

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2004
Location: North York Y, Toronto, Ontario

Present :

Chris Cupidio
Pat Davis
James Erskine
Bev Tucker
Charlie Lane
Sally O'Brien
Lesley Mason Ward

Committees, Representatives and Staff :

Barrie Malloch
Christopher Smith
Jacqueline Odlum
Brian Croker

Guest :

Weislaw Musial

Absent :

Claus Koch
Don Burton

Norm McKee

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am with Charlie presiding as chair. Charlie introduced Jacqueline Odlum as the new Recording Secretary. He also advised that Leslie-Ann Miller has been approached to take over as Meet Co-coordinator.

01. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was presented.

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Moved by Pat Davis; Seconded by Sally O'Brien.
Carried

02. Approval of the Minutes from April 17 and July 24, 2004

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 17, 2004.
Moved by Pat Davis; Seconded by James Erskine.
Carried

Motion: To accept the minutes of July 24, 2004.
Moved by Bev Tucker; Seconded by James Erskine.
Carried

03. Business Arising from the Minutes of April 17 and July 24, 2004

None.

04. AGM preparations

Pat said very limited registration so far for the meeting – only 20-25. Brian will send an e-mail to unattached swimmers and all clubs reminding them of the Clinic and the AGM. The clinic application is not included in the AGM package but is available on the website.

Motion: To appoint Geoff Camp to preside over the AGM
Moved by Lesley Mason-Ward; seconded by Pat Davis
Carried

05. Nominations report

Charlie to contact Don Burton as he has missed 3 meetings and our bylaws state this means he must resign.

Brian has a candidate for Treasurer providing she joins U of T Masters. He will follow up.

Other candidates: Duane Jones Olenka McKee

Running again: Lesley Mason-Ward

Completing 2nd year: James Erskine Sally O'Brien Bev Tucker

06. Registrar Report - Brian

2003-2004 Season

98 Clubs

10 Mail memberships

3110 Total swimmers

60 Unattached swimmers

3044 Club Swimmers

6 OSG Members – Beth Whittall, Ted Roach, Geoff Camp, Michael Stroud, Brian Croker, Pat Niblett

For current meet information, view the website. Recent additions are:

North York Pentathlon – December 19

USLC Mission Viejo – Aug 10-14, 2005

FINA World's – Stanford (San Francisco) August 2006

Christopher recommended that MSC should have two contacts at the Provincial level – Brian and Norm McKee – as the editor of Waves (Jennifer) needs numbers and labels from Brian but currently the request goes through Norm. If she got the information from Brian directly, this would streamline the process.

Motion: That the MSO card is redesigned to include "MSC" and the MSC logo to strengthen ties with MSC, when the next cards are ordered.

Moved: Bev Tucker; seconded: James Erskine

Carried

07. Website – Barrie

Barrie advised that since January 2002 the MSO board had requested and paid for high-speed internet for her. As of September 2004 Barrie plans to pay for that herself, thus saving the board \$600 per year.

Barrie recommended that the Board revisit the idea of a web enabled database. James explained that this would give us the following functions:

- a. Swimmer registration – clubs could sign up members on line
- b. Meet sanctioning process could be on line
- c. Meet registration on line with advantages:
 - a. Configurator to set up meet (order of events, etc)
 - b. create standard entry form
 - c. check if swimmer is MSO member
 - d. credit card to pay entry fees
 - e. standardized meet results

f. statistics

It was agreed to set up a Committee comprising Barrie, James and Brian to get a proposal and costs with the following order of priority:

1. Swimmer registration
2. Meet Configurator
3. Results
4. Meet registration
5. Payment of meet fees

08. Swim Ontario

In Claus' absence, Charlie reviewed his report:

I talked to Swim Ontario about resources for delivering training sessions across the province and SO is very supportive. They will lend us any material they have and help us with delivering programs. They currently use several individuals who earn honorariums for deliveries. More on this as we develop our own ideas.

The new Ontario government talks a lot about improving the health of Ontario residents but continued to cut SO's grant the maximum amount. Ted Hayes sent an open letter to Premier McGuinty (his MPP) about the continued funding cuts and how they align with Ontario's declining swimming competitiveness. He also mentioned that Ontario's increased gaming licenses have scuttled charity bingos that supported many clubs.

The government has directed new money to school boards to subsidize facility rentals. I believe some masters clubs (e.g. North York Gators??) will benefit from this money.

09. MSC – Christopher Smith

Christopher is striving for 5 representatives (1 from each region) on each of the 14 committees. 5 of the committees are headed by Ontario representatives. He introduced Wes Musial who would be heading up the Coaching Committee. MSC needs 200 people across the country and he wants to restructure MSC so that swimmers can vote or clubs have a vote based on proportional representation. This way each Province would elect a proportional number of delegates. MSO is to elect a delegate to the MSC meeting.

AFC met in Orlando and MSC was invited for the first time. Italy was a big money maker for FINA. Christopher distributed information on the World Masters Games in Edmonton July 22-31, 2005 and also LalyCar meet October 10-15 in Brazil.

10. OSOA – Christopher

Christopher requested that MSO sanction the Nationals – also requested that sanction come through SNC. The intent is to promote adult fitness through swimming but although they are using our numbers for grant money, they are not providing services. Update on Nationals – expecting 800 to 1000 swimmers; registration form will be available January 1st 2005. Emphasis on social activities. 4-page meet information will be sent to Waves by early November for January distribution. Suggestion to switch 100 back and 100 fly; 4 x 100 relay not clear (can be free, IM or mixed but swimmer may only swim once). Relay cost is \$15 so medals may be given. Some events will be seeded by age group, some by time only depending on number of entries. Banquet at Renaissance Hotel (cost \$50), barbecue Sunday. Awards based on contribution to sport of Masters swimming.

Items to be resolved are: Order of events, clarification of relay; MSC rules. A 4-page meet package will be presented before the AGM in order to receive sanction. Christopher to send to current Board via e-mail.

Etobicoke, TYMS and Aurora are hosting the meet together with the Officials but they will need help. An officials clinic is planned for October 2 and another one in March 2005.

Christopher to prepare final report for 2004 Nationals.

11. Finances – Chris Cupido

Draft audit reports submitted. Charlie asked if accrual had been set aside for future printing of Handbook. Chris advised it is an expense item and we have 1,500 books on hand. Discussion ensued on how to get books to new swimmers. It was decided to send to new registered members this year and last year's new members if they re-register.

12. Meet Coordinator – Charlie Lane

It was suggested that swimmers going to either Brazil or Stanford meets might wish to go as the TOMS team. Some discussion that London Age Group want to host Provincials together with Officials. Christopher suggested that London Silver Dolphins and London Y should also be involved.

13. Statistician – Lesley Mason-Ward

Pat Niblett has requested a hard copy of the World's results in order to identify the Ontario swimmers. There is concern that many clubs are still not using the standard software for their results so that Lesley has to re-type the whole thing.

14. Provincials – Sally O'Brien

Facility is booked and hotel and committees will be in place by the end of the month. Air Canada will put on extra planes and special event code will be assigned for special rates. Aurora is looking into renting a bus. The package should be available for review for the first meeting of the new Board.

15. Participation Award – Bev Tucker

14 entries were received by the deadline. Geoff Camp will make up the certificates which will be signed by Charlie as President.

16. Defibrillators – Sally O'Brien

CTV news report stated that defibrillators should be available at all fitness facilities, including pools. Sally to contact the Mikey Foundation to see if any funding is available. Charlie sent another e-mail to clubs who did not respond to the survey. Each delivered machine has a video and training program so all swimmers would be encouraged to learn how to use it.

17. Adding/changing events offered after sanctioning a meet

Policy for sanctioning should be made clear – order of events may not change after sanctioning a championship meet. Local meets are considered "fun meets" and therefore more relaxed. As long as safety comes first changes can be made at discretion of meet manager.

18. Increasing our membership – an AGM discussion

Some clubs already have a waiting list. Need to determine what is the maximum number each club accepts. If full how many members are on the waiting list.

19. New Business

Discussion on honorarium for Barrie for putting together the AGM package. Chris will talk to her to find out how many hours were incurred – maximum \$300.

20. Next meeting

Will be set by new Board at AGM – suggestion that it be December 19 (date of NY pentathlon)

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:32 – moved by Bev Tucker, seconded by Lesley Mason Ward.

Minutes prepared by Jacqueline Odlum