

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Meeting following AGM**

Sunday November 16, 2014

Minutes

Present:

Phil Rogers
Pat Angus
Cathy Macdonald
Sally O'Brien
Mike Starr
Chris Smith
Brian Croker

Regrets:

Lesley Ducevic
Carole Herbert
Sean Warburton

The meeting was called to order by Brian at 3:25 and he chaired the nomination for Board position.

President:

Sally nominated Phil Rogers for President
Mike Starr seconded the nomination
Phil accepted

Vice President

Cathy Macdonald nominated Mike Starr for Vice President
Phil Rogers seconded the nomination
Mike accepted

Secretary

Sally O'Brien nominated Carole Herbert for Secretary
Phil Rogers seconded the nomination
Carole was absent but had indicated that she would accept the nomination if it was made

Treasurer

Phil Rogers nominated Cathy Macdonald for Treasurer
Sally O'Brien seconded the motion
Cathy accepted

Competition

Phil Rogers nominated Sally O'Brien for Competition

Mike Starr seconded the nomination

Sally accepted

Communications Vacant at this time

Health & Lifestyle

Sally O'Brien nominated Lesley Dusevic for Health and Lifestyle

Cathy Macdonald seconded the nomination

Lesley was absent but had indicated that she would accept the nomination if it was made

Leadership Vacant at this time

Records This position will be further discussed at the next MSO meeting

Member at Large; OSOA Liaison – Chris Smith

Member at large – Sean Warburton

Brian turned the meeting over to Phil Rogers.

Motion 01: That the minutes from the MSO Board teleconference of September 23, 2014 be approved as written.

Moved: Cathy Macdonald

Seconded: Sally O'Brien

Carried

New Business: - Mike Starr

Mike Starr noted there were several items that he would like to discuss today. By-law revisions for MSC; Rules and Records database; up to date contact list of Board members and IT structure

- Considerable discussion took place discussing the IT issues and records database. It was agreed to continue working on these issues and to discuss further at our next MSO meeting. Mike and his committee will continue working on the IT issues. Phil indicated that other clubs and provinces are working in the same direction we want to go and we may all be able to benefit and get there faster. It was suggested we set a deadline of moving forward with this before Christmas.

- Brian will bring the contact list up to date, send it to Carole for safekeeping and send the information to each Board Member.

Phil gave a short MSC discussion about two things. He noted that across the country teams and organizations are worried about IT issues and it would appear that everyone is reaching consensus at the same time. All agree, everything needs to be improved. There is great concern about the ability/inability to communicate with their own swimmers. MSBC has apparently done good work in this area.

The second issue is worry about the growth of masters swimming which is flat at the moment. There is a need to create more reasons to join. Phil noted that MSBC has a blog with “swimspiration” stories – eg. a person with MS who was not encouraged to exercise told the story of how swimming has kept her out of a wheelchair. MSBC is collecting other inspiration stories and as Phil noted, the interesting feature of this blog is that it is not directed towards competitive the stream. 70% of masters swimmer do not compete.

The MSC meeting did not have governance on the agenda, however provinces were coming forward spontaneously suggesting a greater role for each provincial body in relationship to MSC.

It was noted that there is an MSO Facebook page on the web and the issue of who is responsible for it was raised. It was set up by Alisa Boulanger while she was a Board member, at the behest of the Board. This matter will be discussed at a later date.

The next Meeting will be a teleconference call on Monday, Dec 1, 2014 at 7 p.m.

The next face-to-face meeting is set for January 10, 2015 in Ottawa. Attendees are asked to confirm their attendance to ensure the Ottawa meeting will work. It will likely be held at the YMCA again from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sally O'Brien moved to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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