

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: Saturday, March 3, 2007
Teleconference Call

Present :

Sally O'Brien President
Olenka McKee Meet Coordinator
Jim Talbot Director
Hillary Richardson Director
Michael Heath-Eves Director

Committees, Representatives and Staff :

Brian Croker Registrar
Jacqueline Odlum Recording Sec

Regrets: Chris Smith, Steve Goodwin, Lesley Mason-Ward, Marion Wyatt, Craig Zimmerman

01. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. with Sally O'Brien presiding as chair.

02. Motion: To accept this teleconference call as a regular MSO meeting

Moved by Olenka McKee, seconded by Jim Talbot

Carried

03. Motion: To adopt the agenda.

Moved by Mike Heath-Eves, seconded by Cindy Bertelink

Carried

04. Motion: To approve the minutes of Board meeting of January 27, 2007

Moved by Mike Heath-Eves, seconded by Olenka McKee

Carried

Business Arising

1. Swim Direct – Michael had trouble reaching them. Swim Direct contract services to SNC who subcontract to Provincial organizations. Andrew Moss will call Michael by March 9 regarding him talking to SO – cost \$1 per swimmer. More details later.
2. Newsletter – corrections: Hillary is Leadership (not Health & Lifestyle) A letter explaining the surveys was supposed to go out prior to the newsletter. It was suggested that a letter on MSO letterhead explaining the surveys be distributed at the Provincials. Brian & Hillary to work on the letter and Olenka will copy and distribute. Emphasize that it should be done on-line and at the same time extend closing date to end of April
Newsletter to be approved by Board prior to distribution – minimum quarterly.

Is it possible to set up board members and/or clubs on the mso e-mail title@mso.com Sally to ask Craig to look into. How does it link to the person?

President's report

At this time I would like to reiterate what I had originally said when I took over the position as president. I insisted that I would only take this position with complete support from the members of the board and staff.

I also stipulated that I would make sure any information coming to me or others on the board is shared. NO DECISIONS OF ANY KIND would be made without full board knowledge and majority support.

With this in mind, I am attending an "Innovative Participation Project workshop" on March 6, 2007. If I feel that the presentation by David A. Clark may be beneficial to Masters swimming I'm hoping to approach the workshop leader to join us as part of the SO weekend or the AGM. Research into the SO conference has not been completed as yet (nothing about the Sept weekend is on the website) but penciling him in would perhaps be a step in the right direction. I will send a report to the board shortly after the workshop.

Vice President's report

COP

In January 2007 it was suggested that all Masters Clubs be registered on MYMSC. The COP has been asked to encourage all Provincial Clubs to register and provide a Club Contact. MSO should check its list of registered clubs with those registered on the MYMSC. See list of Registered and Unregistered Clubs at MYMSC.

Check with Registrar to see if done.

Swim Direct Registration

Attempts to contact Swim Direct since the last meeting were not successful. There were no returned

Note that Swim Direct is contracted to SNC, which oversees the use of the software to the Provincial swim organizations (PSO). Andrew Moss of SNC will meet with all PSO's next week by telecon to explain the new working relationship between Swim Direct and SNC and the PSO's.

Moss will call me by March 9, 2007 with information on whom to contact at Swim Ontario to commence talks concerning a transition. Moss stated that cost will be \$1.00 swimmer.

The point to note here is that MSO will be dealing with SO on the use of Swim Direct and any fees that are to be paid.

Financial Reporting

Thanks to Lesley Mason-Ward and Olenka McKee a new financial reporting system has been implemented to record MSO's revenues and expenditures. The most up to date report has been forwarded to Board Members.

Discussed at meeting:

Clubs should be encouraged to register on MYMSC – raise topic at AGM Brian could send list of contact persons to Lindsey.

Thanks to Lesley and Olenka for assisting in the preparation of the financial report, budget, actual revenues and expenditures Good picture of where we stand – behind on revenues, expenses about \$10k over revenues.

Clubs are withholding fees if swimmers are not competing – we must encourage them to register all swimmers

Reports from Workgroup Leaders

Treasurer – Lesley Mason Ward

Sally to send report to everyone

Competition – Olenka McKee

MEET ENTRY FEE

Entry fees will probably increase in 2007 especially when the \$ 2 fee for support of officials is added . Fees have not increased in a number of years

Information from Nepean – they did an in depth review of their meet before putting the package together for 2007 especially fees. They charged \$ 30 a few years ago then dropped it to \$25 and have experimented with price over the past years and found price had little impact on the number of swimmers attending. This year the fee was \$ 32 if paid by Jan 27 and \$37 after that. The number of entries was only 2 less than last year so price did not deter swimmers .In the Ottawa area the more important factor is the number of meets already being held (Techno is running 5 down from 9 and usually Rideau Speedo runs a meet) Another important factor is the number of age group meets held in Ottawa this directly affects pool and official availability

MASTERS RULE THAT DIFFER FROM SNC

A number of times I have been asked what are the differences so drafted a 1 pager and badgered Pat and Chris Smith into reviewing it.

Pat Niblett asks that the ‘sheet’ Guidelines for Officials on the Difference in SNC and MSO Rules be included with the sanction confirmation (see attached)

PROVINCIALS

As of the end of Feb 310 swimmers were registered for Provincials.

Hotels are full

Social is set and the after dinner entertainment will be the concert by Sarah Craig

Volunteers are coming forward and the committee is organizing food for officials and swimmers during the meet

Senior officials are all in place, spots for second level officials nearly complete and timers are in the process of being signed up. A couple of timing clinics are coming up Brian Gilchrist, referee, is satisfied.

GUIDELINES for OFFICIALS on the DIFFERENCE in SNC and MSO rules

THE START

Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley : Swimmers shall assume a ready position on the block or pool deck with at least one foot at the front of the starting block or pool deck; **or in the water holding onto the end of the pool with one hand.**

THE ONE FALSE START RULE

Any swimmer who commits a false start during the 2nd or subsequent attempt at a start shall be disqualified

BREASTSTROKE KICK IN BUTTERFLY

If breaststroke kick is used swimming Butterfly, the arms shall be recovered over the water at least once per breaststroke kick, except after the last such kick before a turn or finish

DOUBLE ARM IN BACKSTROKE

A swimmer must swim upon the back throughout the race, except when executing a turn.

TIMED FINALS NO PRELIMS

All events shall be conducted on a timed final basis.

SEEDING

Seeding shall be by time OR time and gender OR time, gender and age

NO QUALIFYING TIMES

YARD TIMES

MSO sanctions a yard meet and maintains results, rankings and records in yards.

NO DRUG TESTING

DUAL REGISTRATION

A swimmer may register with both a SNC affiliated club and a MSC affiliated club. The swimmer is treated as if they are 2 separate people and must pay both registration fees. Dual registration allows the swimmer to compete in Masters sanctioned meets as a Masters, their times are then eligible for Masters results – top ten , records

The swimmer can compete in Swim Ontario meets their results qualify for Swim Ontario, SNC :
If a dual registered swimmer competes at a meet only sanctioned by Swim Ontario their results will not be considered by MSO and vice versa

If a meet is sanctioned by both MSO and SO and the swimmer has dual registration the swimmer must declare before the start of the meet under which registration they will be competing

MASTERS SWIMMING RULES

These are the FINA Rules which came into effect on September 1, 2005. SNC technical swimming rules comply with FINA and consequently these came into effect for SNC also on September 1, 2005. MSC technical swimming rules comply with SNC technical swimming rules except where FINA or MSC publish an exception. No exception was published by either, so these rules came into effect for Canadian Masters on September 1, 2005.

SW 6 Backstroke

SW 6.1 *Prior to the starting signal, the swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands holding the starting grips. Standing in or on the gutter or bending the toes over the lip of the gutter is prohibited.*

Note: Toes may be above the waterline but cannot bend over the lip of the gutter Standing in or on the gutter is also prohibited. No mention of toes below the surface of the water

SW 7 Breaststroke

SW 7.4 *During each complete cycle, some part of the swimmers head shall break the surface of the water. After the start and after each turn, the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs. The head must break the surface of the water before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke. A single downward dolphin kick followed by a breaststroke kick is permitted while wholly submerged. Following which, all movements of the legs shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement.*

Interpretation:

A dolphin kick is not part of the cycle and is only permitted at the start and turn whilst the arms are pulling back to the legs or after the arm pull whilst wholly submerged followed by a breaststroke kick.

Richmond Hill wants to charge \$45 – we cannot control this however we suggest this is too much. \$25 has been standard fee but we recognize this will have to go up as pool rental is up. 310 registered so far at Provincials. Pat Niblett needs an up to date list for records - Brian to handle Requests for late registration - it is not fair to expect Brian to be at every meet Mike to investigate how Swim Direct handles this – to be discussed at April meeting.

We can suggest an order of events but Meet Manager has to have flexibility.

Leadership

No report

Health and Lifestyle

Jim Talbot has no report and does not expect anything this year.

Communication – Marion Wyatt

Contact List

The contact list continues to have returns due to wrong or changed addresses
This is an ongoing problem with clubs who change contacts or whose emails are difficult to decipher.

Newsletter

I released the Newsletter on Feb.16
Committees made their changes by Feb 9 deadlines. After the survey link was established, it was sent out. A little after the deadline of Feb 11 from Florida as I was on holidays

MSO has posted the Newsletter on the website.
The next Newsletter deadlines are as follows
My suggestion is to just email the link to the newsletter on the website each time This will resolve the problem of the format not being accessed by some contacts.

Draft to committees Out by March 10
Deadline for content changes and or corrections is March 15
Release by March 20
The goal is to have it out within 2-3 weeks of each meeting.

The Newsletter is an evolving document and will change over time. The main goal is communication.

Staff Reports

- (a) Registration, Brian Croker – No report at this time. Brian has some people who want to register “unattached” but they are too late for Provincials
- (b) Web Master, Craig Zimmerman – Craig and Olenka working on streamlining the meet package – this way clubs could get approval for their date first, then prepare the package later.

Reports from External Reps

- (a) Officials/MSC, Chris Smith – no report
- (b) Swim Ontario, Steve Goodwin – no report

New Business

Medals and Ribbons

Jacqueline has ribbons from Bryan Finlay and will bring to Provincials

Were the records brought up to date – Pat needs to review with Lesley on her return

Meet fees – already discussed

Other Business

SO Conference in September 21, 22 and 23, 2007 - Do we know local person who could speak on relevant topic. The seminar Sally had planned to attend was cancelled. Sally to see if the speaker could offer anything suitable.

Swim Camp in the Caribbean (Margarita Island) for next winter – get more info from Claus
Brian mentioned that Oannes Swim is doing a camp in Cuba which would be on their website.

Claus would like to speak to the board and other interested masters on the subject of Risk Management and insurance. This could be set up for September.

Next meeting

Aurora – April 28

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.
Moved by Sally.