

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009
Etobicoke Olympium, Toronto

Present :

Sally O'Brien President
Cathy Macdonald Treasurer
Alisa Abgarov Director

Michael Heath-Eves Vice President
Sean Warburton Director
Robert McGlashan Director

Committees, Representatives and Staff :

Brian Croker Registrar
Jacqueline Odlum Recording Sec
Steve Goodwin SO
Chris Smith OSOA/MSC

Regrets: Craig Zimmerman Sean Warburton

Absent: Johnny Hewerdine Nathan Degiorgio

01. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. with Sally O'Brien presiding as chair.

02. Motion

To accept the agenda

Moved by: Cathy Macdonald, Seconded by: Michael Heath-Eves
Carried

03. Motion To accept the minutes of the March 8th Board meeting

Moved by: Alisa Abgarov, Seconded by: Michael Heath-Eves
Carried

Business arising

1. Registration on line – need date. Complete contact list - note from Brian to all unregistered clubs to get contact person (who must be on MYMSC) by May 31st Phone committee will be set up afterwards if needed. Instruction will come from Lindsey
2. Four possible Board candidates - Brian will follow up with potential; Alisa has suggestion, two more which Sally will call.
3. 2010 Provincials - London last weekend of March break – only date in March/April pool available 3/19-3/21 no warm up pool again.
4. Sean has done draft letter to David Crombie – Sally to follow up

Board reports

President – Sally O'Brien

We should be able at this time to organize a phone campaign to ensure that all club contacts are correct so that we can get the online registration under way.

I have read that Sentex may be shutting down as a server. How is this going to affect us?
I have already received positive feedback on the new look of the website.

I plan to attend the MSC AGM as I will be going to the Nationals in Etobicoke.

Vice President – Michael Heath-Eves

COP/MSC

A second COP voting Representative to the MSC Board will be voted on at the 2009 Nationals weekend as Glen Mehus is stepping down to run as a candidate for the MSC Board.

Your Vice President has let his name stand for the voting COP representative. Ontario has only one vote on the MSC Board at present. It will be decided by the COP who will vote at meetings. One other COP Member has let his name stand.

Proxy forms , a list of MSC Board Candidates and Bios were posted to the web in April in anticipation of the Ontario Clubs voting at the MSC AGM. This is an excellent use of the web site.

A proposed by-law change has been distributed to Clubs by The Past President of MSC. In essence this proposal would allow the PMO's to vote, a privilege only clubs now enjoy, on a pro rata basis by number of Provincial swimmers. It is proposed that for each 200 swimmers a PMO will have one vote. Ontario would have 16 votes based on current numbers. The smallest Province would have 2 votes.

This would greatly improve the representation of the larger PMOs. It would devalue the vote of the COP, even make its usefulness redundant as the PMOs would take more interest in the MSC matters with their greater voting weight.

Swimmer Registration Program

A notice about the new registration system was distributed at the 2009 Provincial Swim Meet in Ottawa. A copy is reproduced below.

Our contact at MSC who will be assisting MSO with the change over to the new system has just returned from an extended vacation so there is nothing new to report now. It is anticipated that Lindsay Patten will be able to focus on our needs after the MSC AGM.

A Message from Masters Swimming Ontario

Please **give this notice to your Club Registrar.**

Your MSO Board would like to enlist your help.

A new on line Registration System for Ontario Masters Swimmers will be implemented September 1, 2009.

Years ago Masters Swimming Ontario (MSO) created its own software program for registering its members so that it could record name, address, birth date, sex, club and registration number.

The new system will be simple to use and will keep track of member information from year to year with future enhancements like online payments. It will simplify meet registration too.

The first thing necessary is that all MSO Club Registrars verify that they are registered with The MSO Registrar as their Club contact.

Watch the MSO Web site for further instruction.

Thanks for your assistance and have a great Meet.

Insurance

No report.

Michael will also attend the MSC AGM. There are four board members positions open – 5 candidates: Glen Mehus, Jennifer Power-Hawrylak, Nigel Kemp, Nancy Black and Ralph Chown
Proposed by law change – to give provincial bodies votes based on #of registered swimmers in addition to votes from clubs

Treasurer – Cathy Macdonald

Still money owing to MSC – for overall budget we are likely under budget, not over. We are over budget in the sense that we have received more membership fees than originally anticipated; also we have not spent money on a couple of projects yet that were budgeted for, so are “under” budget meaning we have some excess budgeted money that hasn’t been used.

Competition – Sally report

There are now 5 OWS planned for the summer and still only one meet planned for 2010 so far.

We have not received a bid for 2010 Provincials. If we don’t get one VERY soon we will have to cancel for next year. Any suggestions as to how to encourage more clubs to be involved with hosting this great event would be appreciated.

So far I have had no response about the old medals. A box was on display at the awards desk at the Provincials and none have been turned in. We will have to order (very soon) new medals for the 2 provincial OWS championships.

Leadership – Nathan Degiorgio

No report

Health and Lifestyle – Sean Warburton

No report

Communication – Alisa Abgarov

Newsletter looks good – will add OWS and information on the new registration system

Staff Reports

No report from Craig – nice format for new website

Brian Croker – Registrar

Masters Swimming Ontario
REGISTRAR REPORT

As of May 1, 2009

Clubs	89
Mail memberships	0
Total swimmers	3245
Club swimmers	3190
Unattached Swimmers	48
7 OSG Members,	Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Brian Croker, Chris Smith Pat Niblett, Bryan Finlay, Barrie Malloch
New Clubs-	none

Tillsonburg 19 swimmers for meet May 3rd.

Cornwall barbecue is big draw

Sudbury, Bright's Grove and 1000 Island OWS all same weekend. Suggest increasing time/distance as many swimmers will travel for OWS.

External Reps

Swim Ontario – Steve Goodwin

SNC mandates we are members of SO and Masters are insured through SNC at cost of \$2 each although we have our own insurance. Now everyone is aware of this double payment so issue has been brought to light.

SO have announced an OWS, open to Masters; they have to apply for sanctioning from us but we can't sanction because of our insurance restrictions – SO offers a one day registration plus insurance. Michael to investigate with Klaus.

Chris Smith – OSOA/MSO

OSOA has a two day Board meeting starting 10:00 am Saturday which I will be attending, excluding a few hours spent at the MSO Board meeting, so can't report on anything from that. An interesting statistic is that SO has about 360 competitions a year while MSO has about 30.

On related items we are working to resolve issues related to new bathing suit rules and whether lap

counters may be placed in the water with MSC prior to Nationals.

The Canadian Masters OWS Rules are in final draft and hopefully will be approved by MSC this month so that they can be translated, printed and distributed prior to the start of the OWS season.

A suggestion related to the sanctioning of OWS events. Our policy I believe is we try not to have meets in the same area on the same weekend. That policy has been followed with OWS also, and it may not be a good idea. This year we have two sanctioned OWS competitions on the same weekend, Brights Grove and 1000 Island, plus Sudbury holding an OWS, not sanctioned this year but they want to move to a sanctioned meet, also the same weekend. Attendance at OWS events is limited and by having them all on the same weekend we reduce attendance for all. I know there are people in the Toronto area who would go to all, but not if they are on the same weekend. Something to think of for the future!

I understand there was a very informative discussion at the recent Swim Ontario meeting on issues regarding MSOs relationship with Swim Ontario, the \$2.00 fee, insurance. I believe there are real opportunities for a resolution that would have beneficial implications for Masters in Ontario and across Canada. I look forward to Steve's report.

MSC also meets this weekend, a Sunday night teleconference so can't report from that either. Lindsay is back so a few issues that have been on hold should move forward. I think it would be very useful to have a good discussion on Saturday about the relationship between the provincial master's organizations, in particular MSO, and MSC. Also how COP works as the connection, communication link and the body that carries the provincial authority to the national level. The rational and timing issues related to changing the By-Laws to define a PMO and provide a far more direct relationship between MSC and the PMOs.

Need an insurance certificate to show SO to prove we are covered. Suggest we take \$5k of the \$6k we are paying for insurance, offer it to SO for swimmer development try to improve relationship.

The purpose of the proposed new bylaw is to strengthen the national body by involving the smaller provinces – we need to support the bylaw

04. Motion to accept reports

Moved by: Robert McGlashan seconded by: Cathy Macdonald
Carried

New Business

1. Not much response for return of medals so we have to reorder for OWS.
2. Warm down pool at Provincials – pool was available but not paid for. Suggest using a double lane rope between the warm-up lane and competition lane.
3. No goody bags although \$22k profit.

Other Business

Next meeting: teleconference June 7 Sunday at 9 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Moved by Sally O'Brien.