

**Masters Swimming Ontario  
Board of Directors**

**MINUTES  
June 18, 2011 – 11 a.m.**

**Etobicoke Olympium  
590 Rathburn Road.  
Etobicoke**

Present:

Mike Heath-Eves  
Pat Angus  
Alisa Abgarov  
Carol Hebert  
Steve Goodwin  
Cathy Macdonald  
Sean Warburton  
Chris Smith

Regrets:

Phil Rogers

Absent:

Robert McGlashan  
Bob Miles

The meeting was called to order by Mike at 11:07 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 1:** Adoption of the agenda as amended  
Moved: Sally O'Brien  
Seconded: Cathy Macdonald

Carried

Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2011

**Motion 2:** Approval of Minutes Apr 9' 2011  
Moved: Sally O'Brien  
Seconded: Carol Hebert

Carried

### **Business arising from the minutes**

1. Rule Book OWS Wet Suits and Drafting

Sally reported that she still awaiting more info on water temperature.

She also indicated that there is a problem enforcing drafting rules. Chris noted that if there is an announcement indicating that there is a no drafting rule, on the whole, there will be no drafting. The OWS sanction form would indicate there is no drafting. Officials will have to have some training in order to understand how and when to call drafting.

**Motion 3:** To add to the sanctioning package that no drafting is permitted in any OWS sanctioned by MSO.

Moved: Sally O'Brien  
Seconded: Sean Warburton  
Carried

2. Pay Pal Training Update

Cathy is ready to go ahead with using PayPal. Brian has not completed his training, but feels ready to go ahead.

It was noted by Cathy that the PayPal fees will be covered by MSO.

Mike will ask Lindsay Patten of MSC, to activate the PayPal switch for MSO. MSO registration can now be done on-line.

3. Swim Ontario invoice and insurance Policy

Mike authorized payment of the affiliation fee to SO in May. SO contacted SNC to see if the numbers for SO included Ontario Masters Swimmers. It is hoped that it may be possible to delete MSO from the coverage that SO arranges for it's members and affiliates., No answer has been received as yet.

Chris noted that we recently discovered that Swim Canada has no requirement for MSO to obtain insurance through them.

4. Provincial Championship Post Mortem: Tools/clinics/tips and Rules

Alisa's suggestion that we strike committee was brought forward to next meeting.

5. Web Site and Survey Results/review

Alisa noted that she felt there is a need to slow down the process in order to discuss all the new ideas as they arise.

She asked for budget approval to move ahead with Phase 1.

Discussion took place on what to archive, privacy issues, etc. On the matter of privacy, it was felt that there may be too much personal information on the site and that it would be a good idea for Board members to have an MSO e-mail address for all Board matters. All agreed

**Motion 4:** That the Board pre-approve the budget for Phase 1 website information extraction.

Moved: Alisa Abgarov  
Seconded: Sean Warburton  
Carried

Alisa will draft Phase 1 for the purpose of presenting to a vendor.

**Board reports**

President/COP-----Mike Heath Eves – Report Below

Mike noted that there will be an increase in MSC fees this year. As agreed, MSO will not pass this increase on to members. Mike will arrange for a letter to be sent out to the clubs with this information.

Vice President-----Sean Warburton

Sean continues to work on insurance issues and assist the President as items come up

Treasurer -----Cathy MacDonald

Cathy informed the Board that an updated budget will be distributed during the summer for review in the fall.

Competition -----Sally O'Brien – Report Below

Leadership -----Phil Rogers – Report Below

Health and Lifestyle -----Robert McGlashan – No Report

Communication -----Alisa Abgarov – Report Below  
See discussion above.

Awards -----Bob Miles – No Report

### **Staff reports**

Web ----- Craig Zimmerman

Craig reports that he continues to update information on the website as it becomes available.

Registration ----- Brian Croker – Report Below

### **External Reps**

Swim Ontario ----- Steve Goodwin

Nothing new to report

Officials ----- Chris Smith

OWS – Ontario officials have developed their own training program and it is about to go onto their website.

Nationals – Chris brought up the issue of the lack of officials at the 2011 Nationals in Montreal. He feels that MSO official training should be taken nationally and hopefully this would ensure that there are more than enough qualified officials to cover Masters meets.

Insurance-----Claus Koch

No report at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **Time Trials and Invitational Swim Meets**

Sally asked for clarification on these two points. Chris had some clarification on both points.

Regarding Invitational Swim Meets, Chris noted that the Rule is at the last sentence of GMGR 7.1.1 and states "All sanctioned competitions shall be open to all registered Masters swimmers."

Masters do not have formal "time trials". A club may hold an informal time trial, say at a practice, to get people used to race starts or to get an idea for an entry

time for a swimmer. This should not be sanctioned, MSC Rules do not apply and results should not be accepted. "Time Trials" have a specific purpose in age group swimming and they are sanctioned, we do not have this need and there was a concern they could be abused. (As sometimes in age group swimming) An Invitational Meet where swimmers from specific clubs only are invited is in conflict with CMGR 7.1.1.

### **Other Business**

The date of the MSO Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, November 13, 2011 following the Not So Serious Swim Meet.

### **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be a teleconference on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The Board will have a face to face meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike has offered to host the meeting at his house in Dunrobin.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

## Masters Swimming Ontario

### President's Report

June 14, 2011

You know summer is just around the corner because the 2011 Masters Championships have come and gone, it was plus 33 C in Ottawa last week and open water training has begun in many parts of Ontario.

Our Board has been very busy over the winter and spring. At our meeting for June 18, 2011 open water rules and especially the wet suit rules will be outlined by our rules committee. Electronic payment of fees and new ideas for the website are on the near horizon.

Your President's main activities since our last meeting have been as follows:

A letter of thanks was sent to Andy Schelp for surveying the Nepean Sportsplex pool prior to the commencement of the provincial Championships.

A meeting with officials of Swim Ontario concerning the duplication of insurance policies was held May 6<sup>th</sup> with the result that Swim Ontario asked SNC if MSO as an affiliate of SO could be excluded from the SO policies. The question has not been answered to date but SO indicates that SNC has no objection at this time. We will follow up with SO to keep the issue front and centre with them. In the alternative MSO was asked to review SO's current policies to see if they could be used or structured to insure MSO's operations. This has to be reviewed by our insurance advisors. (On March 20, 2011 a letter sent to Swim Ontario (SO) notified it not to purchase insurance on behalf of MSO. This was done because MSO purchases its own insurance specific to its operations which are different to SO's and also to avoid any confusion in the event of a claim. If there is a way to combine insurance policy coverage with SO and save money then that will be reviewed. For the time being our advisors counsel us to stay with our own policies).

In my Council of Provinces role I report that there is a new slate of key MSC Board members elected June 12 as follows: President, Glen Mehus; Vice President, Bob Diewold; Treasurer, Keith Kendall; Secretary, Jennifer Power-Hawrylak.

As the COP representative to the MSC Board I had many Ontario swimmers at Nationals in Montreal report their concerns about this meet. Yes the FNQ had their problems too which I share with you in the following report but keep in mind we had fun too. See you all at the Olympium on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Heath-Eves, President, Masters Swimming Ontario

## Council of Provinces Report

June 2, 2011

The 2011 Nationals in Montreal has drawn many criticisms for the manner in which it was run: lack of officials, no heat sheets until the day of race, swimmers being advised they must provide a timer for the 800 and 1500 metre races as a condition of their competition in these events to name a few.

Of note in this report the COP wishes to draw the Board's attention to the relays in which World Records were set by Provincial Teams. It is suggested that the Rules Committee review its position on allowing Provincial Teams to compete at Nationals. Several clubs have suggested that Nationals is for clubs not Provincial Teams that one might see competing at World Masters for example. There appears to be an understanding that Nationals is for club team relays. In fact the

Rules state that all members of a relay team are to be from one club. The rule is silent on the subject of Provincial Teams in relays. This needs to be clarified.

On the other side of the coin Provincial Registrars are under pressure to set up “temporary clubs” so that members may race relays together. An argument for temporary clubs being set up for Nationals can be made for swimmers from isolated areas such as Northern Ontario where local clubs are small and only one or two from each club may go to Nationals. MSO received a request this year from competitors from club members in Northern Ontario who wanted to race relays together. They set up a club and requested the MSO registrar to register the club for them. Right or wrong the club was set up so that they could race together in relays at Nationals.

The following is a quote from one e-mail received by Mike Heath-Eves. It shows some of the relays in question:

“Of the 9 relay records broken at Nationals (8 swims – one lists as breaking both the National and World Record), 3 (or 4) are by amalgamated teams (all in the 200-239 age group). It saddens me that down the road I think the only way it will be possible to break records will be to pull together swimmers from across the province – it makes sense for relay World records, but not necessarily at the National level.

Women, 4 x 50m Freestyle

17. Heat 3 Pointe-Claire Masters MPC 2:43.60 National Record 280 - 319  
BUENACASA, Dorothy, DILLINGER, Erda, GULYAS, Julia, WALDIE, Mae

**17. Heat 8 MSABC Provincial Team MSBC 1:59.35 National Record 200 - 239**  
BRAULT, Andree, KELSALL, Rosemary, BRAULT, Danielle, MACDONALD, Sarah  
Women, 4 x 100m Freestyle

35. Heat 4 Calgary Winter Club Clippers CLIP 4:28.28 National Record 200 - 239  
DIXON-WELLS, Lisa, DAWSON, Kristin, HILLAND, Kathy, AMUNDRUD, Gail  
Women, 4 x 50m Medley

**33. Heat 7 MSABC Provincial Team CAN 2:15.65 Master World Records 200 - 239**  
MACDONALD, Sarah, BRAULT, Danielle, KRZIC, Maja, KELSALL, Rosemary

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MACDONALD, Sarah, BRAULT, Danielle, KRZIC, Maja, KELSALL, Rosemary  
Women, 4 x 100m Medley

19. Heat 4 Aurora Master Ducks AURO 4:36.85 National Record 100 - 119  
WILLIAMS, AMANDA, SMITH, Christie, GONZALEZ, Juliana, CHOLYK, Stephanie

19. Heat 4 Calgary Winter Club Clippers CLIP 5:08.21 National Record 200 - 239  
HILLAND, Kathy, DIXON-WELLS, Lisa, DAWSON, Kristin, AMUNDRUD, Gail  
Mixed, 4 x 100m Freestyle

37. Heat 3 Nepean Masters Swim Club NEP 4:13.48 National Record 200 - 239  
KHODKO, Dmitri, BELANGER, Nathalie, DOUCETTE, Barry, MERRITT, Cathy

Mixed, 4 x 50m Medley

49. Heat 8 Trillium Y Masters Swim Club TYMS 2:09.76 National Record 200 – 239”

There are arguments for both Provincial and isolated community clubs. As stated above  
the rule needs to be clarified to move ahead.

Michael Heath-Eves

Council of Provinces

See you all on April 9 at the Olympium in Etobicoke

Mike Heath-Eves

President  
Masters Swimming Ontario

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REGISTRAR REPORT

As of June 1, 2011

Clubs	89
Mail memberships	--
Total swimmers	3360

Club swimmers        3312

Unattached Swimmers 40

8 OSG Members, Ted Roach, Chris Smith, Bryan Finlay  
Michael Stroud, Olenka McKee, Pat Niblett  
Barrie Malloch, Brian Croker

New Club- Welland Masters

### Phil Rogers - Leadership

As discussed, there are a few options for development that I'd like to raise for the Board's consideration for next year.

Not suggesting any decision by the Board at this Saturday's meeting but I would like members' views and what members think should be investigated.

First option, we could run another coaches' clinic next year, just before the Provincial Championships. There was a good reaction to the clinic this year in March. We could involve some Toronto based coaches and/or someone from elsewhere in Canada. Could also try to revive the connection with the USMS coaches. If we use local coaches, as we did last year, the budget is quite small; but I don't suggest that low budget should drive the decision.

Second option would be to commission a few high quality videos on coaching and swimming technique, aimed specifically at Masters. There are already a few of these on the MSC website. These videos would be made available, either by DVD or Internet streaming from our website, to MSO teams and their coaches.

The advantage is that we would likely reach a far larger audience in terms of MSO swimmers and coaches. I have not looked into the costs of doing this. If we pursue this option, I'd hope to get some help on the project. If this is of interest, we could also ask if MSC would like to jointly sponsor (and fund) the videos. They would then arrange for distribution to Masters clubs across Canada.

Let me know if either of these appear to be of interest to Board members. There may be other options that others would like to raise.

Phil Rogers

## Communications Report:

For the past few months I have been working on the new website project.

And as a result I have prepared a draft of Phase 1 RFP of the project for board approval.

Furthermore, I am currently working on the RFP proposal for the whole project and will discuss details at the meeting.

Looking forward seeing everyone tomorrow, its going to be an exciting meeting :)

Alisa Abgarov

COMPETITION REPORT

Meet date	
	<b>Sep-10</b>
	<b>POOL</b>
16-Oct-10	Brantford
14-Nov-10	EOMAC
14-Nov-10	Alderwood
4-Dec-10	Techno
12-Dec-10	NY Pent
	<b>2011</b>
9-Jan-11	Muskoka
22-Jan-11	Technosport
23-Jan-11	Alderwood
30-Jan-11	Brockville 1000Islds
13-Feb-11	Burlington
19-Feb-11	technosport
6-Mar-11	Milton
13-Mar-11	EOMAC H & S
Mar 25-26-27	<b>Provincials</b>
16-Apr-11	Downtown SC
	Technosport
30-Apr-11	Cancelled
8-May-11	EOMAC Try meet
	London LC Outdoor
9-Jul-11	Sunset
	<b>OWS</b>
16-Jul-11	Brights Grove**
7-Aug-11	Welland
13-Aug-11	L.O.S.T.

<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>FOR OFFICIALS</b>
Meet date	
	<b>Sep-11</b>
	<b>POOL</b>
	Brantford
12-Oct-11	Swim Ottawa
	EOMAC
	Techno
	NY Pent
	<b>2012</b>
	Muskoka
	Technosport
22-Jan-12	Alderwood
	Brockville 1000Islds
12-Feb-12	Burlington
	technosport
	Milton
	EOMAC H & S
Mar 30-31 Apr 1 2012	<b>Provincials</b>
Apr 21 12	Downtown SC
	Technosport
	<b>OWS</b>
	Brights Grove**
	Welland
	L.O.S.T.

Still following up on a few OSOA fees not yet

remitted

We are accepting the requests for the upcoming season. As listed below we already have 4 dates booked. If others want to confirm a date now is the time to do so.

There have been complaints about clubs limiting their meets to only a few clubs or a Time Trial for their own club .

Sanctioning the TT for Alderwood was my mistake and I still feel that these could and should be sanctioned especially if the cub is in a remote place.

We have an outdoor LC meet (the first one I know of) for July and 3 OWS this summer.

Sally O'Brien