

## **Masters Swimming Ontario Annual General Meeting**

Sunday November 15, 2009  
Etobicoke Olympium Pool, Olympic Lounge  
590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke

### **Present**

Michael J. Heath-Eves	Technosport
Cathy MacDonald	LSD (London)
Grant Jeffrey	Alderwood
Pat Angus	Technosport
Sally O'Brien	Nepean Masters
Phil Rogers	Technosport
Brian Crocker	DSC
Sean Warburton	Gran
Alan Stratton	EOMAC
Robert Miles	Orillia
Barrie Malloch	UTMM
Paul Fink	BURL
Mark Dorscht	Burlington (BMSC)
Lois Adams	TYMS
Antara Keelor	EOMAC
Jacqueline Odum	EOMAC
Nancy Black	Aurora
Carole Herbert	Burlington
Joan Puskas	Burlington
Steve Goodwin	ETOB
Jake Ansoore	TYMS
Wieslaw Musial	TYMS
Doug Vanderby	North Toronto Masters
C. Bertelne	EOMAC
Maria Cherry	EOMAC
Colleen Shields	EOMAC
Tinelge Bertelinic	EOMAC
Charlie Lane	EOMAC
Aziz Mohamed	EOMAC
Alisa Abgarov	NORTH TORONTO
BRYAN FINLAY	LONDON SILVBER DOLPHINS

The meeting was brought to order by Michael Heath-Eves at 2:15 p.m.

Michael will chair the meeting today.

1. Michael welcomed everyone who attended the meeting today. He explained that MSO is a unit unto itself and is different from other provincial Masters organization. We are the largest provincial organization and unlike other provincial organizations, we have our own insurance and do our own sanctioning of meets. Michael had the members of the old Board of Directors, introduce themselves. As well , two external members, Chris Smith who represents MSC & officials, and Steve Goodwin a representative of Swim Ontario, introduced themselves. Absent were Claus Koch who is the insurance advisor to our Board and Craig Zimmerman, webmaster.

Brian Croker confirmed that we have a quorum for today's meeting. Thirteen (13) clubs are represented which represents 40 votes. A quorum just requires 6 clubs.

2. It was moved by Sean Warburton and seconded by Sally O'Brien to accept the agenda. Unanimously passed.
3. Mike apologized that the minutes from last year's 2008 AGM were not available to all. Chris Smith moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Croker. Unanimously passed.
4. There was no business arising from the minutes from the 2008 AGM.
5. The Annual Reports were attached to the 2009 AGM package. Brian (Registrar) noted that he now had an audited report and there were 3482 swimmers registered with MSO, 3426 of whom belonged to a club, 7 swam unattached and 7 were members of the OSG (Order of the Soggy Goggle). There were 6 new clubs. Four (4) clubs registered with less than 2 swimmers (under MSC guidelines cannot be fully registered) for a total of 89 clubs. Overall the number of swimmers is up while the number of clubs remains stable.

Sally (Competition) noted that \$2. from every swim meet registration goes to Officials for training, as well as \$5. from every Provincial swim meet, for a total of \$5,763. as well another \$4,745. was donated from the Nationals in Toronto for a total of \$10,508. this year.

Cathy (Treasurer) reported that the cost of an auditor is the second largest expense after insurance. The audit is underway and once finished, it will be available on the website (in approximately one month). She is working on the 2010 budget. The use of teleconferences for several of our Board meetings is helping to keep meeting costs to a minimum.

Chris (MSC/Officials) wanted to add to Sally's comments regarding donations towards Officials training. The money has made a significant difference to

OSOA (Ontario Swimming Association of Officials ) and it also means top officials are available for our meets. Other provinces should be encouraged to give money towards the training of officials. At the moment they spend only 4% of their time at Masters meets but 50% of their training money comes from Masters.

Michael thanked Chris and added his own observation that officials enjoy working the masters meets and as for the Masters “We are well behaved!”

Steve (Swim Ontario) noted that MSO has a very important relationship with SW and it’s taken very seriously. He noted there are insurance issues in that MSO has their own insurance but at the same time pays \$10,000. to Swim Ontario. There is no easy solution. He noted that coaching is also a big issue although there is no issue with Masters coached on deck. Again a solution is being sought.

6. There were no notices of Motion.
7. Under new business, Jacqueline Odlum raised the question of MSO registration cards now that the new registration is done on-line with no carding. Many entry forms (especially international) request a copy of the card to be included.

Brian noted that each swimmer will be able to print out his/her name and number and take it to the club. Also, organizing clubs should be able to verify the swimmer’s affiliation with an e-mail to Lindsay Patten. Chris Smith noted that the US and other countries should be able to do an automatic check to confirm with other countries. At the moment this will probably work between Canada and the US but hopefully it will work internationally. For the Worlds in Sweden, Sweden will send the list of swimmers to Canada to be verified.

The question was raised as to whether we can print off our own registration information – not at this point.

Mike noted that there are many questions and some frustration but we will be able to work our way through it.

The issue of new suits was also raised. MSO position is the MSC position – new suit rules goes into effect January 1, 2010. FINA will not have a meeting until January 22<sup>nd</sup> to ratify their ruling. There was considerable discussion on this issue and Mike thanked everyone for their participation.

8. The outgoing officers of the Board of Directors – Sally O’Brian, Mike Heath-Eves, Sean Warburton, Johnny Hewerdine, Phil Rogers and Nicole Fische Doucete. It was noted that Nicole and Phil were only on the Board for the last four months and would have to run and be elected to the board.

Cathy MacDonald, Alison Abgarov will be remaining on the Board.

9. Mike turned the meeting over to Brian for the election of officers. There were 6 nominations for the Board. As there were 6 candidates, Phil, Sally, Mike, Sean, Carol Hebert and Robert Miles – all were acclaimed. Welcome everyone.

10. Cathy moved to retain the current auditors , Swartz..... with remuneration to be set/agreed to by the Board. Seconded by Sean Warburton. Unanimously Passed.

Before the meeting was adjourned, some pamphlets were passed around to attendees on some ongoing MSC programs – eg. 1 Million Metre challenge.

11. Mike moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sally.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.