

Masters Swimming Ontario Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 14, 2010
Etobicoke Olympium Pool, Olympic Lounge
590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke
1:30 p.m.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Masters Swimming Ontario shall be held at the Etobicoke Olympium, Olympic Lounge, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, on Sunday November 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Association for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010
2. To elect Directors to the Board
3. To appoint Auditors; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Annual reports from the Workgroups, a blank Notice of Motion and a blank Nomination/Consent to Serve Form accompany this notice. In addition, the list of current serving Directors, new nominations and an explanation of the voting procedure are attached. The Association's financial statements will be presented at the AGM.

All members, including Unattached Members, are encouraged to attend. Only those clubs and unattached member registered during the 2009/2010 season may have voting rights.

Voting Delegates are required to sign the Register and record the number of votes they represent for the Member Club.

Dated at Ottawa September 23, 2010
By the Order of the Board of Directors
Sally O'Brien, President

Board of Directors 2009-2010

A Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, each to serve for a term of two (2) years, shall manage the affairs of the Association. Five (5) in numerically odd years and four (4) in even years shall be elected by the duly authorized Delegates at the AGM.

To complete their two (2) year terms, the returning Directors are as follows: Sally O'Brien, Mike Heath-Eves, Bob Miles, Carole Herbert and Sean Warburton.

The Directors whose terms have expired are: Phil Rogers, Cathy Macdonald, Alisa Abgarov and Robert McGlashan

Therefore their terms have also expired and they need to be nominated.

Therefore there are four (4) positions open for the year 2010-2011.

Nominations are welcome and must be submitted on the appropriate Nomination/Consent to Serve form (attached or www.mastersswimmingontario.ca/worddoc/fm.nomination.doc and received by the Registrar, Box 8, 552 Church Street Toronto M4Y 2E3 prior to the AGM.

Additional nominations, if properly submitted and approved by the Delegates to the AGM, may be entertained from the floor at the AGM.

Voting Procedure

Only registered Members of MSO may vote at Delegates at the AGM. One Delegate may represent all the votes of the person's Club, or where a Club has more than one vote, it may spread its votes amongst more than one of its members.

For Member Clubs having two (2) or more Members in good standing, the votes are allotted as follows:

Registered Members	Votes Allotted
2-24	1
25-49	2
50-74	3
75 and over	4
Unattached members (as a Group)	1

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AGENDA

1. Welcome. Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulations
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of the 2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Business arising from the 2009 AGM Minutes
5. Annual Reports from Workgroups, External Representatives and Staff
6. Notices of Motion
7. New Business
8. Retiring of Outgoing Directors
9. Election of Directors
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Adjournment

President's Annual Report 2010

Masters Swimming Ontario mission statement:

"To contribute to the overall health and fitness of adults in the Province of Ontario through participation in a Masters' Swimming program".

Our motto, **"Fun, Fitness and Friendship"**

We swim for fitness and enjoy the camaraderie that Masters swimming offers to its members.

The **Annual General Meeting** will again follow the *"Not So Serious Swim Meet"* to be held at the Etobicoke Olympium right after the free lunch. The Board of MSO is always looking for more volunteers. We have a great group of hard working people on the board but again there is room for more. We do have projects planned but more help is needed to get them off the ground.

Officials

We have been helping the officials financially since 2007 by remitting a fee per competitor at all our meets, championships and OWS. This fee is collected for training of officials of all levels.

This summer Ontario sent 3 officials to work at the world championship in Sweden. From the reports received about their qualifications, their attitudes and the standard of officiating they brought to the event, we should be very proud of our officials.

Registration

With the database and on line registration now in place the board at this time is trying to set up PayPal to make the annual registration even easier.

I cannot at this time give you any more information until we have this completed.

Competition

21 sanctioned meets of which 2 had to be cancelled for lack of participation
5 Open Water Swims with 1 cancellation.

This is a reminder that Step 3 in the sanctioning of each meet is **mandatory** and in the coming year **sanction will not be granted** unless the step 3 report has been received by the competition chair.

This report dictates the numbers needed for OSOA fee collection, for recording the senior officials for each event and other statistics needed to see where our meets are most populated.

We have an Ontario Championship OWS at Bright's Grove for the 1.5K & 3K swims. It would be nice to have someone pick up the championship for the 5K for 2011.

Communication, Health & Life Style, Leadership

Modernizing our web site is in the planning stage. Coaching & swim clinics are also in the planning stage. Watch the web site for more on all of this.

As Dory says "Keep on swimming, swimming, swimming,"

See you in the pool.

Sally O'Brien

President MSO

Masters Swimming Ontario
UNAUDITED REGISTRAR REPORT

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Michael Stroud, Barrie Malloch, Pat Niblett,
Brian Croker

New Clubs-Swimdorks (DORK) Alton
Middlesex Swimming (MIDS) London
Milton Marlins (MMMS) Milton
Toronto Triathlon (TTRI) Toronto
Sudbury Y Guys (YGUY) Sudbury

Lost Clubs-Golden Horseshoe Masters
Maroon & Grey
Petawawa
South Western Aquatics
St. Lawrence Masters
Whitby
Toronto Swim Club
Windsor Waverunners

Renamed Club- Newmarket Stingrays now Town of Newmarket

Communications Report- September 2010

1. Website

After evaluation of the current website, it was agreed by the board of directors that the MSO website should be updated.

A proposed layout design was provided to the board (A proposed website design layout is attached to this report).

At this point, we are interested in understanding the faults of the current website and what information is the membership interested in the future website. To achieve this goal, we are currently working on creating a survey for the membership to understand their needs from the MSO website.

The survey will be distributed at the AGM meeting and an online survey will be distributed to the membership during the same period.

The current goal is to get the new website up and running by the end of this year; given budget, time and scope of the website agreed on by the board of directors. A final website proposal will be provided to the board of directors by November.

2. News Letter

The use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and blogging is evaluated as a platform to send updated information and news to the membership. The survey previously mentioned will address this proposal and ask the membership for their opinion on this matter.

Alisa Abgarov- Communications Workgroup September 9, 2010



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Mission Statment

Fun, Fitness and Friendship

The Vision of Masters Swimming Ontario shall be:
To be the Model for all Masters Swimming Organizations in North America

The Mission of Masters Swimming Ontario shall be :
To perpetuate life-long adult fitness through the sport of Masters Swimming by

- * promoting swimming as a means of healthful exercise
- * encouraging training for fitness and competition
- * providing opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie
- * stimulating organizations and communities to establish Masters Swimming programmes
- * building educational resources
- * communicating effectively with our members
- * supporting those whose aims include the betterment of Masters Swimming

MSO is looking for a club to host the MSO 2011 Provincial Championships.

Interested in putting in a bid?
Contact Sally o'brien

Masters Swimming Ontario Staying in touch

[Download News letter](#)



New suit rules come into effect January 1st, 2010 for Meets..

Please be aware that as of Jan 1, 2009 the NO FALSE START RULE is now in effect.

If there is a false start the swim continues and the person who false starts will be disqualified.

Also be aware that in meets wearing watches, wearing two swimsuits, and diving into the pool during warm-ups is not allowed.

For more information on rules please visit the [MSC website](#).

Update Jan 25, 2010

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Vice President's Report

1. The New MSO/MSC Registration System went live during the fall of 2009. From comments received after the initial changeover phase, it has been accepted as the way to have our membership registered each year. The start up phase was bumpy for some clubs but I believe that our membership has accepted it as a timely and convenient process. The benefits are numerous. For example , we can now check registration against competitor lists electronically at swim meets through a program developed by MSC's, Lindsay Patten. It is much better than manually checking as we did before. Thank you Lindsay Patten for assisting MSO with this new system.
2. We are reviewing the benefits of PayPal as a way to receive monies from the Clubs on a timely basis. If approved by your Board, Clubs would have the option of using a credit card to pay for annual registration.
3. I had the pleasure of competing in the XIII Fina World Masters Championships in Goteborg, Sweden with members of The Ontario Masters Swimmers (TOMS) team. I would like to thank Fernando Camacho of the North York Gators and Chris Smith for organizing and assembling the relays, and there were many of them. Chris also helped us with the accommodations for many of the TOMS team. Thanks Chris. The World Masters competition attracts Masters swimmers from all over the globe. Placing in the top ten in an event is quite an accomplishment and if you place first, second or third then indeed you are a very fast swimmer. If you are interested, the results can be viewed on: www.2010finamasters.org.
4. I came away from the World's with a profound appreciation of the volunteers and officials who endeavored to ensure that all swimmers had a fair and fun competition. You may be aware that MSO Clubs collect \$2.00/competitor at our sanctioned swim meets and \$5.00/competitor at the Provincial Championships for the Ontario Swimming Officials Association (OSOA) for training of officials. At Goteborg I met three officials, Alastair Currie, Jeff Holmes and Horst Tietze from Ontario who had come over to work the event. Their assistance to the Swedes was greatly appreciated because they brought world class experience. From a competitors point of view it really showed. I was personally thanked by these officials for MSO's assistance to their organization. The next time you are racing at one our meets don't forget to thank the officials. It is a voluntary job, which they do for the love they have for our sport.
5. I am pleased to report that there have been no insurance claims this year. Each year MSO purchases on your behalf insurance policies to protect the organization. It is one of the largest costs to MSO. On our

behalf, Claus Koch advises and ensures we obtain the right policies at the right price. Thank you Claus.

6. I have dwelt a lot on competition in this report. It is only one aspect of our sport. Personally I started Masters swimming for fitness. Over time my interest in swimming has grown because it encompasses many different aspects. I do want to ensure you that as a Board member of MSO we do not forget our goals and philosophy that we are here for Fun and Fitness too. We are here for all of us.

See you at the pool.

Mike Heath-Eves

Vice President
Masters Swimming Ontario

September 3, 2010

LEADERSHIP REPORT

RE: Report to MSO Board on Proposed Coaching Clinic

1. We have proposed to hold a Coaches Clinic for Masters coaches in Canada.
2. After consultation with a number of swimmers and Masters coaches, I would suggest the following course of action.
3. We have the benefit of borrowing from and building on the experience of US Masters Swimming, which has run a number of these clinics very successfully. I have spoken several times with Mel Goldstein of Indiana, who is one of the senior coaches involved in organizing the USMS coaches clinics for USMS. He is quite happy to offer his advice based on their experience. (He helped to organize a clinic in June in San Diego that attracted nearly 80 coaches.) Mel is also willing to try to arrange for one of the senior USMS coaches involved in these clinics (referred to as Mentor Coaches) to attend and help coordinate our clinic. He believes there would likely be interest from one of the Mentor coaches in the Northeast of the US.
4. We need to have one or two well recognized Canadian Masters coaches to lead the program, likely in cooperation with a USMS Mentor Coach arranged by Mel Goldstein. I have spoken to several prominent masters coaches about the program. All have been supportive of the concept. I have not yet specifically asked any individual coach to act as a co-leader. I have spoken, for example, with Doug Vanderby of North Toronto Masters who was supportive of the plan and indicated he would be willing to offer his suggestions. I propose that the Board consider him as one of the candidates to be asked to lead the program. In my view, we need at least two such lead coaches (likely working with a USMS coach in attendance as well).
5. In terms of minimizing transportation costs, the logical location is Toronto. We will need the use of a location with a pool (to be used by the clinic for an afternoon) and an adjacent classroom.
6. Attached below is a proposed draft Clinic Agenda (developed, in part, from the USMS programs). Subject to the views of the Board, the draft Clinic Agenda could be presented to the coaches that we wish to invite to lead the program. The final content and sequence of the program should be

- developed in consultation with the lead coaches, since they will deliver the program.
7. The draft Agenda includes an informal reception and dinner among the coaches the evening before the program (likely Friday evening). This venue would give the attending coaches a chance to meet each other prior to the formal program. I also propose that we invite a speaker who could discuss current topics of interest to swimmers/coaches. (As a start, I've suggested Byron Macdonald, Head Coach at U of T and CBC swimming analyst, but there may be other names suggested.)
 8. We will have to invite some swimmers (10-15?) to be students so that teaching and skills development can be demonstrated in the pool. The pool portion of the program would be approximately the latter half of the day.
 9. We will clearly have to cover the travel costs of any invited out-of-town lead or mentor coach that agrees to help run the program. We may want to consider how we would respond if clubs and/or coaches within the MSO asked for some assistance toward their travel costs.

Phil Rogers

September 2010

(See Draft Agenda, attached)

Draft Agenda for Coaches Clinic

Friday evening:

- Reception and meeting other coaches attending
- Welcome from MSO (and MSC?) officials attending
- Informal dinner with after-dinner speaker (Byron MacDonald?)

Saturday Program Topics:

(Specific Topics and sequence to be determined by Mentor Coaches)

- Program Growth, Income Potential, Pool Costs/availability
- Managing a Masters Team (different models)
- Retaining and motivating Masters Swimmers
- Workout Design for different levels of swimmers
- Cycles of training over the season
- Working with Triathletes/Open Water swimmers
- Dryland Training and Injury Prevention
- Long Axis Technique
(Freestyle and Backstroke)
- Short Axis Technique
(Butterfly and Breaststroke)
- Using Video
- Starts and Turns
- Meet preparation and Racing Tips
- Closing

[The latter half of this agenda is intended to be delivered, at least in part, using swimmers in a pool.]

Health and Lifestyle - No Report Received

The relationship that has developed over the last decade between Masters and Officials in Ontario continues to pay dividends to both, and to Masters outside our Province. This summer three senior officials from the Ontario Swimming Officials Association (OSOA) volunteered to work at the Masters World Swimming Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden. The impact of their involvement was significant. We have never had officiating at such a high standard and such consistency before at Worlds. This was also most useful for officials attending from other countries, mostly European, who learnt a great deal from watching this trio of Horst Tietze, Jeff Holmes and Alastair Currie in action. The seventy Canadians, forty from Ontario, who attended Worlds were also most appreciative of this level of officiating.

As you probably know OSOA has been able to greatly enhance their training capabilities over the years for officiating for all swimmers in Ontario through the support of the members of MSO who compete at Ontario sanctioned meets. This through the \$2 and \$5 levies charged to each swimmer attending a regular meet or championship in Ontario. A significant part of this program is to train officials how to work at Masters meets. Material and courses prepared by OSOA are used across Canada, however, many other provinces do not have the funding OSOA has, thanks to MSO, to deliver these programs.

SNC has recently modified the officials' structure and training in Canada. They have eliminated the National Officials Committee and replaced it with the Provincial Officials Directors Council (PODC) and an Officials Education Committee. This will mean a more centralized, staff run, process for developing officials training material and delivering it. A concern that some at OSOA have is that this move could reduce or eliminate the Masters component of the training.

This should also be a concern to MSO. We would not want anything done to reduce the quality of officiating in Ontario for Masters. On the contrary we should be working with MSC and the PODC to bring officiating for Masters in all provinces across Canada up to Ontario's standard.

With regards Masters Rules, FINA had continued to adjust and clarify their "2009" Masters Rules up until the day before Worlds started on July 31, 2010. The MSC 2009 Rulebook has been on hold until all issues were resolved. It is hoped that this can now move ahead and the MSC Rule Book can now be distributed to officials for our fall meets.

Chris Smith
MSO representative on OSOA Board

Annual Report – MSO WEBSITE 2010

MSO website

Presently, we are investigating incorporating an online registration form for members and new master swimmers to pay yearly MSO fees. Watch for this on the website sometime in the during the 2010 – 2011 season

As always when new information, becomes available w.r.t. meets, statistics, and facts of interest to the membership, it is posted as soon as it is available. Feedback from the membership has been very helpful in correcting oversights, changing club contact information, and ensuring information posted is as up-to-date as possible.

Craig Zimmerman

Treasurer's Report 2009-2010

	2009-10 Budget	Preliminary 2009-10 Actual	Estimated 2010-11 Budget
NET INCOME			
Deposits	113,940	131,562	121,075
PayPal Expense	0	0	-3,632
MSC payments	-46,500	-53,160	-49,500
SO payments	-6,200	-6,854	-6,600
Interest	1,105	564	700
Total	62,345	72,112	62,043
EXPENSES			
Insurance Premiums			
	12,500	11,986	12,068
Finance			
a) Audit	4,300	0*	10,000*
b) Bank charges	100	46	75
Total	4,400	46	10,075
Board Meetings			
a) Directors Travel/Expenses	6,000	2,788	5,000
b) Venue	200	0	0
c) Teleconference	3,500	3,076	3,500
d) Presidents Banquet	600	500	600
e) Recording secretary	750	1,050	1,200
Total	11,050	7,415	10,300
AGM			
a) Directors Travel	1,900	2,239	2,500
b) Recording Secretary	150	350	350
c) Teleconference	0	0	150
d) Supplies, copy, postage	500	0	250
Total	2,550	2,589	3,250
Registrar/Treasurer			
a) Salary	6,000	6,000	6,000
b) Phone/Internet	2,000	1,847	2,000
c) Supplies/copy/post	1,000	66	500
Total	9,000	7,913	8,500
Communications			
a) Webmaster	1,300	1,500	1,500
b) Web costs	300	764	800
c) Council of Provinces (COP)	0	0	0
d) Website Upgrade	0	0	5,000
Total	1,600	2,264	7,300
Competition			
a) Purchase of Medals/Ribbons	4,500	5,828	4,500
b) Repayments for use of Medals/Ribbons	-4,500	-4,354	-4,500
c) Records Keeper	500	1,500	500
Total	500	2,974	500
Health and Lifestyle			
a) Marketing	1,500	0	1,500
Total	1,500	0	1,500
Leadership			
a) Survey	0	0	0
b) Special awards (eg:OSG)	100	0	250
c) Coach's clinic/swim camp	7,000	0	12,000
Total	7,100	0	12,250
BALANCE	12,145	36,925	-3,700

As shown in table above and outlined in other reports from the Board and staff members, some projects that were budgeted for in the 2009-10 fiscal year are still being worked on. The estimated number of total clubs and members met or exceeded budget estimates last year. Further savings were attained through use of teleconference calls instead of face-to-face meetings. Interest rates being credited on excess funds dipped to a low of 1.0% in the 2009-10 fiscal year, however have just recently increased to 1.25%. Conservative expectations of further increases have been included in the 2010-11 budget.

A new fee added to the 2010-11 budget is a line item for "PayPal Expense". As agreed to at the latest Board Meeting, for a transition period, Masters Swimming Ontario will be covering the PayPal fees incurred when clubs/members remit payment using the PayPal option.

Also as mentioned by other Board members, 2010-11 looks to be an exciting year. Currently in the planning stages are swim clinics and other opportunities our membership will hopefully be involved in during this fiscal year.

The auditor's report for the 2009-10 year will be provided at the November 2010 AGM for review.

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**Masters Swimming Ontario
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Minutes**

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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 Odlum	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.

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, introduced 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 requires 6 clubs.

MOTION: To accept the agenda
Moved: Sean Warburton
Seconded: Sally O'Brien
Unanimously carried

Mike apologized that the minutes from last year's 2008 AGM were not available to all.

MOTION: To accept the minutes from last year's 2008 AGM

Moved: Chris Smith
Seconded: Brian Croker
Unanimously Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

There was no business arising from the minutes from the 2008 AGM.

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.

Notice of Motion:

There were no notices of Motion.

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 22nd to ratify their ruling. There was considerable discussion on this issue and Mike thanked everyone for their participation.

The outgoing officers of the Board of Directors – Sally O'Brian, Mike Heath-Eves, Sean Warburton, Johnny Hewardine, Phil Rogers and Nicole Fische Doucette. 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.

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.

MOTION: To retain the current auditors with remuneration to be set/agreed to by the Board

Moved: Cathy Macdonald
Seconded: Sean Warburton
Unanimously Carried

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

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Moved: Mike Heath-Eves
Seconded: Sally O'Brien
Unanimously Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Ballot for the Election of Directors

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Write the name of your preferred Nominees on separate lines.

No ranking shall be inferred.

Each Ballot equals one vote for each Nominee.

The number of names written may be equal to or less than the number of positions available.

A name may be written only once on each Ballot

Any Ballot that contains more names than the number of positions available or on which a name appears more than once shall be identified as "spoiled" and shall not be counted.

NOMINEE: _____ (PRINT)
NOMINEE'S CLUB: _____ (PRINT)

BRIEF MONOGRAPH:

(Description of nominee's interest in / experience in / contribution to the Masters Swimming Programme, and any other pertinent comments)

I,, certify that I am currently a registered Master in good standing, and consent to stand for election, and to serve, if elected, on the Board of Directors of Masters Swimming Ontario.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ (PRINT)

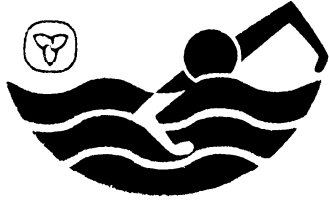
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4. Notice of the AGM shall be mailed to the official contact of the Member Clubs and to the Unattached Members at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting for which notice has been given.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To change the distribution of the notice of the AGM to 30 days prior to the meeting.

COMMENTS ON PURPOSE OF NEW MOTION:

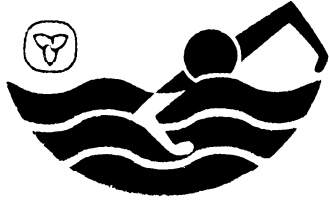
Being as the package is now forwarded via e-mail to the club contacts 30 days would be sufficient time in doing so.

NEW MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____



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8. Ontario Championship

04. Awards b) ribbons may be presented for all places for relay events, at the discretion of the Meet Management with the approval of the MSO Board of Directors

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

That Masters Swimming Ontario make it a requirement that the host club for the Provincial Championship provide medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finished for relays.

COMMENTS ON PURPOSE OF NEW MOTION:

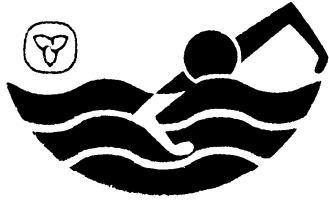
It is felt that many swimmers never win medals in individual events but often place for the relays and a medal would be nice to have.

NEW MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____



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CURRENT BY-LAW:(if applicable)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

COMMENTS ON PURPOSE OF NEW MOTION:

NEW MOTION:

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