

Masters Swimming Ontario Annual General Meeting - The Reports 1999

President's Report

Sharon Cockerton-Agnew

As another year comes to an end, I can't help but reflect on how many things have happened within MSO in the past year.

As you are aware, our very dedicated registrar, Bruce Fairbrother, died from a heart attack in February 1999. He has been sadly missed. Thanks to Darlene Brown, Geoff Camp and Michael Stroud for completing the MSO business that Bruce had been working on.

We are very grateful to the indomitable Michael Stroud for stepping in as interim registrar, enabling MSO to continue to run smoothly. Brian Croker, a long time MSO swimmer and volunteer, agreed to take over as MSO registrar. With training provided by Michael, Brian has also enabled MSO to continue to serve our swimmers. Thank you, Brian

A new handbook was published and distributed this past year. Special thanks to Michael for putting the handbook together.

Grant Sinclair organized a wellness/fitness day at the Etobicoke Olympium that was very well received. Look for more of these in the future.

Those of you have visited our web site recently have noticed the superb job Barrie Malloch has done making the web site easier to navigate. Anyone who is unfamiliar with the MSO web site should visit www.sentex.net/mso. You will find a wealth of information about MSO and what we have to offer, as well as links to other sites.

On the web site you will also find the results and statistics from all of our meets. Lesley Mason-Ward, our statistician and Pat Niblett, our record keeper, worked diligently to ensure all results and records were recorded and passed on to Barrie for the web site

A record number of swim meets held this past year were attended by a record number of swimmers. With Nepean Masters hosting, Nationals 1999 was a phenomenal success. A large part of the success can be attributed to the numerous volunteers without whom no meets are possible. It was unfortunate Provincials were not held in 1999 but MSO board member Charlie Lane is trying to rectify that for 2000. Any clubs that are interested in hosting Provincials in the future should contact a board member.

The World Masters Swimming Championships will be held in Munich in 2000. Ontario will once again form the Algonquin Swim Club for the year. This will give those swimmers planning to compete in Munich the opportunity to be able to swim on relay teams as well as a heightened sense of camaraderie. If you are planning to attend,

please contact Brian Croker by phone at (416) 944-9226 or by e-mail at msoreg@mastersswimmingontario.ca.

The MSO board members frequently meet at the Nortel offices in Brampton. We'd like to thank Nortel for their generosity in supplying a meeting room free of charge and to thank Geoff Camp, an employee of Nortel, for making the arrangements.

A number of our board members will not be returning. Cheryl Blay is stepping down from the board and the competition committee. Geoff Camp has resigned from the MSC and MSO boards. I think I speak for all those involved in masters swimming when I say thanks for all of you for your time and devotion. You have worked tirelessly for the betterment of master swimming.

I encourage members of MSO to get involved and give back to your sport. The only way that Masters Swimming survives is through the help of the numerous volunteers. There are many different areas where people are needed. There is something for everyone. So next time you're at a meet, thank the people who timed your race, watched your turn or gave you a ribbon. Better still, become one of those people.

Vice President's Report - MSC Representative

Geoff Camp

The summer has come and gone, Nationals was a great success, the Ontario open water seasons had three competitions, two of which were sanctioned, and now it is time to reassess and get ready for the new Fall season. Much is made of self examination and setting objectives, but I find that other than broad directions, life is too changeable to achieve goals that depend on external factors and the constructive input of others.

With this in mind, I am stepping down from my role as Ontario representative to MSC, a position that I have held for five years. Initially, I took over the role when Bob Weir stepped down in 1994. At the time, a motion from Quebec proposed banning Ontario from MSC (the reason doesn't matter...it is all ancient history). I spent the first two years making sure that Ontario's voice was being heard. This is sometimes a challenge when it is not a single voice, but 2500 plus individuals each with their own agendas, needs and visions of masters swimming. The following three years were spent mostly trying to get the provinces to talk together without physical violence.

It has been an extremely frustrating, challenging and rewarding five years. I have learned more about negotiation, hidden agendas, and satisfying mutually exclusive needs than I ever wanted to, and had the pleasure of meeting and working with some of the most fascinating people I've ever known. Personally, I hope that the friendships I've made continue, assuming that I continue to swim (start to swim?) and turn up at Nationals with more consistency than this past year.

I would like to thank especially Mary Lou Monteith for her patience, support and upbeat support at times when there was more to do than hours in the day. Also, I would like to thank Beth Whittall for her advice and suggestions, most of which I followed, in dealing with the international swimming world. To all of the current and former members of the MSC board I offer one message - keep on pushing and we will get it right eventually - creative disagreement is a great way to get the best solution, as long as it happens in a positive spirit.

1999-2000 is a world championship year. The competition will be held in Munich, Germany from July 28th to August 7th, and the competition will be fierce, since there will be so many Europeans there. I hope that Canada can field a great participation - we certainly have the raw material for it, with more than 6000 swimmers across the country.

Fitness Report

Grant Sinclair

Masters Swimming Ontario organized and presented a swim camp at the Etobicoke Olympium on Saturday April 7, 1999. The program consisted of two classroom sessions, physiotherapy and nutrition, a stretching and exercise on the pool deck and finally a stroke session in the pool. Fifteen swimmers of various ages and abilities attended and a follow up survey indicated that all were very satisfied with the program. I believe that we would have had a full attendance of twenty-five swimmers if the program announcement had been more timely. We have scheduled an MSO swim camp for Ottawa on November 20, 1999. The program for this session is very interesting and somewhat different than Etobicoke, but builds on our earlier experience. We are planning a swim camp in Toronto at Etobicoke on April 2, 2000.

Meet Coordinator

Cheryl Blay

The swim season of 1998-1999, for meet scheduling, was extremely busy. The main disappointment was in not having a Provincial Championship. The only "saving grace" here was that Nationals were conveniently scheduled for Nepean in May '99. Once again, finding a host club was futile for our Ontario Provincial Championship.

Aside from the issue of Provincials, all other meets were plentiful, well positioned on the schedule throughout the year, well attended, and with a good balance of short course, long course and open water swims available.

February continued to uphold its tradition for being the most popular month to host meets. Could it be that pool availability is abundant at this time?

Only a few meet reports were returned, which also seems to be consistent with previous years.

Remember, swim meets are for all of us -competitors, officials, coaches and spectators - so get in on the action from any angle.

Further questions/comments can be directed to any MSO Board Member.

Membership Committee Report

Sharon Cockerton

The number of swimmers who are members of Masters Swimming Ontario is at an all-time high. This year our numbers swelled to 2,436 swimmers. This number is comprised of 85 clubs as well as 49 unattached swimmers and 3 honorary members.

I'd like to thank all the regional representatives for the wonderful job they did serving as the liaison in their area between the MSO members and the board. The regional reps for 1999 were Wilma Pidhayny, Darlene Brown, Barrie Malloch, Pat Niblett, Mary Brinklow, Don Hambley, Cheryl Blay and Ian McCloy.

Please feel free to contact your regional rep with any questions or concerns you may have about MSO. You can find out how to contact your regional rep by looking on the MSO website, www.sentex.net/mso, in the "contacts" section. From there you will be able to find out who your area rep is.

Registrar Report 1999

Total Number of Clubs	84
Total Club Swimmers	2397
Unattached Swimmers	49
Total Swimmers	2446

Swimmers Registered by Year

Year	Swimmers
1989	1676
1990	1648

1991	1820
1992	1944
1993	2103
1994	2154
1995	2118
1996	2005
1997	2137
1998	2218
1999	2446

Clubs 05-Oct-1999

CLUB	CLUB NAME	SWIMMERS
1000	1000 ISLANDS Y SWIM MASTERS	31
TEAC	8 WING TRENTON ENDUROS ATHLETIC CLUB	13
AJAX	AJAX AQUATIC CLUB MASTERS	11
ATB	ALDERWOOD TEDDY BARES	33
ANC	ANCASTER MASTERS SWIM CLUB	27
ARN	ARNPRIOR GREYFISH MASTERS	12
AURO	AURORA MASTERS SWIM CLUB	31
BARR	BARRIE MASTERS	5
BARY	BARRIE YMCA MASTERS	0
BRDN	BORDEN ENDURO ATHLETIC CLUB	14
BRNT	BRANTFORD AQUATIC CLUB MASTERS	48
BIMS	BROCKVILLE INDEPENDENT MASTERS SWIMMERS	12
BURL	BURLINGTON MASTERS	78

CAM	CAMBRIDGE MASTERS	1
CAPS	CARLETON UNIVERSITY MASTERS	33
CARL	CARLETON PLACE MASTERS	1
CLAR	CLARINGTON MASTERS SWIM CLUB	1
CBRG	COBOURG Y BARRACUDAS	13
CRTC	COURTICE MASTERS SWIMMERS	25
DALE	DALEWOOD MASTERS CLUB	37
DSC	DOWNTOWN SWIM CLUB	57
DAM	DUFFERIN AQUATIC MASTERS	8
EYH	EAST YORK HURRICANES	19
ELM	ELMIRA MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	5
ERN	ERNESTOWN MASTERS SWIM CLUB	7
ETOB	ETOBICOKE OLYMPIUM MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	125
GBAY	GEORGIAN BAY MASTERS	6
GLOU	GLOUCESTER MASTERS SWIM CLUB	10
GRAN	GRANITE MASTERS SWIM TEAM	12
GRGN	GEORGINA MASTERS SWIM CLUB	13
KAN	KANATA MASTERS SWIM CLUB	19
SURF	KANATA SURFERS SWIM CLUB	19
KEN	KENORA MASTERS	17

KING	KINGSTON MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	50
LASR	LAMBTON LASER AQUATICS	10
LSD	LONDON SILVER DOLPHINS	79
LONY	LONDON Y MASTERS SWIM CLUB	8
MARK	MARKHAM MASTERS SWIM CLUB	48
MBLA	MASTER BLASTERS SWIM CLUB	29
MCY	METRO CENTRAL YNAUTS	12
MILT	MILTON MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	85
MISY	MISSISSAUGA YMCA MASTERS	15
MASC	MISSISSAUGA MASTERS ADULT SWIM CLUB	34
MUSK	MUSKOKA MASTERS	15
NBAY	22 WING / CFB NORTH BAY MASTERS	23
NEP	NEPEAN MASTERS SWIM CLUB	221
NS	NEWMARKET STINGRAY MASTERS	38
BRCK	NIAGARA BROCK MASTERS	28
NOR	NORSEMAN MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	46
NT	NORTH TORONTO	87
NYG	NORTH YORK MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	31
OHM	OL' HENRYS MASTERS	61
OGM	OLYMPIC GOLD MASTERS SWIM CLUB	1

OOA	OASIS OL' ACES	20
OOPS	ORILLIA OLD POOPS SWIMMING	7
OPP	OTTAWA PINECREST PIRANHAS	10
OST	OSHAWA MASTERS SEA TURTLES	2
RID	OTTAWA RIDEAU SPEEDEAUS SWIM CLUB	60
SWYM	OTTAWA SWIMMING WEST Y MASTERS	31
OTTY	OTTAWA Y MASTERS SWIM CLUB	24
PEM	PEMBROKE PENGUINS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	33
PMF	PETAWAWA MASTERFINS	0
PETY	PETERBOROUGH "Pisces" Y MASTERS	4
PKRG	PICKERING MASTER SPLASHERS	38
ROW	REGION OF WATERLOO MASTERS SWIM CLUB	48
SCAR	SCARBOROUGH MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	49
SIM	SIMCOE MASTERS	2
SM	SWIMERGY MASTERS	13
SOO	SOO MASTERS	32
STRY	STRATFORD Y MASTERS	11
TECH	TECHNOSPORT SWIM & TRIATHLON CLUB	66
TBT	THUNDER BAY THUNDERBOLTS MASTERS SWIMMING	29
TRAY	THUNDER RAYS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	47

TIMM	TIMMINS LANE BURNERS	11
TMU	TORONTO MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE	23
TOT	TORONTO TURBOS	7
UNON	UNNATTACHED ONTARIO	49
UOG	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH MASTERS	12
UWO	UWO AQUATIC MASTERS	12
VV	VARIETY VILLAGE MASTERS SWIM CLUB	8
VGHN	VAUGHAN MASTERS AQUATIC CLUB	44
WAA	WILMOT AQUATIC ACES	6
WHTB	WHITBY IROQUOIS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	40
WDST	PIRANHAS OF WOODSTOCK	5
WWR	WINDSOR WAVERUNNERS	26
ORCA	YORK ORCAS MASTERS SWIM CLUB	13