more than in 30 meets last year (20%increase).  
1644 entries (16% increase over last year).

Number of clubs attending non-championship meets

1-9 clubs attended	10 meets
10-19	6
20-29	7
30+	1 (NYG pentathlon)

Most swims per swimmer

NYG-Dec	5.0 est
TECH-Oct	4.7
LSD-Feb	4.7
BURL-Nov	4.5
MILT-Mar	4.4
BRNT-Oct	4.4

## **Masters Swimming Canada Representative**

It was a mostly uneventful year at the National Level of Masters Swimming. However, one of the highlights was the successful Canadian Nationals in Saskatoon, Sask. The long course meet was held over a long weekend — May 17-20, 2002 — and was attended by 400 swimmers including 78 swimmers from Ontario. Several Ontario Clubs set Canadian Relay Records.

At the Annual General Meeting of Masters Swimming Canada one pressing issue was how delete the budget deficit. It was decided to reduce the number of *Waves* issues this year by one to 2 issues and to eliminate the annual fall meeting of the Board. This will help keep costs down and prevent a fee increase.

At the regular MSC Board meeting the day before the AGM, I was appointed Treasurer of MSC for a one year term.

Respectfully submitted by  
Darlene Brown  
MSC Rep

## **Ontario Swim Officials Association Representative**

This year, once again, we had an opportunity to be a major provider of funding for the Ontario Swimming Officials Association by allowing them to host our most successful provincial Championship at the Etobicoke Olympium, April 5 - 7. They require funding to run their training programs, to organize the officiating of swim meets and to hold their administrative meetings. This funding previously came from grants from government, through Swim Ontario. These grants have been reduced or eliminated, OSOA was forced to cut back on several training programs for officials two years ago which has contributed to a shortage of swimming officials in Ontario.

Happily, with the surpluses achieved at last years and this years provincial Championships, OSOA is now reinstating those training programs, which they believe will be of great benefit to all swimmers in Ontario. They will once more be running the 2003 Provincials, April 4 - 6, this time at the Nepean Sportsplex, we are sure it will be just as successful for us and we hope as beneficial for them. We hope to see you there.

Members of OSOA are concerned about threats from Swim Ontario to cut off the sanctioning power of MSO, even to making it retroactive. This could have devastating financial implications for OSOA.

The FINA rule clarifications this year relate to the start and the back stroke turn. When on the blocks but prior to the gun going, a certain amount of movement is allowed, like twitching, as long as you don't throw off another swimmer. You can not have started your forward movement down the pool when the gun goes. The backstroke turn has been clarified in that once you turn on your chest, there must be continuous turning movement, that is, some part of the body must be involved in carrying out the turn. You cannot put your two arms out in front and kick into the wall. You can put one arm out in front and do a long, long slow pull that doesn't end before your head starts ducking into the turn. We all do that anyway!

Once again we would all like to thank the many Ontario officials who give up their Saturdays and Sundays, sometimes weekends, to come out, so that we can swim. Always thank every official at the end of a meet, in particular if they disqualify you. That's an educational bonus!

Chris Smith

MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO  
**Annual General Meeting**  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2001  
DOUGLAS SNOW POOL

Present:

Ralph Chown- Arnprior	1	
Mary Brinklow- Courtice	1	
Darlene Brown- East York	1	
Ann Gunther- Master Blasters	2	
Chris Smith- Master Blasters		
Shona MacLachlan- Markham	2	
Dana Pelham- Brantford		2
Judie Oliver- NorthYork	2	
Brian Croker- Downtown Swim Club	4	
Barrie Malloch- Etobicoke	4	
Charlie Lane- Etobicoke		
Geoff Camp- Etobicoke		
Doug Vanderby- North Toronto	4	

Noted beside the club is the number of votes allowed under the constitution of MSO.

The meeting was brought to order by Ralph Chown, Chair at 1:40 PM.  
Introductions of the Board were made.

Role call was made and a quorum was determined with 10 clubs and 23 votes in attendance for the AGM.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Barrie Malloch.**  
To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: moved by Dana Pelham and seconded by Shona MacLachlan.**  
To approve the Annual General Minutes of 2000 as previous distributed.  
**CARRIED**

Business arising from the Minutes: ... (none)

**MOTION: moved by Geoff Camp and seconded by Doug Vanderby.**  
To dispense with the reading of the Committee Reports.  
**CARRIED**

Presidents Report: Ralph highlighted some important items the Board has and is still working on.

- insurance concerns will be discussed later
- the new handbook is still ongoing
- website updates continuous
- meet managers software available from Don Clinton of Nepean
- finance- Darlene will be stepping down as Treasurer as she is now the MSC Rep
- new computers purchased for Statistician and Registrar
- Constitutional changes for MSO property
- New marketing initiative- Ann Gunther

Insurance: Claus reported we had been concerned about our insurance policy since it seemed not to cover many pertinent situations that are specific to Masters. The new policy in effect December 1, 2001 covers all of these and more. The new policy covers:

- Open Water swims
- Trial Members
- Travel of MSO members
- On deck volunteers
- The Executive of MSO Clubs

Swim Ontario had been notified from the start that we were looking into our insurance policy and would possibly go with another carrier. They also have gone with a new carrier.

Ralph, on behalf of the membership extended congratulations to Claus for his efforts on the insurance issue.

Finance: Darlene presented revised financial statements to the membership. There was some brief discussions regarding the statements and budget before a motion was set forth.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Dana Pelham.**

To adopt the budget and financial statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

Handbook: Ralph stated that the Handbook was taking longer than all had anticipated and that it should be ready for distribution in late January.

Masters Swimming Canada: Darlene presented that she is on the Finance Committee of MSC. She also stated that an exception to the new FINA rules has been brought forth for New Zealand World Master Championships for breaststroke kick in butterfly.

Website: Barrie reported that she is still have problems getting documents onto the website, but that with the housekeeping assistance of Michael Stroud and other assistance from Don Clinton things should be resolved quite easily. If anyone has pictures for the website please pass them onto Barrie.

Constitution: Mary reported that MSO has a draft proposal in the works regarding MSO property in light of the purchasing of the two new computers.

Meet Coordinator: Charlie reported that once again the Provincials would be run by the Officials Committee unless another club would come forth. He stated that he would like to see more Long Course meets available for the membership. Charlie also stated that a few meets were cancelled due to lack of entries.

Marketing: Ann commented that two participation award programs were in the works. They should be finalized shortly, each with a Gold, Silver and Bronze level.

Registrar Brian reported that the number of registered swimmer continues to grow, while the number of club remains about the same in the 90-92 range.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Shona MacLachlan.**

To accept the reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

Notices of Motion:

1. "That Geoff Camp and Brian Croker have their names put forth for consideration for the SWIMS Award for their long time hard work in MSO"

**Moved by Darlene Brown and seconded by Chris Smith.**

2. Mary Brinklow presented a motion to add the following into the Constitution of MSO:

"Individual members shall enjoy the same rights as those set forth in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms"

**Moved by Mary Brinklow and seconded by Brian Croker.**

3. "MSO present to the Masters Swimming Canada Board a motion to disallow the eligibility of Provincial Relay Teams in National Competitions."

**Moved by Charlie Lane and seconded by Dana Pelham.**

4. "Only times swum in a sanctioned meet or meet approved by a swimming body jurisdiction accepted by MSO shall be eligible for an Ontario Record or Top Ten Ranking."

**Moved by Charlie Lane and seconded by Doug Vanderby.**

**ALL CARRIED**

New Business

Claus advised the membership that Swim Ontario is looking to MSO for an "affiliation fee" for about \$3000.00. He will look into it and present his findings at a later meeting.

Nominations:

From the current Board there are three returning members:

Ralph Chown

Charlie Lane

Lesley Mason Ward

There is one vacancy.

There are five members whose term is over are:

Nicole MacDonald

Ann Gunther

Claus Koch

Darlene Brown

Mary Brinklow

We have nominations from six people:

Darlene Brown- East York

Claus Koch- Master Blasters

Mary Brinklow- Courtice

Shona MacLachlan- Markham

Sue Weir- Lambton Lasers

Laura Bent- Uxbridge

There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominations were closed and all six nominees were acclaimed to the Board.

**MOTION: moved by Darlene Brown and seconded by Judie Oliver.**

To appoint Whitney Addison as auditors of the financial affairs of MSO.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: moved by Judie Oliver and seconded by Doug Vanderby**

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting at 3:45 PM



