



MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

Masters Swimming Ontario

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 28, 2004

Location: NY YMCA, Bayview and Sheppard,
Toronto

Present :

Richard Arsenault
Stewart Cawthray
Angela Davis
James Erskine
Lesley Mason-Ward
Olenka McKee
Sally O'Brien
Beverley Tucker

Committees, Reps and Staff :

Brian Croker
Claus Koch
Barrie Malloch
Norm McKee
Chris Smith

Guests :

Lois Adams
Geoff Camp
Steve Goodwin
Jeff Loucks

Outgoing Board present :

Chris Cupidio
Charlie Lane

Absent with Regrets :

Pat Davis

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:40am by Angela Davis, with James Erskine acting as Chair.

01. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was presented and approval was requested with the following modifications.

5.3 Finance – board signatures, provincial medals purchase

6 New Business – insurance report and Obituary for Gunther Richter

The agenda was approved as amended.

02. Approval of the Minutes from September 25, 2004

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 25, 2004as presented

Moved by Beverley Tucker ; Seconded by Sally O'Brien.

Carried

The 2004 AGM minutes will be approved at the next years AGM

03. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 25, 2004

There was no business arising from the Minutes of September 25, 2004

Comments arising from the AGM.

James Erskine stated that the \$10,000 estimate for developing the database was based on two prior quotes.

Pat Davis submitted a brief report on the AGM. The total cost was \$2,350. 34 members attended.

04. Website Database presentation

Moderated by Jeff Loucks, Consultant for Small Business enterprises,
jeff@availabletech.net 905-646-1927

This section of the meeting was an open discussion on what MSO wants included in the database which will eventually run the MSO website. Jeff Loucks will prepare an RFQ (Request for Quote) which the board will then distribute to anyone interested in developing our database.

A brief summary :

Three main sections were outlined.

Registration – facilitate swimmer and club registrations on line; searchable club database

Competition – meet results; records; top ten; searchable database including past data; sanction procedures; meet configuration and meet package generator

Lifestyle – participation; swimmers tracking log; awards; education; health info; workouts; merchandise; chat / discussion groups; swimmer profiles

There was some discussion about MSC also using this database once it had been developed. There was some discussion of obtaining sponsorship for portions of the site.

Jeff was thanked for coming and keeping us on track.

05. Positions and tasks for report, evaluation and assignment

05.1 Registrar Brian Croker– 2005 (registrations to date for the coming year)

clubs - 68

mail members – 1

total swimmers – 1776

unattached swimmers – 28

club swimmers – 1742

new or returning clubs – Thornhill Masters, BTRAiN Swimming (Ottawa),

Thunder Bay Thunderbolts, Prince Edward County Swimmers, Ingersoll

05.2 Meet Coordinator – Olenka McKee

05.2.1 - report

New planned meet – Jan. 16, 2005 – Brockville

Leamington – Jan. 30, 2005 meet package has been received for review.

Rideau Speedeaus meet package has been received.

Technosport has been asked to send outstanding meet packages for sanction.

05.2.2 - A discussion of problems with non – registered swimmers being allowed by meet managers to swim in meets ensued.

James Erskine directed Olenka McKee to prepare a letter to go out to all Meet Managers, along with the sanction approval letter, stressing that ALL swimmers must be registered with MSO or the meet will not be covered by insurance and the results will not be recognized.

A second letter will be drafted and sent to Meet Managers who do not comply, stating that MSO will have to deny sanction in future.

The registrar was directed to send an up to date registered swimmer list to all meet managers to arrive 3 days prior to every Ontario meet.

05.2.3 - James Erskine mentioned that MSO should look into the possibility of some kind of OTO event fee similar to what Triathlons allow so that non – registered swimmers could register at a reduced fee to swim at one special event.

05.3 Finances – Stewart Cawthray

05.3.1 – SO invoice has been paid

05.3.2 – Webmaster was directed to pay the Canadian domain registration for one more year at a cost of approx. \$19.99 CDN

05.3.3 – Authorized MSO cheque signers were assigned : James Erskine, Stewart Cawthray and Barrie Malloch

05.4 Statistician – Lesley Mason-Ward

Lesley has not received results from the meet in October in Brantford. Charlie Lane has spoken with the meet manager.

05.5 Provincials – Sally O'Brien

The meet organizing committee did not have the package ready as yet. Hotel bookings and much of the planning has taken place.

Sally asked about the possibility of using a special medal for this year. It was decided that MSO could approve a special medal but the meet organizers would have to pay for the total cost of all medals including any unused medals. With the current standard medal they would only be charged for medals actually used.

05.6 Insurance – Claus Koch

05.6.1 - A report was presented on the progress of the lawsuit : Cash vs. Harding, MSO and the City of Hamilton. Our lawyer believes it will be resolved by year end.

05.6.2 - An incident at NT has been reported to the insurance company in case future problems arise.

Angel Davis asked what we pay per year. Claus replied it was approx. \$8,000.00

05.6.3 – Mention was made, again, of a one time event fee.

05.7 Committees – James Erskine

05.7.1 – The existing Committee list was reviewed to determine which committees were active and to look at reviving or reorganizing the others.

Competition – Active

Finance - Active

Nominations – Active when appropriate prior to AGM.

Communications – Active – Need to strike a committee to start on handbook revision to coordinate with the changes being planned for the website.

Each director should review the portion of the handbook relevant to their duties.

Richard Arsenault was appointed chair of this committee.

AGM – A chair needs to be designated in the GTA. Board is directed to recruit from outside the board.

Education – A committee will need to be activated to fill the needs of the new lifestyle section of the proposed website.

Marketing – Currently inactive except as part of AGM

Membership – Inactive – it was decided to retire this committee

MSC – Active

Officials – Active

Rules – Combine with Competition committee. There is no current chair.

Strategic Plan – Board members were directed to review the strategic plan when proceeding with their action plans.

Website – Active and proceeding with database proposal.

05.7.2 Defibrillators – Sally O' Brien mentioned that some facilities are encountering liability problems if they have defibrillators on site. Unions are also grieving the training required at some locations. It was suggested that RLSS and the Safe City committee be asked about these issues.

Due to a time constraint there was not time for reports on Participation, Marketing, Club Manuals, OSOA, MSC or Swim Ontario

06. New business

06.1 Geoff Camp circulated a short obituary for Gunter Richter a long time swimmer and coach. See Attachment #1

07. Next meeting

The next meeting will be January 22, 2005 at 11:30am at the NY YMCA

08. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm

Minutes prepared by Barrie Malloch

Attachment #1

Gunter Karl Richter 1934-2004

Swimming in the blood

On November 24, 2004, Canadian swimming lost one of its pioneers. Gunter Richter died in his 71st year. Born in Gladbeck, Germany in 1934, he swam from an early age with Gladbeck 13, a club named for its year of incorporation. Following the second world war, he and several of his swimming mates emigrated to Canada in 1954, swimming initially with the Winnipeg YMHA, then moving to Toronto to swim with the Etobicoke team at the old Memorial pool.

From there it was on to coaching, initially at Etobicoke, and then on to North York. He was particularly proud of his twenty year coaching award, received in the early 1980's, which recognised his superior technical coaching skills. He was also proud of the great technical start he gave all his swimmers, twelve of whom went on to become Olympians.

Masters also received the benefit of his skills. He coached and swam with Etobicoke Masters, taking part in Masters meets and insisting that any swimmer, new or veteran, could improve their swimming skills if they tried.

Latterly, he also coached with the Brampton Dorados, and the Orangeville swim team, after he and his wife Paula, also a Master swimmer, retired to Pine Meadows, near Fergus.

He is survived by Paula, his daughter Naomi, and her son Zack, as well as by his brother Helmut (also a Master swimmer in Germany) and his family.

Written by Geoff Camp