

**Masters Swimming Ontario  
Board of Directors  
Teleconference  
November 17, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Phil Rogers - Chair  
Mike Starr  
Carole Herbert  
Sally O'Brien  
Cathy Macdonald  
Chris Smith  
Brigitte Zirger  
Brian Croker

**Regrets:**

Dorothy Milburn-Smith

Phil opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**1. Review of the Agenda for the AGM**

Any typos please give to Carole off line.

Chris has reviewed. Only financial stuff is missing. Cathy does preamble, pie to show how \$35 gets divided. Needs input from Brian and Mike then will do budget and send to Carole.- Notice has been issued for date, time and agenda topics. Carole to pull in the budget, finalize and then send to Mike for distribution to clubs and to individual members where possible.

**2. Registration and insurance**

Grace period until December applies to returning swimmers. MSO considers that once registered with the club, swimmers are registered with MSO and covered by insurance. Club must be registered ASAP in September.

Conclusion - don't need a notice of motion at AGM. But we need to clarify to all clubs what the registration policy is. We will discuss at a future board meeting.

**3. New Board Nominees**

Need to replace Sean and Leslie who left the board in the last year. Currently we have seven directors with five positions open for nominations. Sally, Mike and Carole end their two year terms and need to complete nomination form to renew for another two years.  
- Mike has a person (Greg) in Toronto, Epidemiologist & Public Health, who is interested in communicating fitness to swimmers. He may be interested in the Board and will be at the AGM.

- Chris has a person in his club who is very involved with NYAK (Jake) - teaches IT at Centennial College. We need communications people as we move forward with the IT developments and increased capabilities.

#### **4. MSC AGM in Toronto**

Mike, Phil and Chris attended. There was a truncated forum for the provincial organizations to meet with the national organization on Friday. The meeting was only 1.5 hours because they had scheduled an optional swim at 3pm. MSC talked a lot about their strategic plan which was developed by Deltoids and a summary of the plan was distributed. All the substantive items were rushed and shortened. Phil addressed the MSO-SO issue.

There was an outstanding seminar with three speakers on Saturday but it was attended by only 10 people.

The AGM was on Sunday and the election results produced what Chris believes is the most inexperienced board ever.

Rod Carmichael (BC) and Bob Groff (Manitoba) are interested in the new registration system. Mike gave them access to the systems so they can explore.

The MSC/SNC Memorandum of Agreement will be discussed at the post-AGM board meeting.

#### **5. Next Steps with Legal Opinion**

Chris was promised a letter from the Province on the governance issue and they have promised to get it to him by Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

Phil thinks that the question is clear enough to start the dialogue with Anna. Phil to call Anna to let her know what is coming and what is wanted, and to ask her how much work is involved (hoping under \$4K).

#### **6. Post AGM Dinner**

Phil suggested a board dinner after the AGM but there are too many not available. The dinner will be held in January after our next face-to-face.

#### **7. Other Business**

Open Water Swimming – Sally has obtained a quote of \$500 per event for insurance that would allow one day memberships.

OSOA – Chris will send an email with the latest information.

Championship Grants - Budget is \$2500 x 3 (indoor and outdoor provincials, and nationals are being held in Ontario).

Chris noted there are no World events in 2016 as FINA and WMG are both in 2017.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Chris moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.