

Masters Swimming Ontario Annual General Meeting - The Reports 1997

President's Report

The Masters Swimming Ontario Board of Directors has had a very busy year. As stated in my editorial, at the beginning of the year, one of the focuses this year was to improve communications. This started with a club survey, the results of which were included with the editorial. A letter was sent to each person attending the AGM asking for help or advice on how to get people to serve on the Board, we were two members short at the time. There were some interesting suggestions made. At the June meeting we welcomed Sharon Cockerton-Agnew NMSC and Grant Sinclair MBLA to the Board. Their term will end at the AGM in December

A great deal of time has been spent developing a new Board structure using committees. The executive will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer plus five members at large. There will be a Past President who will act in an advisory capacity but will not have a vote unless they are an elected member.

The committees are as follows:

- Constitution
- Strategic Plan
- Nominations
- Finance
- MSC
- Communications and Publications
- Membership Liaison
- Marketing
- Web Site
- Fitness
- Competition
- Rules
- Officials

It is suggested that a Board member either chair or serve on each committee. We hope to draw from the membership people who would be willing to become a member of a committee. There is a great deal of work to be done in running your organization and we need your help, ideas and expertise. The development of the committees and job descriptions has been slower than we had hoped but I think your Board is heading in the right direction to better serve you the membership.

A survey was done to ask if there should be scoring at Provincial Championships. The results indicated that we should try so it was done this year. To date no one had had any feedback from either swimmers or clubs.

A very successful Provincial Championships, hosted by the East York Hurricanes, was held in Brantford. It should be noted that Provincial Championships are hosted by a club or clubs each year not MSO. It is interesting to note that the club made a profit inspite of large pool costs, decreased numbers entered, unexpected travel costs and NO flat fee for registration.

One of the biggest accomplishments this year is the formation of the MSO web site. This would not have been possible except for the many hours of work that Michael Stroud, the web-master, put into the development of the site. He continues to put in many hours to keep the site up to date.

The long range planning for the future includes the publication of the new Handbook, an updated Meet Management Guide, continuing development of the committee structure and its duties. We would appreciate any suggestions for material to be included in the Handbook.

As my term of office ends at this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members, the Statistician and Executive Secretary for their advice and support over this past year, they have been a great group of people to work with. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Barrie Malloch for her contributions - club survey, scoring survey and communications with the membership, she will be missed. Lastly I would like to thank all of you who responded to my letter and the surveys, your input is needed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Niblett
President MSO

Awards Report

Masters Swimming Ontario provides medals and ribbons at cost to clubs hosting meets designated as Provincial Championships.

For the 1996-1997 season these were the Short Course Provincial Championship hosted by the East York Hurricanes at Brantford, May 23-25, the one and three kilometer open water swims hosted by Georgian Bay Masters at Meaford, August 9, and the St. Mary's five kilometer quarry swim on September 7, hosted by the University of Western Ontario Masters.

Swimmers who wish to return M.S.O. medals may do so by sending same to the address below. A donation of one dollar per medal shall be made in their name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the swimmer will receive a tax receipt.

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September 1, 1997
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Don Mills, Ontario
M3B 1E2
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Meet Coordinator

This past season (96-97) was most successful in all respects. There was a full compliment of indoor meets - both short course and long course. One of the new indoor meets which appeared on the meet schedule was the 1000 Island meet in April, hosted at the new Brockville 'Y' facility. This replaced their annual OWS event normally held in August. Dalewood also hosted their first meet. Technosport provided a 'series' of meets which included pool meets and open water swims on the schedule. Provincials, hosted by East York Hurricanes, in Brantford (the Wayne Gretzkey Centre) was extremely successful. Congratulations and thanks to the East York Hurricane club. Open Water Swims were fewer in number this past summer. As already mentioned 1000 Island moved indoors to a pool venue and Welland 'Y' Masters took a break from their annual event. Georgian Bay Masters hosted a Provincial Championship for the first time at the 1 and 3 km. distances.

February, again proved to be the most popular month for meets!!!

Thanks and congratulations to competitors, officials and supporters for splashing, timing and cheering their way to the start and finish of our many events.

Comments can be directed to the MSO Board of Directors regarding meets, sanctions and scheduling.

Wave of thanks

Respectfully submitted
Cheryl Blay

Club Liaison Report

A swimmer and club survey was completed and results tallied and produced.

A survey on club scoring was tallied

A northern representative was established.

A number of phone and email requests were handled. These were usually requests for places to swim, meet entry forms requests, information on how to register etc...

Since the inception of the web page these requests have virtually ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Barrie Malloch
Club Liaison

Delegate to Masters Swimming Canada

MSO Annual Report 1996-97

The turbulence at the MSC level that marked 1995-96 has continued during 1996-97. Following successive months of poor communication from the President of MSC (Brian Turnbull of Manitoba), the mid-year meeting at Nationals in Montreal provoked a crisis. Brian resigned prior to the meeting, and elections were held by the MSC Board to replace both his position and that of Ian McGill, the recently elected treasurer from Nova Scotia who has also stepped down. The new executive of MSC, made up of Mary Lou Monteith of British Columbia (President), Geoff Camp of Ontario (Vice-President), Paul Guerard of Quebec (Treasurer), and George Lyle of PEI (Secretary) now have a clear mandate and specific responsibilities to carry out. It is important to note that each of the three replacement positions only continue to the end of the term of their previous incumbent. There will be new elections at the Annual General Meeting of MSC, to be held in Toronto on October 18-19.

While not all provinces were represented at the mid-year meeting in Montreal (Newfoundland and Saskatchewan did not send delegates, and Alberta requested that their representative not attend) the spirit of reconciliation was evident and I have renewed hope that we are at last heading in a direction that all provinces can follow. As part of the mid-year meeting, a strategy session was held, facilitated by an external professional. This all day session was intended to focus MSC on our key customers and what our role should be to best satisfy the needs of these customers. Some very clear direction came out of this meeting, and it will be our goal for the upcoming year to carry out all actions raised.

On a less positive note, there continues to be confusion over the next world swimming championships to be held in Morocco in 1998. A succession of meetings have been held in Morocco by the FINA representatives, but some basic elements of the meet have yet to be addressed. USMS has indicated that it is supporting the event, but Canada (MSC) is still awaiting a more reassuring view of planning for the event before supporting it. In addition, the Canadian Masterathlete Federation, a Toronto-based

organization dedicated to the master athlete is attempting to promote a world competition in Ottawa in January of 1998. MSO is not prepared to sanction this event, due to insufficient planning and experience on the part of the organizers.

Within MSO, the Board has recently completed an exercise to reconstitute the roles and responsibilities of the MSO board members. This will require some constitutional changes to be voted by the general membership at our Annual General Meeting in December, held after the North York Pentathlon event. The key to the changes is to better allocate the work to be done. As MSO has grown and evolved, new tasks have arrived and the work load of the board has become very lopsided. We feel that the proposed changes will address the needs of MSO into the new millenium.

MSO is also pleased to report that we now have our own web page. Heroic efforts by Michael Stroud, our provincial web-master, resulted in a format and data content that has been roundly applauded. With links to the other provinces, to other international bodies, and to other interested parties for swimming, this page should serve as a welcome information source for those who are web-enabled. The page is located at www.sentex.net/mso, and Michael welcomes your comments.

For the 1997-98 season, Alberta is well on the way to having a phenomenal National Championship in Edmonton in May. If FINA can sort out the confusion, the Championship in Morocco in 1998 will also be a novel event. All in all, many reasons to dust off your bathing suit and get into the pool to get in shape for the season to come.

Geoff Camp
Masters Swimming Ontario

Annual Report of the Statistician

Number of swimmers who swam this season : 434 women, 536 men

Number of swims swum by those swimmers : 4897 women, 5215 men

Number of records recorded : 249

Number of swimmers appearing in the top ten : 276 women, 325 men

Number of swims amassed in the top ten : 1386 women, 1440 men

Meets processed : Technoport (7), Ottawa Y, Grizzly Bare, North York Pentathlon, Barbados, Alderwood, London, Nepean, Manitoba, Burlington, Rideau Speedeau, Dalewood, Ancaster, Canandaigua, Washington, Buffalo, Etobicoke, Brockville, Michigan Championship, Ontario Championship Brantford, Dollard, Hull, Huntsville, New York Championship Syracuse, Georgia, Buffalo, Kenora, Minnesota, Winnipeg (2),

Canadian Championship Montreal, Federal Way, Orlando, Maui, New England
Championship Boston

Meets for which results have not been received : Variety Village

The Pledge :

Please place your hand on your goggles and repeat after me ...

I promise to use the same name at every swim meet so that the Statistician knows who I am

I promise to hit the touch pad as hard as I can so that I cause no light touches

I promise to swim only in pools that have been measured

and I promise to peruse the Top Ten and read the Records

with the realization that these documents are ultimately unimportant and

with the knowledge that my only true competition is myself and

with the understanding that the Spirit of Masters Swimming resides in my will to lead an active lifestyle

So help me Hud.

Respectfully submitted

Michael W Stroud

September 28, 1997

Annual Report of the Webmaster

First of all, thank you Barrie for your ideas and your support and your interest. And thank you Bryan for advice and assistance. And thank you Geoff for your guidance.

And thanks also to John, Lori and Beth for your help.

We went live May 22, 1997.

Thank you Monica, Bill and Don for your emails.

MSO has chosen the web as one of its methods of communication.

What do you want to know ?

Come for a visit ...

www.sentex.net/mso

Respectfully submitted
Michael Stroud
August 20, 1997

1997 Club Registration

1000	1000 ISLANDS Y SWIM MASTERS	31
TEAC	8 WING TRENTON ENDUROS ATHLETIC CLUB	6
AJAX	AJAX AQUATIC CLUB MASTERS	6
ATB	ALDERWOOD TEDDY BARES	33
AMSC	ANCASTER MASTERS SWIM CLUB	30
ARN	ARNPRIOR GREYFISH MASTERS	13
AURO	AURORA MASTERS SWIM CLUB	5
BARR	BARRIE MASTERS	4
BSA	BARRIE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION	2
BARY	BARRIE YMCA MASTERS	0
BRDN	BORDEN ENDURO ATHLETIC CLUB	9
BRNT	BRANTFORD AQUATIC CLUB MASTERS	25
BIMS	BROCKVILLE INDEPENDENT MASTERS SWIMMERS	15
BURL	BURLINGTON MASTERS	73
CAM	CAMBRIDGE MASTERS	3
CAPS	CARLETON UNIVERSITY MASTERS	35
CHMP	CHAMPAGNE SWIMMING	6
CHUR	CHURCHILL MASTERS	11

CLAR	CLARINGTON MASTERS SWIM CLUB	13
CBRG	COBOURG Y BARRACUDAS	19
DALE	DALEWOOD MASTERS CLUB	24
DSC	DOWNTOWN SWIM CLUB	64
DAM	DUFFERIN AQUATIC MASTERS	9
EYH	EAST YORK HURRICANES	28
ELM	ELMIRA MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	6
ERN	ERNESTOWN MASTERS SWIM CLUB	3
EOM	ETOBICOKE OLYMPIUM MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	120
GBM	GEORGIAN BAY MASTERS	8
GLOU	GLOUCESTER MASTERS SWIM CLUB	13
GMST	GRANITE MASTERS SWIM TEAM	18
KAN	KANATA MASTERS SWIM CLUB	36
KSSC	KANATA SURFERS SWIM CLUB	14
KM	KENORA MASTERS	20
KMAC	KINGSTON MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	73
LIN	LINDSAY MASTERS	5
LSD	LONDON SILVER DOLPHINS	95
LONY	LONDON Y MASTERS SWIM CLUB	6
MKM	MARKHAM MASTERS SWIM CLUB	52
MBLA	MASTER BLASTERS SWIM CLUB	39

MCY	METRO CENTRAL YNAUTS	3
MMAC	MILTON MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	91
MASC	MISSISSAUGA MASTERS ADULT SWIM CLUB	16
MUSK	MUSKOKA MASTERS	8
NMSC	NEPEAN MASTERS SWIM CLUB	181
NSM	NEWMARKET STINGRAY MASTERS	12
BM	NIAGARA BROCK MASTERS	13
NOR	NORSEMAN MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	44
NTMC	NORTH TORONTO MEMORIAL	58
NYM	NORTH YORK MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	59
OHM	OL' HENRYS MASTERS	20
OGM	OLYMPIC GOLD MASTERS SWIM CLUB	4
ORIL	ORILLIA OLD POOPS SWIMMING	10
OMST	OSHAWA MASTERS SEA TURTLES	4
RID	OTTAWA RIDEAU SPEEDEAUS SWIM CLUB	75
SWYM	OTTAWA SWIMMING WEST Y MASTERS	29
OYM	OTTAWA Y MASTERS SWIM CLUB	28
PEM	PEMBROKE PENGUINS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	27
PMF	PETAWAWA MASTERFINS	5
PBY	PETERBOROUGH "Pisces" Y MASTERS	8
PKRG	PICKERING MASTER SPLASHERS	28

WAVE	PINECREST WAVE MASTERS	8
ROW	REGION OF WATERLOO MASTERS SWIM CLUB	56
SCIT	SARNIA WATER WORKERS	7
SMAC	SCARBOROUGH MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	53
SIM	SIMCOE MASTERS	3
SOO	SOO MASTERS	22
SYM	STRATFORD Y MASTERS	8
TECH	TECHNOSPORT SWIM & TRIATHLON CLUB	40
TBT	THUNDER BAY THUNDERBOLTS MASTERS SWIMMING	0
TRAY	THUNDER RAYS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	40
TIMM	TIMMINS LANE BURNERS	6
TOT	TORONTO TURBOS	4
UOG	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH MASTERS	20
UWO	UWO AQUATIC MASTERS	14
UXBR	UXBRIDGE MASTERS	0
VVM	VARIETY VILLAGE MASTERS SWIM CLUB	8
VMAC	VAUGHAN MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	30
WELY	WELLAND YMCA MASTERS	4
WHTB	WHITBY IROQUOIS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	19
WINM	WINDSOR WAVERUNNERS	30
ORCA	YORK ORCAS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	40

Total Clubs:81

Total Club Swimmers:2103

Total Unattached Swimmers:34

Total Swimmers:2137

1997 Swimmer Registration by Age Group

Age Group	Men	Women	Total
20-24	30	66	96
25-29	129	165	294
30-34	178	198	376
35-39	193	218	411
40-44	199	164	363
45-49	136	99	235
50-54	91	63	154
55-59	57	40	97
60-64	29	31	60
65-69	17	13	30
70-74	7	8	15
75-79	2	2	4
80-84	2	0	2
85+	0	0	0

Swimmers Registered by Year

Year Swimmers

1989 1676

1990 1648

1991 1820

1992 1944

1993 2103

1994 2154

1995 2118

1996 2005

1997 2137