

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, July 21, 2002
Pat and Ron Niblett's cottage, Pinnacle Point, Ontario, 11.00am**

Please post the minutes for club members' information.

PRESENT

Board Members

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| Ralph Chown | Mary Brinklow | Darlene Brown |
| Claus Koch | Shona MacLachlan | Lesley Mason-Ward |
| Sue Weir | | |

Support

Brian Croker – Registrar; Heather Davies – Secretary; Barrie Malloch – Webmaster

Absent with Regrets

Charlie Lane

Guests

Geoff Camp – MSC President
Pat Niblett – MSO Rules Committee
Chris Smith – OSOA Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ralph Chown, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 11.30am.

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS

Ralph welcomed guests Geoff Camp, Chris Smith and Pat Niblett, and thanked Pat for the use of her cottage for the meeting.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: Darlene Brown/Shona MacLachlan
To adopt the agenda as amended

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF SUNDAY May 5, 2002

A) Corrections:

- I. the addition of Barrie Malloch in the welcome to guests
- II. under the corrections to the Minutes the meeting of February 3, 2002; *MSC Handbook* should be changed to *Rulebook*.
- III. under the Finance Report, Motion; Brinklow was misspelled
- IV. under the Swim Ontario AGM Report, point 4a; change to *As requested by Swim Ontario*, MSO supported ...

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

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WEB SITE: **WEBMASTER - BARRIE MALLOCH**

- I. "Dreamweaver"; the software has been purchased but in order to use it the entire Website must be converted. Barrie will need to learn the software and convert all the files from the site into Dreamweaver format before it can be published. Kelvin Landolt has offered his services as a tutor. The main issue now is the time needed for the conversion. Barrie should estimate the time required for the update and inform the board.
- II. There has been no update of records since just before provincials when SCM were done. SCY and LCM are only updated to the year-end of 2001.
- III. Minutes for 16 December 2001, MSO meeting; 16 December 2001 AGM; 3 February 2002, MSO meeting; 6 April 2002 MSO emergency meeting at Etobicoke are still missing. 10 March 2002 have been received, but there's a problem with the PDF file.
- IV. Meet results are missing only the Ottawa Technosport February 2002 and Soo Polar Bears June 2002

B. COMMUNICATIONS: **SECRETARY – CLAUS KOCH**

- I. Minutes issues were addressed by Barrie
- II. Claus has received a number of requests for proof of insurance (mostly by Municipalities who are renting space to clubs). Claus will send any remaining to Brian and these will continue to be filled *by request*.
- III. The "top up" for the insurance is due; Claus will put Darlene in touch with the insurer.

C. MEMBERSHIP: **RALPH CHOWN and SUE WEIR**

- I. There is a first draft of the process/criteria for the SWIMS Award. Please forward comments to Sue.

D. COMPETITION: **BRIAN CROKER FOR CHARLIE LANE**

- I. There is a new meet list. NOTE: US Short Course Nationals in Arizona are the same weekend as Canadian Nationals, May 16 – 19, 2003. Websites for Ontario (www.sentex.net/mso), Canadian (www.compumart.ab.ca/masterssc) and International (www.usms.org) meet updates were given on the Meet list.
- II. Chris addressed 2003 Provincials, which the officials are planning for Ottawa. There are no Quebec provincials in 2003, so a good turnout can be expected in Ottawa. The weekends being debated are April 4,5,6 using both the University of Ottawa and Nepean Sportsplex pools and April 18,19,20 using just the Sportsplex. A decision is hoped for by late September
- III. Chris also assured the Board that the concerns raised about the 2002 Provincials are being addressed.

E. STATISTICS AND RECORDS **LESLEY MASON-WARD**

- I. Lesley has a hardcopy of the latest membership list, but no electronic copy. Darlene and Brian will be working on the electronic version as soon as possible.
- II. Don Clinton is making software modifications for the Relay results, which will be updated as soon as the modifications are complete.
- III. Results are up to date except for Buffalo Saturday July 13, 2002

F. FINANCE **TREASURER – TEMPORARY – DARLENE BROWN**

- I. Darlene is still exploring leads on possible candidates for Treasurer.

- II. A draft budget was presented, discussed and will be modified and presented again at the next meeting for final presentation at the AGM in December.
- III. Stipends were discussed.

MOTION: Claus Koch/Mary Brinklow

To increase the Registrar's stipend from \$5000 to \$6000 per year, starting next fiscal year.

CARRIED

MOTION: Lesley Mason-Ward/Shona MacLachlan

To increase the Webmaster's stipend from \$500 to \$1500 per year, starting next fiscal year.

CARRIED

G. MASTERS SWIMMING CANADA

DARLENE BROWN

- I. The MSC Board of Directors' Meeting was held on Friday, May 17, 2002 and the MSC AGM was held on Saturday May 18, 2002
- II. The MSC Board of Directors' meeting discussed the annual budget, which came in at a loss. It was decided to decrease the number of WAVES issues from three to two for the year. The Board of Directors of MSC also removed the fall committee meeting from the budget. After the adjustments were made, the budget ended up with a surplus.
- III. 2003 Canadian Nationals are in Montreal, May 16 – 19, 2003
- IV. British Columbia is considering hosting the 2004 Canadian Nationals.
- V. Ralph had asked Geoff, as MSC President, to describe the benefits of membership in MSC to the Board. They were, first, that MSC is our link to global Masters, particularly FINA and International meets; second, they provide a communications network of meetings, National Championships and the MSC newsletter; third, that \$2.00 per swimmer goes to (provides membership in) Swimming/Natation Canada (SNC)

6. SWIM ONTARIO NEGOTIATIONS

RALPH CHOWN

- I. There has been no official reply from Swim Ontario.
- II. Ralph passed all the communications history to the committee.
- III. The committee is to meet, choose a chair and set up a meeting with Swim Ontario.
- IV. Ralph suggested that after that meeting, the committee should write a letter to the membership informing them of the situation to date. This letter should be ready for the AGM package.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A) REGISTRAR'S REPORT BRIAN CROKER

I. Stats:

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| As of June 2002 | |
| Number of Clubs: | 92 |
| Number of Club Swimmers: | 2765 |
| Number of Unattached Swimmers: | 38 |
| Total number of registered swimmers: | 2803 |
| Mail Memberships: | 12 |
| Honorary Members: | 3 |
| OSG Members: | 7 |

So far this year there are 892 NEW swimmers to Masters Swimming Ontario.

- II. Brian supplied a copy of the mail-out to clubs for the start of the new swimming year. It should go out in mid-August.
- III. the issue of unregistered, exhibition swimmers at sanctioned meets has come up. Claus will e-mail the meet manager in question and remind them of the liability issues involved with this.
- IV. MSO has received two requests for club labels for a mail-out. The first was from Kelvin Landolt, Downtown Swim Club for an open water clinic. The second, via Shona, was from the Heart and Stroke Foundation for their Fit for Heart Swim the Great Lakes Challenge.

MOTION: Darlene Brown/Shona MacLachlan

To allow Kelvin Landolt and the Heart and Stroke Foundation to give the Registrar stamped, sealed, information packages that the Registrar will address (label) and mail out at a fee of \$0.50 per envelope, payable to MSO.

CARRIED

MOTION: Claus Koch/Sue Weir

That MSO's name will appear in a covering letter that acknowledges its support of these events, but not its sanction.

CARRIED

B) Sports Hall of Fame

Pat Niblett informed the board that Doris McEwan, of Brockville Independent Masters (BIMS), has been named to the Sports Hall of Fame in Brockville. The Board expressed its congratulations to Doris.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 22 at Claus Koch's home (time to be confirmed)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Darlene Brown/Shona MacLachlan

To adjourn the meeting at 2.35pm

CARRIED