



**MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO**

**Masters Swimming Ontario**

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2004

Location: 315 Cromwell Street, Sarnia, Ontario

**Present :**

Chris Cupidio  
James Erskine  
Charlie Lane  
Bev Tucker

**Committees, Representatives and Staff :**

Brian Croker  
Claus Koch  
Barrie Malloch  
Christopher Smith

**Absent :**

Don Burton  
Pat Davis  
Lesley Mason-Ward  
Sally O'Brien

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:14pm. Charlie Lane asked James Erskine to preside as chair.

**01. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Agenda was presented.  
Agenda was approved.

**02. Approval of the Minutes from April 17, 2004**

Approval of the minutes was tabled due to lack of voting quorum present.

**03. Business Arising from the Minutes of April 17, 2004**

**03A. Defibrillators**

Defibrillators – discussion deferred to September

**03B. Discussion of changing meet event lists after sanction**

Discussion of changing meet event lists after sanction – to be discussed at September meeting

**03C. Insurance**

Insurance – on agenda for today

**04. Interim Board positions and duties – July 24 to Oct 23**

Interim Board -

We need a President, Vice President and Secretary to serve between now and the AGM in order for the AGM preparations to be made.

Charlie Lane nominated James Erskine to be acting president. James declined because of previous commitments.

Charlie Lane agreed to act as interim president. Barrie Malloch agreed to help with editing reports for the AGM.

Bev Tucker agreed to serve as interim Secretary.

James Erskine agreed to serve as interim Vice President.

Pat Davis will be asked to find someone to take minutes at the AGM (Barrie Malloch will be away on Oct.23, 2004)

Chris Cupidio noted that someone will need to sign off on the audit for September. Charlie Lane and Chris Cupidio will sign the document.

Nominations –

Sally O'Brien is the nominations committee chair.

There will be 4 vacant positions to fill in October.

Position now vacant due to resignation of Michael Stroud

Outgoing board members not standing for re election – Charlie Lane, Chris Cupidio, Pat Davis

Outgoing board member standing for re election – Lesley Mason-Ward

Returning Board Members – James Erskine, Don Burton, Bev Tucker, Sally O'Brien

It was pointed out by Chris Smith, and everyone agreed, that we should all be helping recruit new board members.

#### **05. Reports from absent members**

AGM report submitted by Pat Davis – discussion deferred to September meeting. (see report below)

Defibrillator report submitted by Sally O'Brien – discussion deferred to September meeting. (see report below)

#### **06. Membership**

98 Clubs

12 Mail Memberships

3059 Total Swimmers

60 Unattached Swimmers

2993 Club Swimmers

6 OSG Members (Beth Whittal, Ted Roach, Geoff Camp, Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Pat Niblett)

#### **07. Treasurer**

Reported that there is ~\$35,000 in the bank with two upcoming large expenses. Insurance @ approximately \$3 per swimmer and the audit @ approximately \$2,000.

#### **08. Website**

With the resignation of Micheal Stroud form the Board, the webmaster does not have a backup person on the board. Suggestion was made to approach Michael to see if he was still willing to help and then to approach others if he is not available.

#### **09. SO and Insurance**

SO – Claus pointed out that SO hopes to get the same money from us in future. SO is faced with a 7% decrease in funding from the government.

INS – Claus pointed out that the start date of September makes estimating membership numbers difficult.

Chris Cupidio mentioned that last years payment was made based on estimated numbers and when the insurance people were given final numbers they didn't bother to bill us for the difference. James Erskine noted that we should inquire about special one day event insurance.

Chris Smith noted that we are the only province providing our own insurance. Other provinces insure through their age group organizations and have reported problems similar to what we encountered when we were insured under SO.

MSBC had separate insurance, now through Swim BC, because it was cheaper. Some have suggested that we could get better and cheaper insurance for all Canadian Masters if all provincial Masters insured through the same insurer through MSC. MSC may look into this possibility.

August 5, 2004 lawsuit hearing – Claus Koch will represent MSO. Chris Cupidio will give Claus some relevant documents and Chris offered to attend as well.

## **10. MSC**

Chris Smith has visited 4 provincial championships, Canadian Nationals and World Championships in Italy in order to speak to our members and better understand MSC issues. Ontario and BC have the most independent and most active organizations.

Many would like to raise the MSC profile and see it become a major promoter of adult fitness through aquatics and a lobby group for aquatics facilities and programs.

A Toronto Star article noted that approximately 4.6% of Canadian adults swim regularly. MSC membership accounts for only 0.75% of those people. Many believe MSC's mandate is to encourage more Canadians to swim for fun and fitness which might then lead to an increased MSC membership.

Norm McKee (Ontario Rep to MSC) is chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of MSC, they are carrying out a full review and hope to report later this fall. Norm also chairs the MSC Fitness Committee which is expected to be given a much larger mandate once the Strategic Planning and Structural review has been completed.

MSC would like to see committees brought up to strength with at least one member from each of Canada's 5 major regions. Ideally this would mean at least 15 reps from Ontario. A serious problem that MSC had had is that some volunteers sit on many committees and Boards, they are multi focused, multi tasking and have muddled loyalties, consequently little gets done. Ideally we should find enough volunteers so that people can focus their time and energy on one task or issue, and together accomplish something.

Ontario Provincials 2004 Report – should be available after the next OSOA meeting.

Canadian Nationals 2005 - Three Masters clubs (AUR, ETOB and TYMS) are running the non competitive components, working with OSOA who is running the competition. They have had several meetings, should have everything finalized this fall.

There will be an awards banquet, as required by MSC by-laws. An MSC Awards committee has been activated. Awards will recognize contribution to our sport, rather than swimming achievement.

Bev Tucker asked how we could attract fitness swimmers.

Chris Cupidio noted that our participation award was good in encouraging swimmers who do not compete.

Chris Smith stated that he is looking to USMS, MSBC and AUSSI as structural models in building a more effective national Masters organization.

## **11. AGM Preparations**

see report below and section .04 above

AGM reports from the Board, Representative and Staff are due to Charlie no later than August 5, 2004.

## **12. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 25, 2004 at 11:30am. Location will probably be at the North York YMCA (pending availability of the room)

## **13. Other business**

Chris Cupidio reported that Humber College has introduced a new 2 year athletic coaching program that includes swimming. Part of the program includes real coaching. Chris Cupidio offered to liaise with them and help hook coaches up with clubs who want to participate.

Bev Tucker noted that the Participation Awards are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to clubs will be added to the membership renewal mailing that will go out late August to all clubs.

Charlie Lane asked that a note asking for Board Nominations should also go out with the same mailing.

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm

**Defibrillator Report - Sally O'Brien**

<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>PENDING</b>	<b>LOOKING</b>
Trenton Enduros		X		
Downtown Swim Club	X UofT	X City pool		
Orillia Old Poops Swimming		X		
Timmins Lane Burners		X		X
Barrie Masters		X		
Region of Waterloo Swim Club		X		
Aurora Master Ducks		X X 2pools		
Olympic Gold Masters Sudbury		X		
Ottawa Y		X		
Cambridge Masters		X		
Beach Barracudas		X		
Orleans Oasis Aces	X			
Swimming West Y Masters	X			
Arnprior Greyfish Masters	X			
Kanata Surfers	X			
Kanata Masters Swim Club	X			
Owen Sound Aquatic Club	X			
Stittsville Vicious Fish Masters	X			
Ajax Aquatic Masters	X			
Carleton University Masters	X			
Thunderays	X			
Toronto Masters of the Universe	X X			
Oshawa Aquatic Club	X but not available			
Ottawa West Y Masters	X			
Etobicoke Olympium Masters			X	
Soo Master Polar Bears				X

Report to MSO Board Meeting – July 24, 2004

Here is the general outline for the 2004 AGM in October here in Ottawa.

We will have the lecture and lunch in the same building as the pool.

Registration for this complimentary camp will be available through the Technosport website and so we will have to make sure notification goes out to all MSO swimmers in plenty of time. Is a mail out with a flyer the best way to do this?

Registration is necessary as we have to know numbers in order to arrange for pool space, coaches, materials, food, etc.

Duane has several topics on which he could speak and will most likely decide based on the numbers attending and feedback from registration.

As far as budget is concerned, could you please let me know the amount?

Is 3 hours enough time for the meeting?

All comments gratefully accepted.

Thanks

Pat

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AGM – Saturday October 23, 2004

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

University of Ottawa, Monpetit Hall

Technosport Swim Camp

Includes:

- computerized body composition analysis and nutrition plan
- general principles of swimming freestyle OR
  - you may request another skill/stroke (must be requested 7 days prior to camp)
- power point presentation (subject to be determined)
- coach/swimmer ratio 5-1 for optimal results and feedback

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8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration/Body Composition
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Water Session
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b> (change for lecture – <b>Snack</b> )
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Lecture – Duane Jones
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Meeting
2:30(ish)	<b>Snack/Break</b>
2:45/3:00 – 4:00 (?)	Meeting