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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Masters Swimming Ontario (MSO) shall be held

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 1pm
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55 Reading Ct,
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The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Association for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017;
2. To elect Directors to the Board;
3. To appoint Auditors; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Attachment below is the agenda and other documents for this meeting, including a list of current serving Directors, new nominations and an explanation of the voting procedure.

All members are encouraged to attend. Only those clubs and unattached members (as a group) registered during the 2017/2018 season may have voting rights. Voting Delegates are required to sign the Register and record the number of votes they represent for the Member Club.

Instructions for delegates wishing to cast their votes by special delivery, registered mail or proxy will be provided at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Dated at Ottawa October 19, 2017
By the Order of the Board of Directors
Brian Sheridan, President

Board of Directors 2017-2018

A Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, each to serve for a term of two (2) years, shall manage the affairs of the Association.

There are nine (9) positions open for the year 2017-2018.

- One Director's 2 year term has expired: Jake Nesovic
- Six Directors resigned over the past year and four new Directors were voted onto the board by the sitting board members until the 2017 AGM: Beth Carey, Andrea Smith, Sue Weir and Brigitte Zirger.
- Of the seven current sitting directors, two directors, Brian Sheridan and Carla Oliviera, are resigning as of the AGM.

Nominations are welcome and should be submitted on a Nomination/Consent to Serve form (attached or online at <https://www.mastersswimmingontario.ca/board-externals-and-staff-forms/>) and submitted to the MSO Secretary at c_oliveira@mastersswimmingontario.ca. Additional nominations, if properly submitted and approved by the Delegates to the AGM, may be entertained from the floor at the AGM.

Voting Procedure

For Member Clubs having **two (2) or more Members in good standing**, the votes are allotted as follows (based on the number of registered members 30 days prior to the AGM):

Registered Members	Votes Allotted
2-24	1
25-49	2
50-74	3
75 and over	4
Unattached members (as a Group)	1

Delegates duly authorized to represent a Member Club or an Unattached Member are entitled to vote at the AGM. Delegates must be registered Members of MSO.

One Delegate may represent all the votes of the person's Club, or where a Club has more than one vote, it may spread its votes amongst more than one of its members.

**Masters Swimming Ontario
Annual General Meeting
November 19, 2017
Toronto, Ontario**

AGENDA

1. Welcome. Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulations
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of the 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Business Arising from the 2016 AGM Minutes
5. Annual Reports from Workgroups, External Representatives and Staff
6. Notices of Motion
7. New Business
8. Retiring of Outgoing Directors & Nominations
9. Election of Directors
10. Appointment of Accounting Firm
11. Adjournment

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

2016 Minutes

Masters Swimming Ontario, Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Toronto, ON

Present:

Kevin Liu	DSC	Downtown Swim Club
Charlie Lane	ETOB	Etobicoke Olympium Masters Aquatic Club
Carla Oliveira	ETOB	Etobicoke Olympium Masters Aquatic Club
Brian Sheridan	ETOB	Etobicoke Olympium Masters Aquatic Club
Alisa Boulanger	GRAN	Granite Masters
Caroline King	GRAN	Granite Masters
Mike Lindsay	GRAN	Granite Masters
Ralph Ades	GRAN	Granite Masters
Cathy Macdonald	LSD	London Silver Dolphins
Matisse Hamel-Nelis	MARK	Markham Masters Swim Club
Janene Brown	MASC	Mississauga Masters
Peter Moore	MASC	Mississauga Masters
John Mayes	MILT	Milton Masters Aquatic Club
Sue Stanley	MILT	Milton Masters Aquatic Club
Phil Rogers	NCRY	National Capital Region Y
Brigitte Zirger	NEP	Nepean Masters Swim Club
Filippo Porco	NEP	Nepean Masters Swim Club
Jennifer Ellegood	NT	North Toronto Masters Swim Club
Bob Patrick	OSAC	Owen Sound Aquatic Club
Brian Ma	TAC	Toronto Athletic Club
Ian Feldman	THOR	Thornhill Masters Aquatic Club
Yoshihiko Nomura	TMU	Toronto Masters of the Univers
Aimee Grodski	TOES	The Olympic Experience Swim Team
Brian Croker	TOMS	The Ontario Masters Swimmers
Carole Herbert (skype)	TOMS	The Ontario Masters Swimmers
Alex Boulanger	TORO	TOROSwim
Gregory Robinson	TORO	TOROSwim
Michael Starr	TORO	TOROSwim
Beth Carey	TYMS	Trillium Y Masters Swim Club
Cliff Gentle	TYMS	Trillium Y Masters Swim Club
Chris Smith (skype)	TYMS	Trillium Y Masters Swim Club
Sue Weir	TYMS	Trillium Y Masters Swim Club
Doug Hannum	Guest – MSC	Masters Swimming Canada

The meeting was called to order by Phil Rogers at 1:10 p.m.

1. Welcome. Quorum, Roll Calls and Vote Tabulations

Phil Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted it was good to see a broad representation from both Toronto clubs and those outside Toronto. Brian Croker announced that there are 16 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: Ralph Ades

Seconded: Brian Croker

Motion Carried

3. Acceptance of the 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion 02: That the minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted as written.

Moved: Barrie Malloch

Seconded: Brian Croker

Motion carried

4. Business arising from the 2015 AGM Minutes

Phil Rogers noted that the issues arising from the 2015 AGM had been dealt with and that there would be presentations on some new topics later in the meeting.

5. Annual Reports from Workgroups, External Representatives and Staff

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

- a. Membership: Brian Croker noted that the number of clubs is down a bit. He explained the Order of the Soggy Goggles (OSG) with some being active and others inactive at this time.
- b. Finances – Cathy Macdonald summarized the budget and reminded the group that MSO keeps only \$10 per swimmer of the \$35 registration fee. We have been absorbing fee increases for the last several years but not sure how long this can continue. Other items to note in the budget are: \$0 for teleconferencing since we switched to using Skype; the \$2500 donation to championship meets is not listed in the budget as this is reviewed each year by the BoD; \$0 costs for recording secretary as she resigned and a board member continued doing this without pay.
- c. Mike Starr spoke on the IT renewal process (see [Appendix A](#)) which has been a 2 year effort that is now seeing progress. He showed the new page for the MSO website; menus have been redesigned, security improved. He also commented on the MSC version of the database and on meet registration in the new system, which is active and Brigitte Zirger is working with meet managers as necessary. Clubs need

to provide an email address for each swimmer since it will be the sign-on to the system. Phil Rogers added a few comments on the challenges that go along with implementing a new IT system. There was discussion about missing MSO numbers and about getting SCY results and records into the database.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion

7. New Business

- a) Phil Rogers introduced the discussion on sanctioning and Brigitte Zirger went through the presentation on sanctioning (see [Appendix B](#)). Phil noted that in BC, Swim BC accepts the review of the MSABC sanctioning officer. Jake Nesovic raised the issue of the MOU that was signed between MSC and SC. There was discussion why this was signed and Doug Hannum indicated MSC is willing to work with the new board on this. Beth Carey suggested that with better communication within MSC this MOU might not have been signed.
- b) Brigitte Zirger spoke on the proposed Single-Event Registration Policy (see [Appendix C](#)) and reported on how it worked for the national open water championship in Toronto in September. Dave Freeman voiced his support.
- c) Greg Robinson responded to the discussion on communication by reporting that the board has been very active in this area over the last six months with plans begun for a hopefully annual conference open to all members. The goal was improving communications with the membership. It had to be put on hold in August due to the MOU issues.
- d) There was a discussion on whether we can hold sanctioned time trials that would mean the results are official and included in record keeping.

8. Retiring of Outgoing Directors & Nominations

Brian Croker received the following nominations:

Carolyn King
Michael Lindsay
Aimee Grodski
Brian Sheridan
Carla Olvera
Fillipo Porco
Matisse Hamel-Nelis
Chris Smith
Jennifer Ellegood

9. Election of Directors

As there were 9 nominations for 8 vacancies, Brian Croker presided over a vote and reported that all the above other than Chris Smith were elected.

Motion 03: That the election ballots be destroyed.

Moved: Brian Croker

Seconded: Ralph Ades
Motion Carried

10. Appointment of Accounting Firm

Motion 04: 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 Ian Feldman

Motion Carried

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

/cah

Annual Reports:

President's Report 2016-2017 : Brian Sheridan, President

A difficult and fractious year leading to an uncertain future.

At the Annual General Meeting in October 2016 nine officers were elected to the Board and Michael Lindsay was appointed President. Eight members were new to the Board and by Christmas four officers had resigned. In January 2017 Michael Lindsay also resigned and Brian Sheridan became President in February 2017. Brigitte Zirger and Beth Carey were invited to join the Board. An appeal for more volunteers to join the Board in March was unsuccessful.

The situation facing the new Board was that MSO sanctioning for competitions had been removed and Swim Canada was demanding transfer of all swimmer registration information to their database.

Swim meets up until December 31st, 2016 were sanctioned by Swim Ontario after prior review by the MSO Competition Chair. Whilst this created some delays it did not prevent meets proceeding, although with new regulatory restrictions.

The Board agonised over the legality of transferring of swimmers' personal information from the MSO database to SNC. MSC's legal opinion did not seem to reflect the situation we were in and was not eventually supported by our legal counsel who suggested we would have required explicit consent to transfer the data. Some MSO members had specifically protested the proposed transfer of personal information and the Board voted to provide only members' public information, not e-mail addresses.

This proposal was rejected by Swim Canada (SNC) and on January 9th, 2017 SNC sent a notice to its Provincial Sections indicating that only clubs registered with SNC's registration system could apply to the Provincial Swim Organisation for an event sanction. Further that only swimmers registered in this database could enter a sanctioned event.

The majority of the Board did not agree with the proposal to merge with Swim Ontario at this time and as a consequence Michael Lindsay resigned on February 5th 2017.

Sanctioning of swim meets was resumed by MSO allowing all Ontario swimmers to continue competing and out of Province swimmers to attend Ontario meets using MSO's Single Event Registration process.

A further 10 meets were held during the year including a highly successful Provincial Championship at the Markham Pan-Am pool hosted by Thornhill Masters Aquatic Club. It is encouraging that participation in this event showed an increase over previous years and included participants from other provinces and countries.

Ontario's competitive swimmers continued to impress at FINA Worlds in Budapest and at Canadian Nationals in Quebec, where Technosport from Ottawa was the club with the highest points total, although their achievement was not officially recognised by MSC. Out of Province Competition was enabled by MSC and SNC creating a temporary registration category, 'Swimming Canada Competitive Canada'.

MSO is strong financially and has been absorbing the 2011/12 and the 2012/13 fee increases imposed by MSC. This strength has also enabled MSO to maintain registration fees for the up-coming year without any increase.

After many years our registrar, Brian Croker, is stepping down from his position. We wish him well for the future and thank him for all the years of service that he has devoted to MSO in so many different capacities.

So, what is our future? MSO Board members conducted three open meeting to discuss the future directions with the members. Much was learnt but no consensus was obvious. MSO requested Swim Ontario to meet to discuss a way forward but were rebuffed. Instead SO created their own Masters Committee to determine how they would incorporate 'Masters' into their organisation. SO would not agree to have representation of MSO or MSC. Brian Sheridan was invited to be a committee member as an individual masters swimmers, not representing their organisations. I agreed to join this committee under some duress, but in the belief that it is was better to be involved in any future planning than to be on the outside.

Having signed a non-disclosure agreement with Swim Ontario the MSO Board created an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the future of MSO without Swim Ontario, chaired by Brigitte Zirger but excluding the MSO President.

The consequence of these actions is that Master Clubs and swimmers have two directions going into 2017-2018. MSO will continue as a representative body, providing registration, insurance for training and competition, sanctioning of meets and all at low cost. Swimmers can register with MSO through clubs or as 'unattached' and will be able to compete in MSO sanctioned meets.

The second option is for Clubs to register with Swim Ontario, at additional costs and increased regulations including requirements for incorporation and qualified coaches. This will support the wide competitive needs of club based swimmers but does little to support small clubs and in particular 'unattached' swimmers.

We are in a regrettable position of seeing our membership being split in this way, a situation unique in Canada and being largely dictated by Swim Ontario, an organisation whose goals do not match easily with those of 'Fun, Fitness and Friendship'.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Sheridan
13-Sep-2017

Treasurer's Report – 2016-17 Year End: Beth Carey, Treasurer

In 2016, MSO engaged a bookkeeper with the intent of migrating its accounts to Quickbooks. After I took over as Treasurer in January 2017, I worked with MSO's new bookkeeper, Chris Cupidio who is also an accountant, to transition the accounts and to prepare the financial statements for external review. This work has progressed well and the draft 2016-2017 financial statements are presented in this report.

Highlights from 2016-2017 Variance Report and Budget 2017-2018

- The primary revenue source for MSO comes from swimmer and club fees.
- MSO's revenues were higher than expected because of a slightly higher than expected swimmer registration. In addition, SO did not invoice MSO due to its cancelation of services.
- Changes within MSO resulted in decreased expenses
 - Meetings were mainly held by Skype thereby reducing the cost for face-to-face meetings
 - There was a reduction in staff honoraria as these roles were being assumed by Board members
- On the expenditure side, IT projects continued to move forward as MSO continued to update its website and implement the registration/meet management system introduced at the beginning of 2016-2017. The cost of transitioning the MSO financial accounts to Quickbooks and updating financials statements is partially reflected in 2016-2017 and will continue into 2017-2018.
- MSO continued to absorb the cost of PayPal fees now in the order of \$1400 as this convenient payment option becomes more popular.
- Moving into 2017-2018, MSO is budgeting with an unpredictable and reduced revenue base. As an organization independent of MSC and SO, all revenues will be retained by MSO.
- Significant reductions in operating costs are reflected in the budget. For example, a 68% decrease in phone costs by replacing the MSO land and toll-free lines with a cell phone; and continued use of Skype for meetings. MSO also expects to direct previous subsidies from its championship event to new programs that encourage participation in MSO events, e.g., Trial Meets for previously non-competitive swimmers.
- The budget shows accounts payable that are largely related to 2016-2017 invoices not received until after September, 1, 2017. A provision for the disputed MSC amounts are also included pending resolution.
- In her 2016 report to the AGM the Treasurer noted that MSO had continued to absorb the 2011/12 and the 2013/14 MSC fee increases and that it was unlikely that MSO would be able to absorb future increases to external parties. The uncertainties going into 2017-2018 did not provide the conditions for a comprehensive restructuring of MSO fees. However, MSO programs are not sustainable with current revenues.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Carey
October 18, 2017



Masters Swimming Ontario

Fiscal 2016-2017 Budget Versus Actual & Budget 2017-2018

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Variance Positive (Negative)	Budget 2017-2018
MEMBERSHIP				
Swimmers	3,250	3,516	266	2,000
Clubs		84		50
NET FEE REVENUE				
Swimmers' fees (2017 - \$35 club, \$40 unattached. 2018 - \$10)		\$ 123,175		\$ 20,000
Club registration fees (2017 and 2018 - \$45)		3,780		2,250
Total swimmer and club fees received	\$ 118,100	\$ 126,955	\$ 8,855	\$ 22,250
Total affiliation fees forwarded to MSC and SO	(81,300)	(78,111)	3,189	-
Net Fee Revenue for MSO	\$ 36,800	\$ 48,844	\$ 12,044	\$ 22,250
EXPENSES				
Meeting expenses (includes travel and venue costs)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (1,846)	\$ 3,154	\$ (1,500)
Website costs	(400)	(1,056)	(656)	(1,500)
Phone	(2,000)	(2,239)	(239)	(720)
Teleconference costs	(500)	-	500	-
Miscellaneous (supplies, bank interest, PayPal)	(1,000)	(2,088)	(1,088)	(1,500)
Promotional activities / marketing	(500)	-	500	(1,000)
Competition grants	-	(2,500)	(2,500)	-
Staff honouraria	(7,500)	(6,000)	1,500	-
Bookkeeper / accountant	(5,500)	(1,959)	3,541	(11,000)
Legal fees	-	(7,627)	(7,627)	(5,000)
Insurance	(15,500)	(15,371)	129	(10,000)
Website consultants	(4,000)	(3,342)	658	(8,500)
Total professional fees	(25,000)	(28,299)	(3,299)	(34,500)
Total expenses	\$ (41,900)	\$ (44,028)	\$ (2,128)	\$ (40,720)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (5,100)	\$ 4,816	\$ 9,916	\$ (18,470)
Non-cash expenses	-	3,164	3,164	2,000
Cash payments related to expenses of previous years	(5,500)	-	5,500	(25,000)
Change in amounts owing to suppliers		10,073	10,073	
Collection of accounts receivable			-	6,300
Inventory of medals			-	(1,000)
NET CHANGE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	\$ (10,600)	\$ 18,053	\$ 28,653	\$ (36,170)
Cash, beginning of year	98,696	98,696	-	116,749
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 88,096	\$ 116,749	\$ 28,653	\$ 80,579

Masters Swimming Ontario
Statement of Financial Position
As of August 31, 2017
(Unaudited)

	Notes	2017	2016
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		\$ 116,749	\$ 98,696
Other receivables		6,342	8,842
Inventory	3	392	392
		<u>\$ 123,483</u>	<u>\$ 107,930</u>
Computer equipment		-	664
Total assets		<u><u>\$ 123,483</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 108,594</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 25,566	\$ 15,493
NET ASSETS			
UNRESTRICTED		<u>\$ 97,917</u>	<u>\$ 93,101</u>
Total liabilities and net assets		<u><u>\$ 123,483</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 108,594</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director

Director

Masters Swimming Ontario
Statement of Operations and Change in Net Assets
For the year ended August 31, 2017
(Unaudited)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
REVENUE		
Swimmers' fees (includes affiliation fees paid to MSC and SO)	\$ 123,175	\$ 113,480
Club registration fees	3,780	4,050
Sale of medals and ribbons	-	8,842
Interest and other income	<u>538</u>	<u>281</u>
Total revenue	<u>\$ 127,493</u>	<u>\$ 126,653</u>
EXPENSES		
Affiliation fees paid to MSC and SO	\$ 78,111	\$ 78,038
Insurance	15,371	15,022
Cost of medals and ribbons	-	8,236
Grants, awards and competition expenses	2,500	8,344
Communications	4,398	12,971
Administration	10,018	9,295
Travel expenses	1,177	4,283
Professional fees	9,586	16,025
Bank charges	<u>1,516</u>	<u>1,057</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 122,677</u>	<u>\$ 153,271</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 4,816</u>	<u>\$ (26,618)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>93,101</u>	<u>119,719</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 97,917</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 93,101</u></u>

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Masters Swimming Ontario
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended August 31, 2017
(Unaudited)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 4,816	\$ (26,618)
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation of computer equipment	442	442
Loss on disposal of computer equipment	222	
	<u>\$ 5,480</u>	<u>\$ (26,176)</u>
Net changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Membership dues receivable	-	4,373
Other receivables	2,500	(1,900)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	-	3,000
Inventory	-	3,185
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10,073	(16,617)
	<u>\$ 18,053</u>	<u>\$ (34,135)</u>
Net cash from operating activities		
	<u>\$ 18,053</u>	<u>\$ (34,135)</u>
 NET CHANGE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	 \$ 18,053	 \$ (34,135)
 Cash, beginning of year	 98,696	 132,831
	<u>98,696</u>	<u>132,831</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 116,749</u>	<u>\$ 98,696</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Registration: Brian Croker, Registrar

Clubs and swimmers as of August 31, 2017 UNAUDITED

Clubs 81

Total swimmers 3496

Club swimmers 3442

TOMS (Unattached) Swimmers 49

Order of Soggy Goggles (OSG) Members

Active: Chris Smith, Claus, Koch, Bryan Finlay, Olenka McKee, Barrie Malloch

Non Active: Brian Croker, Ted Roach, Kay Easun, Beth Whittall, Geoff Camp, Pat Niblett, Lesley Mason-Ward

Competition: Brian Sheridan, Competition Chair

For the first part of the year meets were being sanctioned by Swim Ontario with preliminary assessments by MSO.

Five meets were held under these circumstances, Etobicoke's Semi-Serious, North York Gators Pentathlon, the Willy Lee Charity Meet in Ottawa, Nepean Red versus Blue Meet and a Technosport Invitational.

The joint process created delays getting events sanctioned and notifications circulated which may have contributed to reduced attendance at some meets.

After January 2017, when MSC and SNC ceased to recognise our organization, sanctioning became the sole responsibility of MSO. A further ten meets were held without problem, including the highly successful Provincial Championships. Attendance at Provincials was the highest in many years and could be attributed to energetic promotion on social media, an excellent location (Markham Pan-Am Pool) and a past record of running an excellent meet. Again, we have to thank Ian Feldman and the Thornhill Club for this meet.

Ontario swimmers were able to compete at the MSC National Championships in Quebec by joining the Swimming Canada Competitive Masters (SCCM) designation, organized by MSC and SNC. Despite some assurances to the contrary, swimmers from Ontario were not identified as belonging to their home clubs which prevented Technosport from being recognized officially as the top club in Canada despite its members having the highest point score at this year's championship.

FINA Worlds were held in Budapest, Hungary and 71 master swimmers represented Ontario, but again competing under the banner of SCCM.

The MSO record keeper reported the daily results of all Ontario swimmers as well as the Canadian medals and Top 10 placings. Of the 36 Canadian medals, 18 went to Ontario swimmers. Of the 117 Canadian top 10 finishes, 55 were went to Ontario swimmers, more than twice the number by any other province.

Relays – the only Canadian relay medals and top 10 results came from Ontario. The TOMS 320-359 Free Relay team of Kalis Rassussen, John Lenard, Glad Bryce and Peter Straka put in an exciting performance with Peter blazing past other teams in a 31.82 to touch second.

The 120-159 women's team from North Toronto-Granite (Cait Jones, Carly Cermak, Marijana Primorac and Melanie Fabes) placed in the top 10 for both of their relays.

Participation in open water swimming competition continues to grow and in September 2016 MSO-sanctioned Thornhill to host the Canadian Masters Open Water Championship which was run by Cannaqua. However, in 2017 the meet organizers did not request MSO sanctioning.

The future is uncertain as our membership splits between registering with Swim Ontario or MSO. Clubs are deciding which organisation they will register with and it is likely opportunities for Ontario masters to compete will be diminished while both organizations sanction competitions.

Submitted, Brian Sheridan, Competition Chair

Records: Brigitte Zirger, Record Keeper

All records are current to August 31st, 2017 in the MSC database. The MSO website is being updated. The new system has been time consuming with many errors that needed to be researched and corrected. Therefore, fewer "Records Recently Ratified" reports were posted on the MSO site and Facebook. It has nevertheless been an impressive year with some records being broken, rebroken and then broken again.

For the 2016-2017 season, MSO swimmers have set 230 Individual Ontario Masters Records. Of these 86 were also Canadian Masters Records and 10 were also FINA Masters Records.

INDIVIDUAL Recds	SCY	SCM	LCM	Total
ONT	54	48	32	134
CDN, ONT		51	35	86
FINA, CDN, ONT		9	1	10
Total	54	108	68	230

(Relay Records still pending verification that all were found)

Relays Records	Men			Women			Mixed			Total		
	SCY	SCM	LCM	SCY	SCM	LCM	SCY	SCM	LCM	SCY	SCM	LCM
ONT	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	3	1	5	5	1.
CDN, ONT	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	1
FINA, CDN, ONT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2			7			5			14		

There were 54 swimmers breaking Individual records. The vast majority of records broken were Ontario records. This table shows the number of individuals breaking records. In brackets is the number of records attributed to these individuals, e.g., 7 individuals broke 10 or more records. Within this group, 7 individuals broke a total of 71 Ontario records, 7 broke a total of 64 Canadian records and 1 individual broke 5 FINA records. The table shows that a small number of swimmers were responsible for the majority of records broken in 2016-2017.

	10+ Records	5-9 Records	1-4 Records	Total
# individuals	7	5	33	46
ONT	7 (71 records)	6 (19 records)	27 (44 records)	40 (134 records)
CDN, ONT	7 (64 records)	5 (12 records)	8 (10 records)	20 (86 records)
FINA, CDN, ONT	1 (5 records)	2 (5 records)	0	3 (10 records)
Total # Records	140	36	54	230

The seven individuals breaking more than 10 records.

	SCY	SCM	LCM
Chris Smith (53 Records)			
Ontario (32)	20	5	10
Canadian (21)		14	4
Judi Oliver (22 Records)			
Ontario (9)	6	3	
Canadian (8)		8	
FINA (5)		5	
Wendy Wagland (17 Records)			
Ontario (13)		13	
Canadian (4)		4	
Cathy Merritt (15 Records)			
Ontario (4)		3	1
Canadian (11)		3	8
Dave Freeman (12 Records)			
Ontario (1)		1	
Canadian (11)		6	5
Michele Oliver (11)			
Ontario (10)	5	3	2
Canadian (1)			1
Cindy Bertelink (10)			
Ontario (5)	3		2
Canadian (5)		2	3

Notices of Motion

NOTICE OF MOTION – BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Only two minor by-law amendments are proposed at this time. A comprehensive revision of the by-laws will be needed to bring them into compliance with new provincial Not for Profit legislation when it comes into force.

By-Law Amendment # 1

MOVED by: Jake Nesovic, TYMS / SECONDED by: Sue Weir, TYMS

MOTION:

To amend clause 4 of the MSO Constitution to make membership in Masters Swimming Canada (MSC) an option rather than an obligation.

CONSTITUTION

4. The Association **may** be a Member of Masters Swimming Canada, which is comprised of the provincial Masters Swimming associations.

CURRENT BY-LAW

CONSTITUTION

4. The Association **shall** be a Member of Masters Swimming Canada, which is comprised of the provincial Masters Swimming associations.

BACKGROUND:

The decision of Masters Swimming Canada to recognize Swim Ontario as its provincial member makes it impossible for MSO to be a member of MSC. It is proposed to amend the bylaw so that affiliation with MSC is permissive rather than required.

By-Law Amendment # 2

MOVED by: Brigitte Zirger, NEP / SECONDED by: Beth Carey, Ancaster

MOTION: To amend clause 1 under the Directors section to remove a typographical error.

DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association and are ~~not~~ by the by-laws or any resolution of the Association or by statute expressly directed to be done by the Association at an AGM or SGM.

CURRENT BY-LAW

DIRECTORS

2. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association and are ~~not~~ by the by-laws or any resolution of the Association or by statute expressly directed to be done by the Association at an AGM or SGM.

BACKGROUND:

Correction of a longstanding typographical error.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED by: Brigitte Zirger, Nepean / SECONDED by: Beth Carey, Ancaster

MOTION:

To fold the amount of \$4,875.33, which was withheld from MSO's final payment to Master Swimming Canada (MSC), into general operating funds following resolution of the dispute with MSC.

BACKGROUND:

In past years, MSO collected \$35 from each registered swimmer. This amount was distributed as follows: \$2 Swim Ontario + \$23 to MSC (of which MSC sends SNC \$2). The remaining \$10 was used by MSO for its operations.

In a January 9, 2017 letter to its provincial sections, Swim Canada (SNC) stated that Ontario swimmers were not members of SNC and would receive no services. The letter included the following Q&A:

- Q. Are Masters clubs/swimmers suspended?*
A. No, they are either registered directly with Swimming Canada or they are not registered with Swimming Canada. If they are not registered then they are not entitled to any services.

In spite of SNC's statement, MSC continued to include the \$2 SNC fee in its invoices.

On August 4, 2017 MSO submitted its payment and informed MSC that the payment was \$4,875.33 lower than invoiced. The payment was lowered to exclude the \$2 SNC fee related to swimmers who registered with MSO after January 9, 2017. For swimmers who had registered prior to that date, the \$2 was prorated to reflect the time for which they had received services from SNC.

It is not operationally feasible or cost effective given administrative costs, to refund the overpayment to some 3,400 individual swimmers. This motion proposes that the funds be used to support MSO programs and operations in 2017-2018 and onwards.

It is noteworthy that any swimmer wishing to attend Nationals in Quebec (sanctioned by SNC-FNQ) or FINA in Budapest, were required to be added to register under the Swim Canada Competitive Swimmers (SCCM) regime and pay \$2 even though this amount was also being invoiced by MSC on SNC's behalf; thus paying twice.

Notice of Motion Form



MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

NOTICE OF MOTION

CURRENT BY-LAW (if applicable)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

COMMENTS ON PURPOSE OF NEW MOTION:

NEW MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____



Ballot for the Election of Directors

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Nominee Name _____

Write the name of your preferred Nominees on separate lines.

No ranking shall be inferred.

Each Ballot equals one vote for each Nominee.

The number of names written may be equal to or less than the number of positions available.

A name may be written only once on each Ballot

Any Ballot that contains more names than the number of positions available or on which a name appears more than once shall be identified as “spoiled” and shall not be counted.





NOMINATION / CONSENT TO SERVE FORM

NOMINEE: _____ (PRINT)

NOMINEE'S CLUB: _____ (PRINT)

BRIEF MONOGRAPH:

(Description of nominee's interest in / experience in / contribution to the Masters Swimming Programme, and any other pertinent comments)

I, _____, certify that I am currently a registered Master in good standing, and consent to stand for election, and to serve, if elected, on the Board of Directors of Masters Swimming Ontario.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: _____

CLUB: _____ (PRINT)

SECONDED BY: _____ (PRINT)

SIGNATURE: _____

CLUB: _____ (PRINT)

