

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, December 13, 2015
North York, ON

Following Pentathlon Swim Meet

Minutes

Present:

Dorothy Millburn-Smith	TECH
Cliff Gentle	TYMS
Glenn Mateer	TYMS
Matthew Williamson	TYMS
Jake Nesovic	TYMS
Steve Forsey	THOR
Doug Vanderby	NT
Hank Winters	UNON
Charlie Lane	ETOB
Michael Obal	TAC
Yoshi Nomura	TMU
Michael Kenny	CMAV
Chris Smith	TYMS
Sally O'Brien	NEP
Michael Starr	TORO
Phil Rogers	NCRY
Carole Herbert	UNON
Cathy Macdonald	LSD
Alex Boulanger	TORO
Ralph Ades	GRAN
Brian Sheridan	ETOB
Brian Croker	UNON
Gregory Robinson	TORO

Guests:

Doug Hannum	MSC
Alisa Boulanger	MSC VP

The meeting was called to order by Phil Rogers at 1:35 p.m.

1. Welcome. Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulations
Brian Croker announced that there are 14 clubs represented at the meeting today and we have a quorum.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion 01: That the agenda be accepted as presented

Moved: Brian Croker

Seconded: Dorothy Milburn-Smith

Motion Carried

3. Acceptance of the 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion 02: That the minutes from the 2014 Annual General Meeting be adopted as written.

Moved: Brian Croker

Seconded: Mike Starr

Motion carried

4. Business arising from the 2014 AGM Minutes

Phil Rogers noted that the issues arising from the 2014 AGM had been dealt with and there were no other issues outstanding at this time.

5. Annual Reports from Workgroups, External Representatives and Staff

These reports are attached to the AGM package for perusal by members.

a. Officials – Chris Smith gave a short summary of the current status of the Ontario Swimming Officials Association/Swim Ontario situation.

b. Competition - Sally O'Brien summarized the meets held over the 2014-15 swimming year and noted that 3 were cancelled due to low registrations. We have a new person doing an excellent job of record keeping and the records are up-to-date.

c. IT Issues – Mike Starr spoke about the new registration system which was developed in Alberta and has been adapted for masters. It is a membership management system rather than a registration system and it has been rolled out in Ontario with the intention to go national eventually. The system can generate Hytek files and permits the use of PayPal.

Mike also noted that we joined TechSoup, which is a cost effective way of getting access to software for not-for-profit groups such as MSO. We have also significantly reduced costs of board meeting conference calls by moving to Skype for Business from the very expensive Bell teleconferencing system.

d. Finances – Cathy Macdonald summarized the budget and reminded the group that MSO keeps only \$10 per swimmer of the \$35 registration fee. There will be variation in some of the budget categories as a result of the IT changes noted by Mike Starr above.

e. President's Report - Phil Rogers outlined the dispute and resolution of the situation that occurred in Sept/Oct 2015 with Swim Ontario. Phil first summarized the history of the annual \$2 per swimmer fee that MSO pays to SO. Early in 2015 the MSO board had moved to have Phil organize a face to face meeting with the president or board of SO to discuss the fee and what our members received for its payment. Before a meeting could be set, we received a letter from the SO board dated June 20, 2015 stating that SO had removed our sanctioning authority due to non-payment of the \$2 per swimmer invoice. Phil and Mike Starr met with Eric Martin, President of SO, on August 5, 2015 and discussed the relationship between the two organizations. The two strategies that were tabled are to look at holding joint age-group/masters open water swims and that SO would begin to promote masters swimming amongst its members to encourage swimming as a lifelong sport. On September 29, 2015, prior to further discussions or communications with SO, their board publicized a notice that our sanctioning authority had been revoked. We were not copied on this notice and only heard about it through social media and email from national and international sources. It took Phil, with the full support of the board and with representatives of Masters Swimming Canada and Swimming Natation Canada acting as arbitrators, a week of intense negotiations to resolve the dispute. MSO paid the outstanding invoice once SO agreed to restore sanctioning and to continue with developing the two strategies outlined above. Since there is a question of whether SO has the authority to give or take away the sanctioning ability of a master's organization such as MSO, we are engaging legal counsel to try and answer this question. An update on this issue will be given at a special members meeting which will be held on Friday, April 1, 2015 prior to the Ontario provincial meet in Markham.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion

7. New Business

- a) Phil Rogers noted that we are beginning a review of our insurance coverage as it has been several years since this was done.
- b) Alisa Boulanger noted that they are working on being able to produce membership cards from the new registration system. These would be useful for out of country meets as the new system allows Canadian meet managers to automatically check a swimmers membership status.

8. Retiring of Outgoing Directors & Nominations

Brian Croker received the following nominations:

Mike Starr
Sally O'Brien
Carole Herbert
Jake Nesovic
Greg Robinson

9. Election of Directors

As there were 5 nominations for 5 vacancies, all nominees were acclaimed.

10. Appointment of Accounting Firm

Motion 03: That the Board retain the firm Schwartz, Levitsky and Feldman, with remuneration to be agreed to and set by the Board.

Moved: Cathy Macdonald

Seconded Mike Starr

Motion Carried

11. Adjournment

Brian Croker moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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