

MINUTES

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday March 4, 2014
Teleconference

Present:

Pat Angus
Phil Rogers
Wes Musial
Mike Starr
Brian Croker
Sean Warburton
Cathy Macdonald
Sally O'Brien
Carole Herbert

Regrets:

Lesley Dusevic
Craig Zimmerman
Chris Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 by Phil Rogers.

1. Adoption of Draft Agenda

Motion 01: That the draft agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved: Mike Starr
Seconded: Sally O'Brien

Unanimously Carried

2. Adoption of Draft Minutes January 11, 2014

Motion 02: That the minutes of January 11, 2014 be adopted as amended.

Moved: Sally O'Brien
Seconded Carole Herbert

Unanimously Carried

Business Arising from Last Meeting

- MSC Affiliation Policy Impasse – Phil Rogers

Phil noted that the only person on this call who was actually at that meeting was Sally, the point being that we are working on second hand information and the gist of what Phil has heard from multiple sources. He brought up two procedural points: 1. We cannot solve this problem tonight. 2. This affiliation proposal needs to be clear for the 2014 Worlds because the registration process is now open under existing rules.

We noted that the TOMS club affiliation has worked for the last 6 World Championships. Phil believes that the TOMS system is compliant with FINA rules.

This matter has been forwarded for further discussion.

- 25th Anniversary Update – Sally O'Brien Report Attached

The caps and medals have been ordered. Discussion took place on sizes of t-shirts to be ordered. We want to make sure there are enough large sizes for men and that the women have women's shirts and not small men's shirts. Brian noted that there are approximately 100 swimmers who will receive a free 25th anniversary t-shirt. Discussion took place about a banner and perhaps pins as well for the Worlds. No decision was made.

- Position Definitions for Website

Phil noted Board members should be getting position definitions up on the web, ASAP. He encouraged the Board to use their own initiative and creativity in preparing something short. These will be circulated before the next face-to-face meeting for discussion

- Executive Summary to replace Insurance Guidelines on Web – Carole

It was agreed this was not something that Carole should be doing. Sean noted that an executive summary should be requested from the insurance company to be posted on the website, so as not to put up the entire policy which is immense. Claus will be asked to request this from the insurance

company. Carole will also request Claus to send her a copy of the entire insurance policy. Mike noted that he would like to have a copy of the entire policy for the chair of his swim club and suggested the policy should be sent to the chair of all clubs. Mike also noted that he is still concerned about the limits of the policy and that clubs/swimmers need to be informed about the coverage MSO offers, e.g. travel, swimming with other clubs, etc

- Questionnaire for clubs – Status Mike Starr

Mike noted that he has been very busy with a swim meet and club affiliation issues and hasn't had a lot of time to work on the questionnaire. He does have information from USMS, which shows an extremely detailed survey dealing with general issues and has been helpful to look at. He has his own questions relating to Ontario. He will put a list of questions together and circulate to Board.

- MSO clubs notified of MSC fee increase not being passed on – Brian

Brian is still awaiting the letter from Sean. He noted that the MSC website should reflect the fact that Ontario clubs do not need to include the MSC fee increase when they register, but he's not sure this is the case. This will be discussed further at the next face-to-face meeting.

- Cyber Insurance – Cathy
Carried Forward

- Sending reports before meeting - Phil

Phil noted that it is useful to keep an eye on the financial situation regularly and therefore Cathy's reports are helpful. It was noted there is a formatting issue, which makes it difficult to attach the report to the agenda/minutes. Sally's brief updates regarding competition are also very useful. Reports from other Board members are useful to keep the Board up to date on individual projects.

New Business

- Chris - \$100. For officials name tags

After discussion it was agreed that this expense is regarded as an OSOA responsibility.

- Problems with MSC Registration Process - Brian

Brian has not been getting response from Lindsay regarding requests for club set-ups and changes. He gets no response indicating status. The registration of new clubs is onerous. Brian has offered to do it and send the information to MSC. He is frustrated by the lack of assistance and lack of flexibility. There is a new club trying to get people registered for Friday, March 7th, and this may not get done, which needless to say is upsetting swimmers. Brian would like to be able to set clubs up manually, without MSC. Mike suggested that this seems to be an issue from an IT perspective and the user should be able to do most of this at a club level. Phil will speak with Dave Wilkin, MSC President, regarding this problem with process.

- Problems with Sentex

Brian noted that Sentex, his current operating system, recently revamped their program and this has resulted in multiple problems for him. One of the biggest issues is that he can no longer directly respond to e-mails. He needs to cut and paste. After discussion it was suggested by Mike that MSO should seriously consider replacing Sentex. Cathy noted that they are also responsible for our Domain name and website. Mike offered to send Craig some information for discussion. Cathy will bring information re domain and hosting costs to the next meeting.

Board Reports:

President Phil Rogers – see comments above.

Vice President Mike Starr

Has been working on gathering background information for a club survey. – see further comments above

Past President/Special Projects Sean Warburton

Nothing new to report at this time.

Treasurer Cathy Macdonald

See report sent March 2, 2014 **Have not been able to attach.**

Secretary Carole Herbert

Nothing new to report at this time.

Competition Sally O'Brien Report Attached

Sally raised the point that in the past it has been a “rule of thumb” that clubs hosting a meet at a certain time of year have first choice of that date the following year. Many clubs are now getting their requests in earlier and sometimes request a date historically assigned to another club. Currently Sally contacts clubs to see if they still want to hold their meet on the usual date and encourages them to get their request in. A motion may need to be made in the future, firming up the rules.

Leadership

Wes Musial

Wes noted that his coaching tips are on the MSO website and he has been checking the website on a regular basis. There have been approximately 250 hits in the last one and a half months, which is encouraging and indicates it is useful information.

Health & Lifestyle

Lesley Dusevic - Absent

Communications

Mike Starr

See comments under Questionnaire

Chris Smith

Member at Large - Absent

Staff Reports

Web

Craig Zimmerman

Nothing new to report at this time

Registration

Brian Crocker Report Attached

External Reps

Claus Koch

Insurance

Other Business

- Update Re: Harassment Issue – Phil

Phil has had communication from Brigitte Ziger, MSC. This person has now been banned from Y pools as well as City of Toronto pools following a recent incident outside a Y pool. The police are involved and there is nothing more that MSC can do. It was noted that we need to speed up the adoption of our own MSO policy to deal with these types of issues. Phil is still looking for one more member for his committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Saturday April 26, 2014 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in Ottawa. Meeting place to be determined.

Sally O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

/pja

REPORTS

Competition report March 4 2014 teleconference – Sally O'Brien

Caps are in and are waiting to be delivered to Windsor. Medals and ribbons have been ordered and are due to arrive by the 20th. Mariusz (Jade Trophies) will most likely submit his invoice as usual.

T-Shirts are not yet ordered. I hate guessing at sizes. I'm thinking of

Ladies: 10 S - 15 M - 20 L - 5XL

Men's: 5 S - 20 M - 20 L - 5XL

Any more suggestions would help as I don't know who exactly they are going to.

Meets are going well. I've got a computer issue that I'm working to sort out and it's hindering my getting the OSOA invoices out and stats organized.

I'm making a newer list of meets that have been around for a while as there are requests for more meets for next year and they seem to be conflicting with the old stand byes.

MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO SWIMMER BREAKDOWN 2013-2014 SEASON Brian Croker

Date	Clubs		Swimmers	UNON	OSG	Total
Oct 4	8		92	0	-	92
Oct 5	10	18	91	0	1 BM	184
Oct 6	15	33	32	0	1 CS	217
Oct 7	-		-	15	-	232
Oct 13	8	41	36	1	-	269
Oct 21P	-		65	0	-	334
Nov 9	-		12	0	-	346
Nov 10	-		11	0	-	357
Nov 11	5	46	46	0	1 TR	404
Nov 12	4	50	57	5	-	466
Nov 13	7	57	187	0	-	653
Nov 27	8	65	156	0	-	809
Nov 28	6	71	168	0	-	977
Nov 29	4	75	110	5	-	1092
Nov 30	-		-	14	-	1106
Dec 2P	-		199	0	2 MS, PN	1307
Jan 11	-		-	16	-	1323
Jan 12	-		68	1	-	1392
Jan 13	2	77	469	0	-	1861
Jan 27P	-		50	0	-	1911
Jan 29P	-		78	0	-	1989

Jan 30	1	78	15	2	-	2006
Jan 31	2	80	258	0	-	2264
Feb 1	-		15	0	-	2279
Feb 2	3	83	20	9	-	2308
Feb 3P	-		142	0	-	2450
Feb 14	1	84	51	2	-	2503
Feb 15	1	85	64	1	-	2568
Feb 20P	-		36	0	-	2604
Feb 21P	1	86	91	0	-	2695
Feb 27	-		26	12	-	2733
Feb 28	3	89	70	0	1BC	2804