

**Masters Swimming Ontario  
Board of Directors  
Meeting  
Saturday, April 21, 2012  
Etobicoke Olympium  
Mississauga, Ontario**

The Meeting was brought to order by Sean at 2:15 p.m.

**Present:**

Sean Warburton  
Mike Heath Eves  
Sally O'Brien  
Cathy Macdonald  
Steve Goodwin  
Pat Angus  
Chris Smith

**Regrets:**

Phil Rogers  
Brian Croker  
Craig Zimmerman  
Carole Herbert

**Adoption of agenda**

**Motion 01:**

That the draft agenda was adopted as amended.

Moved: Steve Goodwin  
Seconded: Sally O'Brien

Carried

## **Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2012**

### **Motion 02:**

That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 21, 2012 be approved.

Moved: Sean Warburton

Seconded: Sally O'Brien

Carried

## **Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2012**

### **Motion 03:**

That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 3, 2012 be approved.

Moved: Steve Goodwin

Seconded: Sally O'Brien

Carried

## **Business arising from the minutes**

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **RFPs for website**

See Craig's report below.

It was agreed that an Ontario firm would be preferred for this task and it was noted that all quotes were very close

### **Motion 04:**

That MSO enter into a letter of engagement with Fuzed Notions, based on the proposal received, with a proviso for adjustment, as indicated in the proposal.

Moved: Sally O'Brien  
Seconded: Steve Goodwin  
Carried

### **Officials-Riccione**

Chris noted that there are 3 Ontario officials who will be officiating at the Fina World Masters Championships in Riccione, Italy this year. Two would appreciate financial support from MSO, Horst Tietze and Jeff Holmes.

#### **Motion 05:**

That MSO give each of these officials \$1,000. to help defray the costs of officiating in Italy.

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

### **Membership cards**

This issue is still being investigated and Sally will have Craig put a notice on the website that we are working on the issue and a solution should be available imminently.

### **MSC – update**

Chris gave the board an update re: MSC bylaw changes to be voted on at the upcoming MSC meeting in May. This issue will continue to be discussed over the coming weeks.

### **COP - Update**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### **Reserve Funds**

Mike informed the Board that he has been in discussion with two members of Technosport, Phil Rogers who is a member of the Board, and Phil Wilson, who have volunteered advise on MSO's surplus reserve fund.

Currently MSO has a healthy surplus and the Board is reviewing this surplus.

It was noted that MSC is increasing their fees by \$5. per year which will not be passed onto MSO members as approved by the Board in 2011. Sean will send a letter to all clubs indicating there will be no MSO/MSC fee increase this year.

Note from Chris: It would be useful for our members to know that the fees are for both MSO and MSC, not all going to MSO, also as of next year MSC will be getting more than MSO.

### **Insurance update**

Sean noted that no changes in our insurance can be made before the Fall. There will be a one or two page report for Sean to bring to the Board next month. It is important to note that all swimmers, board members, etc. are fully covered at this time.

### **Portfolio Updates**

President----- Sean Warburton

Sean thanked Steve Goodwin for putting together the provincials and noted that there was a lot of good feedback. One comment that came up was the crowded warm-up lanes and the complaint that often there were fast swimmers in the lanes reserved for slower swimmers to warm up. This is a problem cited at many meets.

Vice President----- Phil Rogers    Absent

Treasurer -----Cathy MacDonald

Treasurer's Report -- April 21, 2012 Board Meeting

There is still the one outstanding expense payment (stale dated now) from last fiscal year. Follow-ups were to be done - updates at this meeting (\$300). As at March 31, 2012 there were outstanding cheques of \$38,000 but all have cleared bank account by this meeting date.

Revenues and expenses are tracking to expected except for a website upgrade project that is still in the works and no expenses have been incurred yet this fiscal year. There was \$10,500 budgeted for this fiscal year.

Approximately 20% of the membership dues are being paid through Paypal (less than budgeted for). MSO had agreed to cover the administration costs for Paypal use for this fiscal year.

I would like to suggest that a search begin for a new Treasurer for MSO in time for AGM in November 2012. To be discussed at this meeting.

Competition -----Sally O'Brien

Sally noted she is actively looking for people to apply to hold the 2013 Provincials and will ask Craig to put a posting on the website.

Sally sent an updated set of Warm-up Rules to be posted at all meets. This clearly outlines the definition of 'toys' which are not allowed in the pool during warm-up. (see below)

Steve noted that at times the meet manager is not an MSO member and therefore does not have access to the MSC database to confirm registration of swimmers. Sally is to clarify this. Steve also requested that this information be included in the sanction confirmation that is sent to the club.

Leadership ----- Steve Goodwin

Steve asked whether MSO would endorse a private coaches clinic, that was not run as part of MSO. Sean reiterated that coaches are very important to Masters participation in swimming and that all proposals and ideas could be brought to the Board.

Health and Lifestyle ----- vacant

Communication ----- vacant

Special Projects ----- Mike Heath-Eves

See discussion re reserve

### **Staff reports**

Web ----- Craig Zimmerman

Unable to attend. Updating website as required. With regard to web quotes, they are all very similar and each one of them (Symmetric Productions, Fuzed Notions and Smart Web Pros) would be able to complete the task. I am leaning towards Fuzed Notions. I believe they have a good understanding of what we want our website to do for our members, particularly our event schedule.

There was an e-mail that was circulated a while ago about a company in Minneapolis, USA that designs websites for swimming. I think it is important to keep website development within Canada and Ontario.

Cheers Craig

Registration ----- Brian Croker                      no report

### **External Reps**

Swim Ontario ----- Steve Goodwin

Steve will be attending an upcoming SO Board meeting and will have a report for the next meeting.

OSOA ----- Chris Smith

See note above about support of officials in Ricionne.

### **Reports for Discussion**

No further discussion

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be a teleconference on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Board Dinner** – will be held some time in the Fall

### **Adjournment**

Mike Heath Eves moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

/pjb



## MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

Pursuant to the warm-up and cool down rules of Masters Swimming Canada:

- 1 - Please post these rules on 3 walls of the pool where they are visible to all swimmers.
- 2 - Please be sure that all Marshalls are very visible on the deck.
- 3 - The Marshalls must have the power and the wherewithal to enforce these rules.

### Rules most commonly broken:

Lanes not marked as slower lanes

Diving in or jumping in with disregard to other swimmers.

(Constitutes an immediate ejection from the pool and may cause ejection from the meet.)

Use of boards, hand paddles, or pull buoys.