

**MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO
TELECONFERENCE
7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009**

Present On-Line:

Pat Angus	Craig Zimmerman	Carole Herbert
Sean Warburton	Sally O'Brien	Steve Goodwin
Robert McGlashan	Brian Croker	Mike Heath Eves
Chris Smith	Robert Miles	Phil Rogers
Cathy Macdonald	Alisa Abgarov	

There were enough board members for a Quorum.

- Adoption of this Teleconference as meeting of the Board of MSO
 - Moved by Mike Heath Eves. Seconded by Sean Warburton. Unanimously Carried
- Amendment to Agenda:
 - Moved by Mike Heath Eves. Seconded by Phil Rogers. Unanimously Carried
- Approval of the Minutes of September 12, 2009
 - Moved by Cathy MacDonald. Seconded by Robert McGlashan. Unanimously Carried
- Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2009 Meeting of New Board
 - Moved by Mike Heath Eves. Seconded by Sean Warburton. Unanimously Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Finances
 - a. Johnny & Nathan are still co-signers. Sean moved that Sally and Mike be the new co-signers. Seconded by Phil. Unanimously Carried They will be going to the bank to sign new signatures cards. They will ensure that the old signature cards are destroyed. Cathy will send the cheques to either Sally or Mike for a second signature.
 - b. The budget for 2010 was discussed. Cathy expects to have papers signed by Carol(?) on January 16th to confirm the budget. . The budget will be available on the internet. Discussion took place regarding proposed budget spending - \$5000. on a swim camp with Karlin Pipes-Nielson, the large surplus of more than \$12,000. =

Mike moved to accept the budget. Seconded by Robert McGlashan.
Unanimously carried.

This item will be brought forward for the next meeting.

2. Membership Cards
 - a. Brian had nothing to report at this meeting. He still needs to draft something for Craig to put on the website – re: new numbers and no cards. People need to know they can't just add '10' to their old number.
3. Accountability for MM at Meets
 - a. Brian is not sure if meet managers can just go on-line to check for swimmer's membership. The Alderwood will be a good first test for the system. Questions were raised that Brian will need to get answers to from Lindsay. It was noted that Lindsay had been sick for several weeks and so there was little or no communication possible. There should be more information at the next MSO Board meeting.
4. 2010 Provincials re: Insurance Liability
 - a. There will be no social at the meet. The Pub Crawl was removed due to insurance problems.
5. Medals 2010 Provincials
 - a. Cathy will be looking after by the end of the year. The prices have gone up and although the same company has been used for years, other quotes will be requested.
6. \$2.00 we pay to Swim Ontario
 - a. Mike will ask Claus for a letter to Swim Ontario indicating the insurance coverage we have, with details of our coverage and requesting detailed analysis to confirm there is a duplication of insurance and there is no need to give \$2. per swimmer to SO. Steve will take this to MO and hopefully get the ball rolling. It was queried whether or not we each have the same insurance company.
7. Coaching and/or Stroke Clinics
 - a. This item is covered in the new budget. Phil will get in touch with Erin Benton with the Masters Club in Thunder Bay and work with her to make plans hold the clinic this year.
8. Sanction of OWS
 - a. St. Mary's cancellation last year was very unfortunate and Sally would like to know what it will take to make it feasible to run it in 2010. Sally will speak to Bryan Findlay. Robert Miles willing to help. Note: Sean will be taking over Sanctioning of Meets.

9. Assistance to Officials Attending World Competition in Sweden 2010
 - a. Chris Smith reported that 3 officials from Canada have applied to officiate at the Worlds in Sweden. They are all top notch officials. Fina will be meeting January 16th to approve the names. An amount of \$2000. in the budget was deemed acceptable.

BOARD REPORTS

President – Sally O’Brien – No Report

Vice-President/COP – Mike Heath Eaves

MSO has been requested to advertise a swim camp being run in Florida by Jim Wright. The question arises as to the insurance company’s liability at this meet. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Treasurer – Cathy MacDonald – Nothing more to report

Competition – Sally O’Brien/Sean Warburton

Sally noted that all the sanctioned meets should be on our website now. There was a problem with Milton scheduling a meet on the same weekend as another club. They were unaware that sanctioning needed to be requested. It was decided that one club would do distance events and the other club would do sprints.

Leadership – Phil Rogers – Nothing new to report

Health and Lifestyle – Robert McGlashan

Robert asked if Nathan still has all the survey information. This is really critical for him to have. Apparently Craig has sent the information to Sally and Phil but they did not receive it. Cathy will follow-up.

The survey showed an interest in feedback from swim camps, books, masters swimming training etc. Robert suggested the Newsletter could request ‘peer reviews’ of swimming related books read by master swimmers. This is a good idea and should be forwarded to Alisa who is working on getting a Newsletter ready for the web.

Communication – Alysa Abgarov – Absent

STAFF REPORTS

Web – Craig Zimmerman – Nothing to report

Mike noted that on the web the mileage claim rate is shows as \$.44/km and should be \$.35/km.

Chris noted that there are over 50 people going to the Worlds. He offered to write up something to go on the website and in the Newsletter as well.

Registration – Brian Croker

Brian reported that registration on-line is a lot easier. There were a couple of glitches but overall it's all been good.

As of end of November – 982 registered swimmers, 23 unattached and 2 OSG = 2007 swimmers.

There are new clubs in the Sudbury and Toronto area. The Newmarket Stingrays folded and a new club is being formed.

EXTERNAL REPS

Swim Ontario – Steve Goodwin – Nothing to report

Officials – Chris Smith

Chris reported the new MSC Rule Book is on hold at the moment awaiting the final FINA ruling on swim suites.

OSOA has a lot of good and interesting information on-line including dates for new officials clinics.

Chris noted there is a lot of information on the MSC site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Newsletter – deferred to next meeting.
2. Awards Committee – Person from MSO membership should be on MSC Awards committee. Recommendations were requested. It was noted that it should be someone who has been in masters swimming for a long time but does not have to be a board member. Robert Miles – on MSO Awards Committee. This would need to be addressed soon.
3. Pan Am Games – implications on Masters swimming????? (not sure what was meant here) - Deferred to next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Next Meeting – January 16, 2010 in Mississauga to begin at 12:00 noon. The annual MSO Board dinner will be held afterwards – early evening 4:30 ish. Phil noted he would be absent for that meeting.

Teleconference adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.