

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, May 2, 2015
Etobicoke Olympium, Mississauga, ON**

Minutes

Attendees:

Phil Rogers
Mike Starr
Carole Herbert
Pat Angus
Sally O'Brien
Brian Croker
Dorothy Milburn-Smith
Chris Smith

Regrets:

Lesley Dusevic
Cathy Macdonald
Craig Zimmerman

Absent:

Sean Warburton

The meeting was opened by Phil Rogers at 11:00 am.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion #01: That the agenda be adopted as written.

Moved: Sally O'Brien
Seconded: Dorothy Milburn-Smith
Unanimously Carried

Adoption of Minutes of March 24, 2015

Motion 02: That the minutes of March 24 2015 Teleconference be adopted as amended.

Moved: Carole Herbert
Seconded: Sally O'Brien
Unanimously carried

Business Arising from the Minutes/Items for Discussion

- Former MSO Member suspension update – Phil Rogers
Phil informed the Board that both the MSC and criminal process are going forward. MSC notification of the extended suspension has been sent to affected clubs, YMCA and City pools. It was felt that notification should go out to all clubs in Canada. Phil will speak to MSC to suggest country-wide notifications.

- IT Update – Mike Starr
Mike suggested the MSABC newsletter be sent out to all members/clubs. Work continues to move forward looking at options for an updated platform for communication, web hosting, membership and data management, including working with other provinces for a new joint registration system.
- Intervention/Resolution re Records – Sally O'Brien
Phil reported that Brigitte Zirger has volunteered to take over this function and will liaise with Pat. Brian will have Craig change the name on the web.
- Insurance Administration
Deferred to next meeting

New Business

- Attendance at Swim Meets discussion
A general discussion took place regarding the perceived decline in attendance at swim meets across Canada. It was suggested issues such as fees, the number of local meets being held, increased pool and lifeguard costs, etc. may all be contributing factors. There are no hard statistics to substantiate this at the moment. It was agreed to review this item in the fall.
- Ontario Championships:
Thornhill will host the Ontario Championships in 2016 and they will not be held over Easter. Bids for 2017 are being requested.
- Discussion of 2016 Nationals – Phil noted that no club has stepped forward so far to hold the 2017 Nationals. MSC had indicated they would like Ontario to step forward. Phil suggested perhaps it would be more feasible if two Ottawa clubs joined together to coordinate the 2017 Nationals. It was noted that MSC is now requesting 40% of the profit earned by clubs for holding the Nationals and it was suggested this is a deterrent to clubs coming forward.
- Discussion re Thornhill cancellation. Cancelling this meet was a huge disappointment for the club and was due to the low number of entries – 40 vs the usual 100 plus.
- Response from Swim Ontario to our letter
Phil will be offering dates to SO to hold a face-to-face meeting. Brian and Chris indicated that once a date has been set, they would like to attend if available.
- MSC Survey of Members
Phil informed the Board of a survey that is on the MSO Facebook page and encouraged everyone to fill it out. He noted that the information had been sent to clubs but it didn't appear the information was forwarded to club members. It was suggested that the survey be checked in about three weeks for responses.

- MSO Facebook
It was noted that Alisa Boulanger still controls the MSO Facebook page, even though she is no longer on the Board. Phil suggested two Board members have control of this page and will ask Alisa to turn over control to him. Dorothy offered to be take the second position, depending on the amount of work involved.

Board Member Updates

President Phil Rogers – see comments above

Vice President Mike Starr – see comments above

Treasurer Cathy Macdonald – absent

Cash Flow Activity Sept. 1 2014 - April 27, 2015
(includes all activity, not just FY 2015)

Balances	<u>August 31, 2014</u>	<u>April 27, 2015</u>
Chequing account	107,076	123,434
Savings account	55,649	55,951
	<u>162,725</u>	<u>179,385</u>
Deposits (after paypal fees)	114,394	
Fees to MSC	<u>(49,128)</u>	65,266
Bd Mtg expenses		(5,458)
Teleconference costs		(1,851)
Recording Secretary		(1,100)
Phones/Internet		(1,895)
Miscellaneous (supplies, admin fees, interest)		(2,091)
Computer purchase		(1,327)
Audit		(4,731)
Insurance		(14,995)
Website work		(735)
Legal Fees		(3,424)
Registrar		(5,000)
Championship Grants		(2,500)
Webmaster		(1,500)
Officials at Worlds		<u>(2,000)</u>
		16,660

Competition Sally O'Brien

Leadership no report

Health & Lifestyle Lesley Dusevic - absent

Re: Masters Coaches and Swimmers research study.

Follow up was conducted with the researchers who related that the data is being analyzed and results should be available this fall. The researchers will be contacted again at that time to ensure a copy of the results will be obtained.

Communication no report

Special Project no report

Staff Reports

Web Craig Zimmerman – no report

Registrar Brian Croker

Kate Eason requested Brian to go through memorabilia from the World Masters Games from 1985 to see what could be held for posterity. Phil suggested we ask the Sports/ Swimming Hall of Fame if they have any interest.

A club has requested a change of club name to something not appropriate. Board agrees this should be denied.

External Rep/OSOA REP Chris Smith

Chris reported that the OSOA (Ontario Swimming Officials Association) official's situation is in a serious state of flux at this time due to SO (Swim Ontario) plans. He reported that president of OSOA resigned today. Chris indicated that it is his understanding that SO has said that they are in the process of making Ontario officials and MSO committees of SO with SO having complete control. It was also suggested by SO that there had been meetings/discussion with MSO regarding this change. Phil noted no such meeting/discussion has taken place. Phil suggested that a meeting with SO is even more important now.

Chris expressed concerns that MSC is using FINA Olympic rules for Masters meets which is not always appropriate. For example, FINA does not allow counters (friends/family etc) for long distance Masters swims (1500/800).

Phil reported that he has heard that there was an official at MSO Provincials who expressed concerns about the way the meet was run. He is writing a report to the Canadian Forces swim team. The report is welcome and Phil would like to see a copy once it has been done.

Next Meeting June 9, 2015 by teleconference

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3pm.