

MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO  
**Annual General Meeting**  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2001  
DOUGLAS SNOW POOL

Present:

Ralph Chown- Arnprior	1
Mary Brinklow- Courtice	1
Darlene Brown- East York	1
Ann Gunther- Master Blasters	2
Chris Smith- Master Blasters	
Shona MacLachlan- Markham	2
Dana Pelham- Brantford	2
Judie Oliver- NorthYork	2
Brian Croker- Downtown Swim Club	4
Barrie Malloch- Etobicoke	4
Charlie Lane- Etobicoke	
Geoff Camp- Etobicoke	
Doug Vanderby- North Toronto	4

Noted beside the club is the number of votes allowed under the constitution of MSO.

The meeting was brought to order by Ralph Chown, Chair at 1:40 PM.  
Introductions of the Board were made.

Role call was made and a quorum was determined with 10 clubs and 23 votes in attendance for the AGM.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Barrie Malloch.**

To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: moved by Dana Pelham and seconded by Shona MacLachlan.**

To approve the Annual General Minutes of 2000 as previous distributed.

**CARRIED**

Business arising from the Minutes: ... (none)

**MOTION: moved by Geoff Camp and seconded by Doug Vanderby.**

To dispense with the reading of the Committee Reports.

**CARRIED**

Presidents Report: Ralph highlighted some important items the Board has and is still working on.

- insurance concerns will be discussed later
- the new handbook is still ongoing
- website updates continuous
- meet managers software available from Don Clinton of Nepean
- finance- Darlene will be stepping down as Treasurer as she is now the MSC Rep
- new computers purchased for Statistician and Registrar
- Constitutional changes for MSO property
- New marketing initiative- Ann Gunther

Insurance: Claus reported we had been concerned about our insurance policy since it seemed not to cover many pertinent situations that are specific to Masters. The new policy in effect December 1, 2001 covers all of these and more. The new policy covers:

- Open Water swims
- Trial Members
- Travel of MSO members
- On deck volunteers
- The Executive of MSO Clubs

Swim Ontario had been notified from the start that we were looking into our insurance policy and would possibly go with another carrier. They also have gone with a new carrier.

Ralph, on behalf of the membership extended congratulations to Claus for his efforts on the insurance issue.

Finance: Darlene presented revised financial statements to the membership. There was some brief discussions regarding the statements and budget before a motion was set forth.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Dana Pelham.**

To adopt the budget and financial statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

Handbook: Ralph stated that the Handbook was taking longer than all had anticipated and that it should be ready for distribution in late January.

Masters Swimming Canada: Darlene presented that she is on the Finance Committee of MSC. She also stated that an exception to the new FINA rules has been brought forth for New Zealand World Master Championships for breaststroke kick in butterfly.

Website: Barrie reported that she is still have problems getting documents onto the website, but that with the housekeeping assistance of Michael Stroud and other assistance from Don Clinton things should be resolved quite easily. If anyone has pictures for the website please pass them onto Barrie.

Constitution: Mary reported that MSO has a draft proposal in the works regarding MSO property in light of the purchasing of the two new computers.

Meet Coordinator: Charlie reported that once again the Provincials would be run by the Officials Committee unless another club would come forth. He stated that he would like to see more Long Course meets available for the membership. Charlie also stated that a few meets were cancelled due to lack of entries.

Marketing: Ann commented that two participation award programs were in the works. They should be finalized shortly, each with a Gold, Silver and Bronze level.

Registrar Brian reported that the number of registered swimmer continues to grow, while the number of club remains about the same in the 90-92 range.

**MOTION: moved by Chris Smith and seconded by Shona MacLachlan.**

To accept the reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

Notices of Motion:

1. "That Geoff Camp and Brian Croker have their names put forth for consideration for the SWIMS Award for their long time hard work in MSO"

**Moved by Darlene Brown and seconded by Chris Smith.**

2. Mary Brinklow presented a motion to add the following into the Constitution of MSO:

"Individual members shall enjoy the same rights as those set forth in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms"

**Moved by Mary Brinklow and seconded by Brian Croker.**

3. "MSO present to the Masters Swimming Canada Board a motion to disallow the eligibility of Provincial Relay Teams in National Competitions."

**Moved by Charlie Lane and seconded by Dana Pelham.**

4. "Only times swum in a sanctioned meet or meet approved by a swimming body jurisdiction accepted by MSO shall be eligible for an Ontario Record or Top Ten Ranking."

**Moved by Charlie Lane and seconded by Doug Vanderby.**

**ALL CARRIED**

New Business

Claus advised the membership that Swim Ontario is looking to MSO for an "affiliation fee" for about \$3000.00. He will look into it and present his findings at a later meeting.

Nominations:

From the current Board there are three returning members:

Ralph Chown

Charlie Lane

Lesley Mason Ward

There is one vacancy.

There are five members whose term is over are:

Nicole MacDonald

Ann Gunther

Claus Koch

Darlene Brown

Mary Brinklow

We have nominations from six people:

Darlene Brown- East York

Claus Koch- Master Blasters

Mary Brinklow- Courtice

Shona MacLachlan- Markham

Sue Weir- Lambton Lasers

Laura Bent- Uxbridge

There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominations were closed and all six nominees were acclaimed to the Board.

**MOTION: moved by Darlene Brown and seconded by Judie Oliver.**

To appoint Whitney Addison as auditors of the financial affairs of MSO.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: moved by Judie Oliver and seconded by Doug Vanderby**

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting at 3:45 PM