



MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2005
Location: Comanche Room,
Ramada Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

Present :

Stewart Cawthray
Sally O'Brien
Lesley Mason-Ward
Olenka McKee

Committees, Representatives and Staff :

Claus Koch
Barrie Malloch
Christopher Smith
Brian Croker
Jacqueline Odlum

Absent :

Angela Davis
Richard Arsenault
James Erskine
Beverley Tucker

Guests:

Paul Boulding
Norm McKee
Nigel Kemp

01. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am with Brian presiding as chair. As we did not have a quorum, it was decided to go ahead with making and seconding motions which would then be voted upon at the next meeting.

02. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was presented. Amendment to correct spelling of "Lesley". Claus requested that we add item 5.11 Handbooks.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.
Moved by Olenka McKee; Seconded by Lesley Mason-Ward.

03. Approval of the Minutes from November 28, 2004

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 28, 2004.
Moved by Lesley; Seconded by Sally O'Brien.

04. Business Arising from the Minutes of November 28, 2004

There is no update available on the Database Project.

05. Positions and tasks for report, evaluation and assignment.

05.1 Registrar Brian Croker as of January 22, 2005

Clubs - 68
Mail memberships - 3
Total swimmers - 2537
Unattached swimmers - 40
Club swimmers - 2491
6 OSG Members (Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Geoff Camp,
Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Pat Niblett)
New Clubs – Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club
Lost – Dalewood and Oshawa

There are 4 other clubs that will renew shortly – 9 others to be checked.

05.1.1 Clarington time trial and national record. Brian brought up a situation where a master swimmer had swum an event under record time at a time trial which was sanctioned by SO but not MSO. The record must be declined as the agreement between MSC and SNC states that both bodies must sanction the joint meet where masters are taking part, for the record to be accepted.

05.2 Meet Coordinator – Olenka McKee

05.2.1 There was discussion on the Provincial Meet package with minor changes recommended.

Motion: To sanction the Provincial meet for 2005

Moved by Stewart Cawthray; seconded by Lesley.

05.2.2 With reference to 2006 Provincials, both Brock and London Silver Dolphins have expressed an interest in hosting. Note to be put on the website asking clubs if interested in hosting 2006 or beyond, to contact the MSO board and start to put a bid together.

05.2.3 Need name of Referee for St. Mary's 5K swim on September 11, 2005.

Motion: To sanction the 5K swim at St. Mary's

Moved by Sally, seconded by Stewart

January 16 Woodstock was cancelled – too few entries

January 30 Leamington was cancelled – unable to get Referee

Full listing of meets Planned and Sanctioned is available on the website.

Olenka suggested that a template should be designed and put on the website that would comprise a concise meet package which is being presented for sanction. Most clubs do a good job but some are much too long and wordy. This could also be used for Championship meets.

05.3 Finances – Stewart Cawthray

Stewart now has all the information including cheques. Expense report being prepared.

05.4. Statistician

Lesley advised that the web is up-to-date. There was some discussion about swimmers being registered with two clubs as this can affect the information for results. In case of a question, Lesley can contact Brian for clarification.

05.5 NAME THE POOL – Sally is to draft a letter of support for the MSO President's signature to name the pool the Dr. Hui Lee pool in honour of the coach who died recently. The Centre name will not change – just identifying the pool. OSOA has also offered support.

Motion: To sent a letter of support from MSO for the renaming of the pool

Moved by Lesley, seconded by Olenka

At this point we had a joint meeting with MSC – Chris Smith introduced the guests Norm McKee, Nigel Camp and Paul Boulding. As MSC is the largest sports body in Canada they want to work with MSO as a start to implement the strategic plan. There are 8000 registered MSC swimmers but 12000 who are not registered. Focus is on leadership through the coaches and the club executives. There are 320000 people in Canada who name swimming as their primary activity for health. We

can increase our membership dramatically, depending on the rate of registration that we can accomplish.

Objectives:

1. Develop and deliver leadership programs for volunteers, coaches and club executives
2. Emphasize aquatic programs for health and fitness (non competitive)
3. Educate MSC non-members and public on health and fitness benefits of organized swimming
4. Provide leadership for competition at the Ontario, Canadian and World levels

Our only communication vehicle is "Waves" which only goes to registered swimmers. Looking into information going "soft copy" rather than just printed magazine and let the clubs know it is available on website. In Australia there is a "million metre club" for aerobic and competitive swimmers. Katie Osbourne is looking at this for Canada. For a charge of \$10 per swimmer, we could provide a log book and then the laps/distance would be tracked by sex, age etc. Possibility of a Government grant being available for this with Mr. McGuinty's current emphasis on fitness. Meeting with coaches might help and Brian Croker has a list of coaches from the club registration forms (when it has been included). He can contact the coaches to see if they would agree to have their names available to connect with MSC. Nigel commented on the need to identify the coaches and find out what are their needs. Big difference coaching Masters from coaching young people. There is a Canadian Coaches Association but very strongly focused on competition (as in UK, Australia and US).

05.6 Insurance

Claus advised there is no further information on the law suit. Our lawyers are not interested in a cash settlement. Claus advised that board members of individual clubs are not covered by liability insurance. Claus will send details to Brian to disseminate to the clubs.

05.7 Committees

- 05.7.5** Claus suggested that we need a manual showing how to start a club and to get organized. This could be in the form of a template to follow. We need someone to lead this project.

05.8 OSOA has requested that for their purposes, the Canadian Masters Championships be designated "Nationals" – this is in order to qualify officials. There is an Officials clinic on March 5th in Toronto and this has been put on the MSO website.

05.9 MSC – MSC would like a Coaching Representative for the committee

05.10 Swim Ontario

Claus missed the last SO meeting. There was much discussion on volunteerism and the difficulty of getting commitment from people who were volunteering

If we had a salaried employee, it might be easier to take projects and handle the administration. This is to be tabled for the AGM as a motion with details to include job description and salary range.

05.11 Web Site

Barrie indicated she had cleared out old photos as they take up so much space.

05.12 Handbooks

We have 13 boxes of handbooks on hand, therefore no plans to reprint. Discussion on how to revise the format of the next issue, to make it easier just to change and replace certain pages, rather than reprinting the whole book.

06.0 New Business

On the topic of leadership, Stewart – as the only Executive present was asked to contact Angela Davis – as Vice President – to see if she is interested in filling in as President.

07.0 Next meeting

Either March 12 in Ottawa or March 19th, 2005 – place TBA

08.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Post Script: Subsequent to the January 22nd meeting, all motions were voted on via e-mail and all motions were carried.

Minutes prepared by Jacqueline Odlum