



**MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO**

**Masters Swimming Ontario**

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2004

Location: North York Y, Toronto, Ontario

**Present :**

Chris Cupidio  
Pat Davis  
Charlie Lane  
Lesley Mason Ward  
Sally O'Brien  
Michael Stroud  
Bev Tucker

**Committees, Representatives and Staff :**

Geoff Camp  
Brian Croker  
Barrie Malloch  
Christopher Smith

**Absent :**

James Erskine  
Don Burton

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am with Michael presiding as chair.

**01. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Agenda was presented. Michael asked to add an item 03A. David Tree and noted that Charlie would speak to medals under 06. Championship 2004.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by Charlie Lane; Seconded by Bev Tucker.

Carried

**02. Approval of the Minutes from November 29, 2003**

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 29, 2003.

Moved by Chris Cupidio; Seconded by Sally O'Brien.

Carried

**03. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 20, 2003**

None.

**03A. David Tree**

The Board directed the Ontario Representative to MSC to use his own good judgement in attempting to resolve this matter.

**03B. Ontario Representative to MSC**

Motion: In the event that Christopher Smith is elected President of MSC, Michael Stroud shall become the Ontario Representative to MSC.

Moved by Chris Cupidio, Seconded by Pat Davis.

Carried

#### **04. Executive**

The positions of Secretary and Vice President are currently vacant. Michael noted that the function of the Secretary is to handle the official paperwork and that he was currently doing that; the function of the Vice President is to take over in the absence of the President. The consensus was that the current situation could continue.

#### **05. Representation**

This issue originally came to light when Christopher talked about not representing MSO at OSOA (a decision recently reversed). The question became – what form of representation to external organizations is appropriate for MSO.

The issue with the Officials is further complicated by the OSOA requirement that each Director be a Level 4 or 5 Official.

Claus had previously expressed interest in a connection between the Ontario Swim Coaches Association (OSCA) and MSO and further suggested that our external representatives could be appointed Directors of MSO.

Michael agreed to the position of MSO Rep to MSC because he was going to attend the next MSC meeting anyway, but noted the conflict of interest between President of MSO (with a necessarily internal view) and Rep to MSC (hopefully with the national best interests in mind). Christopher noted that SNC restructure specifically excluded provincial presidents from serving as directors of SNC, but included a President's Council. The Board agreed that the conflict exists and will notify the Clubs that we are looking for a new MSO Rep to MSC. It is hoped that a number of volunteers will come forward and the Board looks forward to multiple resumes to review.

Following in this vein of conflict of interest, Geoff noted the vote was what caused the conflict. If the individual has a vote on the external board, then the individual should not have a vote on the MSO board. Carrying the idea one step further, it was agreed that the ideal situation would be that MSO representatives to external organizations would not be directors of MSO. Recognizing that this may not always be possible, we will nevertheless strive to uphold this concept.

The format of our representation was discussed and Geoff pointed out that we need to make a distinction between operational responsibility (our role at MSC) and information exchange (our connection to OSOA). In that light a vote on the board of OSOA (or OSCA) was not necessary, but of course, there was no need to give up the OSOA vote.

Viewing the discussion from the other side – that of the external organization (MSC and SO) being able to affect us – it was noted that we require a vote – in order to have some say in our destiny.

It was also noted the organization appointing the representative should bear the cost of that representation and that we should keep that in mind. Christopher noted that OSOA pays his expenses, even though he represents MSO.

Charlie agreed that we should explore representation with OSCA and that the representative should be appointed by us. Pat noted that a number of Masters Coaches are not NCCP certified and yet

provide exceptional service to Masters Swimmers. Michael will contact Don and Claus and see how best to approach OSCA.

Lunch break : 12:28 to 12:47

#### **06. Championship 2004** (see attachment regarding medals)

It was announced that Michael will be serving as Meet Manager for Provincials 2004 and Nationals 2005.

Charlie proceeded through the final list of revisions to the meet information package:

- a) disallow NT entries even though not excluded by MSO Rules
- b) adjust the wording about "no forward step" during the start
- c) agreed that "no forward movement" was the correct phrase for the start
- d) events 100 metres and shorter seeded by "age group"
- e) event numbers corrected
- f) cheque payable to on the relay entry form
- g) start time saturday is not changed – even though an opening ceremony is probable
- h) pdf results – to be discussed later
- i) mail results if no email
- j) check in for 800 not needed
- k) leave in solicitation for timers
- l) note that safety marshals now have expanded authority regarding warmup infractions
- m) include a clearer note that the cafeteria will be operating
- n) t-shirt designed, but no pricing yet
- o) Sutherland-Chan will be contacted regarding massage
- p) Horst (and Alistair) will take responsibility for timers and officials and safety marshalls
- q) an individual committed to processing relays is required
- r) Charlie will look after record applications
- s) information to be included in the heat sheets (beyond heats and lanes) will be addressed
- t) bell heat prizes may happen, but don't need to be noted in the meet information package
- u) make sure the public address system is working – pool and lounge
- v) leave in the request to swim one per lane during distance freestyle events
- w) the terminology for age group seeding will be "oldest to youngest and slowest to fastest"

Motion: To sanction the 2004 Ontario Masters Swimming Championship subject to the above amendments

Moved by Charlie Lane, Seconded by Pat Davis

Carried

Charlie then presented a sample of the new medal – same design but with a blue background and a blue and white neck ribbon. Everyone agreed that it looked great. The supplier suggested we use zinc instead of pewter saving 50 cents per medal, while the blue background added 35 cents. Printing on the ribbon would cost an additional \$1.05 and was deemed unnecessary. The final cost of the medals would be about \$2.88 each

Motion: To order 1100 zinc medals, with a blue background and no printing on the neck ribbon.

Moved by Charlie Lane, Seconded by Bev Tucker

Carried.

#### **07. Championship 2005** (see attachment)

Charlie proudly presented the fact that we have 3 bids for 2005 ! – Brock, Sault Ste Marie and Etobicoke. Charlie gave a brief synopsis of his report and noted the pros and cons of each

submission. A general discussion ensued with the decision to eliminate Etobicoke and to request further information from Brock and Sault Ste Marie. It is planned that the Board will make a decision and announce the location at the Wine and Cheese Party in March.

## **08. Sanctioning**

John Grootveld (President OSOA) has asked us to reconsider our decision to withhold sanction for Kenora. It is evident that we wish to sanction the meet, but we are adamant that rules and procedures must be followed. It was felt that, with the help of Meet Referee Jim Brow, we would issue a sanction, but include specific conditions.

Motion: To sanction the Kenora Masters Swim Meet. Further, to ask Jim Brow to act as our liaison to ensure that MSO conditions are met. If these conditions are not met future sanctions will be withheld.

Moved by Charlie Lane, Seconded by Chris Cupidio  
Carried.

Christopher will contact Jim tonight and Charlie will follow up with the sanction approval and conditions.

## **09. TOMS and Riccione**

TOMS has been re-activated for Riccione and Christopher noted that there was a movement across the country for a Canadian uniform – with separate provincial identification.

## **10. Finances - Chris**

Chris noted \$50,000 in the bank and that the MSC invoice would likely arrive in February. We will pay the invoice when received. The number of swimmers at December 31 was 2194, so our payment will be in the \$22,000 neighbourhood.

Chris reported that it was easier for us to pay the PST on the medals and pass the cost on to the hosts of the Ontario Championships

## **11. AGM - Pat**

Pat has agreed to take on the responsibility for organizing the Education Forum and AGM. It will take place in Ottawa in late October. The format will be same as 2003 – Speakers in the morning, followed by lunch and the AGM. Speakers will be allotted one hour. We also discussed hosting a swim meet the same weekend and some sort of video conferencing.

## **12. 18 Year Olds - Michael**

Michael reviewed the recommendations of the MSC Rules Committee

- a) allow 18 year olds to compete
- b) expand the youngest age groups to 18-24 and 72-99
- c) implement in September 2004

Michael noted that Hy-tek (meet management software), Christian Berger (software for national statistics) and Don Clinton (meet management software and software for provincial statistics) had all agreed to the required software changes.

There was some discussion about adding a new, separate age group 18-19 and leaving the existing age groups intact. There was disagreement with the recommendation to implement in September.

Motion: To lower the minimum age for competition in Ontario to 18. To expand the youngest age groups to 18-24 (individual) and 72-99 (relay) and to implement March 15, 2004.

Moved by Chris Cupidio, Seconded by Bev Tucker

Carried

Charlie will notify the appropriate meet managers. Michael will notify the clubs, software providers and Swim Ontario

### **13. Club Registrations - Brian**

Brian reported that Newmarket Stingrays have not registered any swimmers, although the club has received swimmer registration fees. A Newmarket swimmer tried to enter the Alderwood swim meet and was told that the registration fees had not been received by MSO. It was suggested that Brian continue contacting people swimming in Newmarket, including previous contacts and to urge the affected swimmer to assist in resolving this issue.

### **14. Brochures - Brian**

Woodstock has requested brochures. We think Claus has them (subsequently confirmed via email). We will consider printing more when we determine exiting quantities and potential requirements.

### **15. Action Plan – Universities- Chris**

Chris has arranged for space at the upcoming Ontario University Championship in Ottawa, February 13-15. We surmise that the display board is with Claus. The display will be altered to point out our new lower minimum age. Pat and Lesley will organize the Ottawa end and Geoff will drive the display board to Ottawa.

The Canadian University Championship is in Toronto, March 05-07. Christopher will investigate using the display board again, in conjunction with Masters Swimming Canada.

### **16. Action Plan – Communication - Michael**

no report

### **17. Action Plan – Branded Product - James**

no report

### **18. Action Plan – Club Manual - Claus**

no report

## **19. Masters Swimming Canada – Christopher**

If Christopher is elected President of MSC on February 01, he intends to encourage an outward focus – particularly in conjunction with USMS and LATyCAR in their quest to control Masters from within instead of through FINA.

## **20. Swim Ontario – Claus (telephone report)**

There was a Swim Ontario meeting last weekend and Claus noted there was a request for an additional \$250,000 in order to even out disparities per capita across the country; that Jim Bradley, the Minister for Sport was saying all the right things and had been invited to speak at the Swim Ontario AGM; that Lea is retiring; that Swim Ontario has about 9000 registered swimmers and that they are cutting costs by increasing use of electronic communication.

## **21. Ontario Swim Officials Association – Christopher**

There is a Central Region Clinic – April 03. We will advertise the event via email and the website. It has been difficult to get a usable, electronic version of the invitation.

## **22. Registrar**

September 01, 2002 – December 31, 2003

95 Clubs

9 Mail Memberships

3595 Total Swimmers

69 Unattached Swimmers

3526 Club Swimmers

6 OSG Members

Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Pat Niblett, Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Geoff Camp

September 01, 2003 – December 31, 2003

81 Clubs

New – Beach Barracudas, Carelton Place, North Bay Titans, Stouffville, Windsor Essex, Port Hope, Woodstock Piranhas, Soloway JCC, Mississauga Club

Lost – Elmira, Bathurst JCC, Dorada Stars, Thunder Bay Thunderbolts, Midland Keegos, Newmarket Stringrays, East York Hurricanes, Toronto Fire

5 Mail Memberships

2194 Total Swimmers

35 Unattached Swimmers

2159 Club Swimmers

6 OSG Members

Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Pat Niblett, Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Geoff Camp

## **23. Webmeister – Barrie**

no report

#### **24. Statistician - Lesley**

Top Ten has been posted on the website and minor adjustments are being made. The report will be finalized by the end of February

#### **25. Meet Coordinator - Charlie**

There are no new meets to sanction, although interest has been shown by Leamington, no date and Downtown Swim Club, June 20

#### **26. Other Business**

none

#### **27. Next Meeting**

Saturday, April 17, at the North York Y at 11:30 am

#### **28. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm

Minutes prepared by Michael Stroud from notes taken by Barrie Malloch

#### **Attachments**

#### **06. Championship 2004 - Medals**

Jade Trophies and their supplier have sent us some samples of our new medals, and have also included certain options that we may want to think about.

Option 1 – Our original order with a blue and white ribbon (see samples). Price confirmed as \$2.65 plus taxes for 1100 medals = \$3352.25.

Option 2 – Add blue-coloured fill as in samples. Cost would be an extra \$0.35 each plus taxes (= \$442.75 extra)

Option 3 – Are we sure we want pewter medals? I am asked repeatedly why we want pewter if it is to be hidden by the gold and bronze colouring. Most people want pewter because of its silver colour. Zinc would look the same and cost \$0.50 less (a saving of \$632.50)

Option 4 – If we want to have printing on the ribbon the cost will be an extra \$1.05 for one side of the ribbon(\$1328.25) or \$1.35 for both sides (\$1707.75).

Orders are being filled within 3-4 weeks currently, so there is still time to consider the options.

## 07. Championship 2005 – 3 Bids Received

### Brock University- Herb Debray

- A consortium of their Masters club, the university swim team and Brock U admin.
- Facility is a double-ended 25m course, no other warmup pool.
- Might have to be a single-ended meet with warmup in opposite end.
- Full electronics in both pools.
- Brock has hosted a number of high level varsity meets over several years.
- Good location in St Catharines to attract mainly Toronto-area clubs and the western region as well as the nearby US states.

### Sault Ste Marie Aquatic Club- Sally O'Brien

- an 8-lane 25m pool with blocks and a 2-lane warmup pool.
- Would require creative scheduling of events, eg- with more frequent warmup/warmdown opportunities than usual.
- Electronics but without the big board.
- Club has experience with age group meets of up to 300 swimmers.
- Adequate locker room space as well as bleachers and gallery.
- Restaurant on site.
- Air fares around \$345 from To with frequent direct flights each day or 8hrs drive.
- Sally will have more to say at the meeting.

### Etobicoke Swim Club (ESWIM) at the Olympium- Steve Goodwin

- double-ended 25m course, with warmup pool adjacent.
- Full electronics in both pools.
- Most experienced club at running meets, will host the Olympic trials in July
- Advantages of Toronto location for free time activities.

### Considerations

- Nationals will be at the Olympium about 2 months after this meet.
- The Etobicoke bid does have the best of everything, period. Little or no input of labour or expertise from MSO would be required. Steve Goodwin is a known, reliable organizer of meets for many years.
- Brock and the Soo have never hosted Provincials before.
- Brock would be a good balance to the recent Olympium - Nepean venues for Provincials, and an incentive for our western clubs to participate more.
- The Soo would be only the second time that Provs have been in the North, previously in Thunder Bay in 1987. This would be a huge boost for Masters in the area and politically a good move for MSO.
- Both Brock and the Soo would draw a smaller entry than Nepean or Etobicoke, maybe 200-400 instead of 600 in recent years.