

Masters Swimming Ontario
Annual General Meeting
Date: Sunday, October 19, 2003
Location: Etobicoke Olympium, Ontario

Attendees :

John Grootveld ETOB	Bev Tucker TYMS	Gertraude Koch TYMS
Bryan Finlay LSD	Ralph Chown ARN	Kalis Rasmussen ETOB
Beth Whittall GBAY	Sally O'Brien SOO	Nick Roscoe (guest)
Jan Jones NMKT	Liz McManus MARK	Judie Oliver NYG
Linda Burton UNON	Marney Swayze UNON	Barrie Malloch ETOB
Rick Amodeo TYMS	Jake Nesovic TYMS	Wally Henne TYMS
Wilma Pidhayny EYH	Christopher Smith TYMS	Sandra McCleary BURL
Frances McIntosh UNON	Katty Rattray BURL	David Judd (guest)
Neil Gibson	Rebecca Scott MARK	Doug Vanderby NT
Wieslaw Musial TYMS	Laura Goodman MILT	James Erskine MILT
Geoff Camp ETOB	Steve Goodwin ETOB	Lesley Mason Ward SWYM
Claus Koch TYMS	Pat Davis TECH	Charlie Lane ETOB
Sue Weir TYMS	Mary Brinklow CRCT	Sara Lynn Oesch ROW
William Calhoun (guest)	Michael Stroud VVV	Chris Cupidio EYH
Shona MacLachlan MARK	Brian Croker DSC	Marenca Kherani ETOB

01. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm with Michael presiding as chair. Introductions were made around the table and all attendees were made aware of the handouts. Michael thanked Shona for organizing the day and presented her with a gift basket procured by Mary

The Votes were allotted thusly

ARN	1	BURL	4	CRCT	1	DSC	4
ETOB	4	EYH	1	GBAY	1	LSD	4
MARK	2	MILT	4	NMKT	1	NT	4
NYG	4	ROW	2	SOO	3	SWYM	2
TECH	4	TYMS	3	UNON	1	VVV	2

02. Acceptance of the Agenda

Michael noted that the Financial Reports, Audited Statements and Budget would be handled under 05. Reports and that 13. Appointment of Auditors would be handled under 06. Notices of Motion.

Items added under new business included the Championships and 18 year olds

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.
Moved by John Grootveld; Seconded by Judie Oliver.
Carried

03. Acceptance of the 2002 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last AGM were reviewed and no changes noted.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2002 AGM.
Moved by Christopher Smith; Seconded by Judie Oliver.
Carried

04. Business Arising from the 2002 AGM Minutes

Michael noted that the affiliation fees were paid to Swim Ontario; that he has conversed a few times with Ted Hayes, Swim Ontario President and that relations were cordial and that Claus has been an excellent representative and conduit between MSO and SO.

The other major issue from the last AGM was re-structuring Masters Swimming Canada and Christopher will speak to that later in the meeting.

05. Reports

Michael suggested that reading of the reports be suspended, but that each author could summarize relevant points of each report

Motion: To suspend reading of the reports
Moved by Christopher Smith; Seconded by Judie Oliver.
Carried

Michael (President) noted 3 major items : Swim Ontario which had been previously mentioned; the Strategic Plan which would be discussed later and the fee increase. The fee increase was the first in a very long time and resulted from new Swim Ontario affiliation fees and insurance costs. The increase was first discussed in the direct mailing to all swimmers in the fall of 2002, but was not approved until late July, 2003. Unfortunately by the time the information was formally distributed to the clubs, some clubs had already begun collecting fees for the 2003-2004 season.

Brian (Registrar) noted that the report distributed had reversed two figures – the club swimmers and total registered. It was also requested that comparative prior year figures be included.

Charlie (Meet Coordinator) noted that no bids had been received for the 2005 Ontario Championship. The Ontario Swim Officials Association is bidding for the 2004 Ontario Championship and the 2005 Canadian Championship. Ralph asked about the problems with the Kenora meet considering the hosts do not file meet reports and there are continuing concerns about the conduct of the meet. It was noted that Mr. Fisher was the meet referee. Charlie also noted that new medals, with neck ribbons, would be ordered for 2004. A new open water swim is planned for Bright's Grove on Lake Huron for the last weekend in July 2004 – thank you Sue

Christopher (MSC Representative) noted that there would be an MSC Board meeting on October 25 and 26 in Toronto and that considerable work and debate had occurred regarding re-structuring MSC. Swim Natation Canada was holding its AGM October 19 and 20 and that a proposal to re-structure that organization was likely to be approved.

Motion: To approve the reports as presented
Moved by Beth Whittall; Seconded by Ralph Chown.
Carried

Chris then presented the 2002-2003 financial statements and audited statements. No discussion ensued

Motion: To approve the 2002-2003 financial reports as presented.

Moved by Barrie Malloch; Seconded by Claus Koch.
Carried

Chris then presented the 2003-2004 budget. No discussion ensued.

Motion: To approve the 2003-2004 budget as presented.
Moved by John Grootveld; Seconded by Judie Oliver.
Carried

06. Notices of Motion

Michael explained that the Board had decided to change auditors and that 3 motions would be required. These had been previously circulated in the AGM Package.

Whereas, the value of the review (and not an audit) performed by Withey Addison for the fiscal year 2001-2002 was not satisfactory, it is hereby moved :

Motion : That Withey Addison be removed as Auditors of MSO for the fiscal year 2002-2003.
Moved by Chris Cupidio. Seconded by Michael Stroud

Whereas, Schwartz Levitsky Feldman is an accounting firm well known to the MSO Treasurer, it is hereby moved :

Motion : That Schwartz Levitsky Feldman be appointed Auditors of MSO for the fiscal year 2002-2003 at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors.
Moved by Chris Cupidio. Seconded by Michael Stroud

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07. A Discussion of Masters Swimming Canada and the Role of MSO in MSC

A discussion paper had been previously circulated in the AGM Package and was available at the meeting. Christopher noted the considerable work and debate and asked for endorsement to continue the efforts. He chairs the MSC Structure Committee and is planning to table a proposal to re-structure MSC at the MSC AGM next May.

Motion: MSO fully supports a more democratic MSC organization
Moved by Brian Croker; Seconded by Kalis Rasmussen.
Carried

08. A Discussion of Residency and Registration Requirements for MSO Record Holders

A discussion paper had been previously circulated in the AGM Package and was available at the meeting. Christopher identified 3 areas of concern : snowbirds, the European Championship, temporary workers. The point of the discussion was to gather ideas for the MSC Rules Committee to review and prepare a proposal and the matter was so referred.

09. The Presentation of the MSO Strategic Plan

There was general, enthusiastic support for the Strategic Plan. As the themes were digested, various new ideas were proposed, including guest coaches, local cable access, underwater videos and message boards. Sara Lynn offered information on managing volunteers.

Doug noted the political issues in Toronto regarding pool time and costs with the hope that MSO could raise political awareness of the situation. Claus added that Swim Ontario felt its lobbying efforts had been effective in keeping school pools open.

10. New Business

Championships – Christopher

The Ontario Championship is planned for March 26-28, 2004 at the Olympium.

The Canadian Championship is planned for the long weekend in May, 2004 in Edmonton.

The World Championship is being held in Italy in 2005. Christopher welcomed competitors to join the Ontario Masters Swimmers (TOMS)

The US Y Nationals are open only to members of the Y organization. Christopher noted that the MSO insurance is acceptable to the organizers of the meet to be held next April in Fort Lauderdale. Doug noted the restrictive nature of this meet/organization is contrary to the inclusive philosophies of Masters Swimming

The Latin American and Caribbean (LatyCar) Championship has long been open only to swimmers with a connection to Latin American and/or the Caribbean. Beginning in 2005 the meet will be open to Canadians and Americans. The meet will be held in Brazil in 2005.

18 Year Olds – Christopher

Christopher explained that individuals can join the military at 18 and that some university students are incapable of making the university team. Lowering the minimum age for registering with MSO might give these swimmers a better option to swim. Concerns were raised about safety during warm-ups and flipping back and forth between university clubs and Masters. Eventually the issue divided itself into 2 – registration and competition. Allowing individuals to register with MSO at 18 would be closer to our concept of “adult swimming”. Allowing individuals to compete at 18 would be left for further analysis.

Motion: To amend By-Law 1.10 to read : “Member shall mean a person registered with the Association aged 18 years and over. Swimmers under 20 shall be excluded from competition until Board approval”

Moved: Chris Cupidio; Seconded: Geoff Camp

Carried

Michael then turned the meeting over to Geoff Camp as Chair of the Nominations Committee

11. Termination of Outgoing Directors

The terms for Mary Brinklow, Claus Koch, Shona MacLachlan, Sue Weir have expired.

The terms for Chris Cupidio, Pat Davis, Charlie Lane, Lesley Mason Ward and Michael Stroud have one year remaining

Therefore there are 4 positions available.

12. Election of Directors

Nominations had been received from 5 individuals

Don Burton, GMM
James Erskine, MILT
Duane Jones, TECH
Sally O'Brien, SOO
Bev Tucker, TYMS

Geoff read the nomination papers and handed out ballots as per the voting allotments. The four individuals elected as Directors were

Don Burton
James Erskine
Sally O'Brien
Bev Tucker

Motion: To destroy the ballots

Moved: Steve Goodwin, Seconded: Kalis Rasmussen

Carried

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05