

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday May 5, 2002
Lesley Mason-Ward's Place, Prescott, Ontario, 12 noon**

Please post the minutes for club members' information.

PRESENT

Board Members

Darlene Brown	Ralph Chown	Charlie Lane
Lesley Mason-Ward	Mary Brinklow	Claus Koch

Absent with Regrets

Brian Croker – MSO Registrar
Shona MacLachlan - Director
Sue Weir - Director

Guests

Barrie Malloch – MSO Webmaster
Geoff Camp – MSC President
Don Clinton – MSO Database Programmer

CALL TO ORDER

Ralph Chown, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Ralph welcomed guests Geoff Camp, Barrie Malloch and Don Clinton.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mary Brinklow/ Lesley Mason-Ward
To adopt the agenda as amended

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2002

Corrections: 1. Under Web Administrator: Windows: software authorized to purchase should read Windows XP, Office XP and Dreamweaver

2. Corrections of Meeting of Feb 3, 2002. a) Under Rules Committee SNC Handbook should read MSC Rulebook. B) Under Communications all previous minutes are not on Website.

MOTION: Lesley Mason-Ward/Charlie Lane
To adopt the minutes as amended

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS: SECRETARY – CLAUD KOCH

Discussion of splitting up the Registrar's job into its three components Registrar, Meeting Secretary and AGM coordinator. Meeting Secretary responsibilities to be taking minutes, typing minutes and sending them out to required parties. AGM secretary not communications but constitution. Board of Directors agreed with Chris Smith's proposal to send a copy of the 2002 Handbook to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Swim Officials Association(OSOA). Brian is to get the thirteen copies required to Chris Smith who will then distribute them with a covering letter to all the Board Members.

WEB SITE: WEBMASTER- BARRIE MALLOCH

1. Software that had been approved has been purchased and installed. Everything moving along well.
2. At present the MSO website is linked to the Swim Ontario website which in turn links to the OSOA site. If OSOA were to put up a list of officials on their website it would be easier for MSO meet organizers to contact officials.

COMPETITION: MEET COORDINATOR – CHARLIE LANE

1. London Silver Dolphins applied for sanction of the St. Mary's 5K Provincial Championships 2002. The Board approved the meet.
2. There are only two meets, which have applied for sanction for next year's meet schedule. 1. Nepean on February 8th, 2003 and 2. Rideau Speedos on February 15th, 2003.

ALL MEET MANAGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET THEIR SANCTION REQUEST FORMS IN EARLY TO AVOID ANY CONFLICT.

3. PROVINCIALS
 - a. Problems with Provincials 2002
 - i. The Officials seem to have a problem with organizing a swim meet. Examples
 1. No meet manager
 2. No Organization of timers
 3. No Organization meetings.
 - ii. Dispute between sub contractor of some services and OSOA organizers.
 1. Two arbitrators were called in and the problem was resolved with 8 suggestions to prevent these types of problems at future meets.
 - b. Provincials 2003
 - i. The Olympium pool is still reserved for 2003, Charlie needs to confirm our reservations with the Etobicoke Pool by the end of June.
 - ii. A decision as to who will host the 2003 Provincial Championships has not been made as yet. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HOSTING THIS MEET SHOULD GET THEIR BID IN BY OCTOBER 15, 2002.
 - iii. Nepean suggested the Easter Weekend as a possibility. The Board of Directors felt that it was a risky time to host a major meet and suggested that another weekend be looked at.

STATISTICS AND RECORDS LESLEY MASON-WARD

1. There are only a couple of meets not completed. Lesley is waiting for a hard copy of the Quebec Provincials and the Worlds from New Zealand to enter all Ontario Swimmers' times.
2. Some problems with this year's Provincials have been resolved.
3. Relay results have been a problem. They cannot be entered unless all swimmer names are included. The current policy is to enter only the first place team in each age group for each swim meet since it still requires manual entry – but an electronic match is then made against previous results to maintain current relay records within the system.
4. Lesley does not have up-to-date registration list. Darlene and Don Clinton are to work on a format to be emailed monthly to Lesley from Brian. Darlene is to get a current hard copy of the registration list forwarded to Lesley.
5. Lesley only keeps the 1st place relay in the system for record purposes however she still needs all swimmers' names.

FINANCE TREASURER - TEMPORARY – DARLENE BROWN

1. Committee budgets were handed out to be completed by all committee heads by June 30th, 2002
2. Financials were presented up until March 30, 2002. As present time MSO will have a small profit for the year due to expensing all handbook costs in the one year, an increase in insurance costs and the voluntary donation to Swim Ontario
3. The Board discussed where charges for the different staff positions would be attributed. Darlene will present ideas for discussion with the new budget at the July , 2002 meeting.
4. Discussion of increasing the Registrar's stipend due to the increase in number of swimmers over the last three years. Two components to Registrar's job: a. Fixed Cost and b. Incremental cost per swimmer.

MOTION: Mary Brinklow/Charlie Lane

To make a payment of \$10,000 to Masters Swimming Canada as a second installment to be taken by the MSC rep to the AGM at Nationals in Saskatoon.

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RULES**RALPH CHOWN FOR PAT NIBLETT**

1. Chris Smith had proposed that exceptions could be made to Eligibility requirements for Ontario Records and Top Ten. Specifically Rule 9.01.a) . – The Board decided that the matter had been discussed thoroughly in the past and that the rule shall remain as written.

MASTERS SWIMMING CANADA**DARLENE BROWN**

1. The revised Masters Swimming Canada By-Laws are on the Masters Swimming Canada website.
2. There is a new problem of Masters Swimmers swimming at age-group meets, which is to be discussed at Nationals this year.
3. USMS has changed their by-laws to allow 18 year old swimmers to train with Masters Swim Clubs, however, there is still the requirement to be 19 to compete.

SWIM ONTARIO NEGOTIATIONS RALPH CHOWN

1. At Etobicoke meeting the Board decided to make our usual 84 cents per swimmer payment to Swim Ontario, minutes from that meeting are still outstanding.
2. The cheque was sent via Purolator and a covering letter to William Thomas, President of Swim Ontario. The cheque was cashed immediately.
3. A negotiating committee comprising of Claus Koch, Charlie Lane, Darlene Brown and Shona MacLachlan was formed to deal with the Swim Ontario committee in future negotiations. The committee will start by accumulating all previous correspondence.
4. Ralph emailed Bill Thomas asking if there were any discussions at the SO AGM regarding SO/MSO relations that should be brought forward at the May MSO Board meeting. There has been no response.

SWIM ONTARIO AGM**SWIM ONTARIO REPRESENTATIVE****CLAUS KOCH**

1. The Board thanked Claus and his wife for manning the MSO booth at the Swim Ontario AGM meeting and show.
2. Highlights from the Swim Ontario AGM
 - a. Swim Ontario has a current year surplus of \$50,000 as money that was allocated for programmes in the budget was not spent.
 - b. Motion passed at the Swim Ontario AGM to allow MSO one vote on the Swim Ontario Board
 - c. Officials are seeking a \$1.00 per swimmer levy from all age-group clubs to support their organization (Although the Swim Ontario Board did not support this motion it was passed at the AGM)
 - d. Swim Ontario received a Government of Ontario Trillium Grant to upgrade their programming
 - e. Motion passed to increase the number of Swim Ontario Vice Presidents from two to three
3. Geoff asked if anyone mentioned the possible pool closings in Toronto and the effect on the swimming population if this happened. Claus replied that there was no mention of this possibility.
4. Geoff Camp attended the Swim Ontario banquet
 - a. As requested by SO, MSO supported Patti Thompson's induction into the Swim Ontario Hall of Fame
 - b. Geoff thanked OSOA for hosting our 2002 Provincial Championships.

CONSTITUTION**VICE PRESIDENT****MARY BRINKLOW**

1. AGM Coordinator to be under the constitution committee. All Board members are to suggest names for someone to fill this position.

MOTION;: Mary Brinklow/Claus Koch

All Board members and Staff in possession of MSO equipment or software shall download the Receipt of Equipment form and return signed copies of such to the MSO Treasurer and Secretary at the July 2002 meeting.

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT BRIAN CROKER

As of April 30, 2002

Number of Clubs:	92
Number of Club Swimmers:	2688
Number of Unattached Swimmers:	35
OSG Members:	7
Total Number of swimmers:	2730
Number of Mailing Memberships:	12

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sue Weir, who was not present, asked via email whether or not we should look into legal council to deal with the Swim Ontario problem – Geoff Camp mentioned that MSO could always make use of MSC's legal council
2. Geoff Camp mentioned that the 2005 Masters Athlete Games is looking at hosting a meet in Alberta.

NEXT MEETING

To be held in July 2002 at Pat Niblett's Cottage. The exact date is to be decided.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Claus Koch/Lesley Mason-Ward
To adjourn the meeting at 5:09pm

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