

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Skype meeting
Sunday, July 23, 2017

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jake Nesovic
Carla Oliveira
Brian Sheridan
Beth Carey
Brigitte Zirger
Filippo Porco

Board Members Regrets:

None

Brian opened the meeting at 7:04pm, quorum confirmed.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The board agreed to accept the agenda as written.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Edits were made to the June 18 meeting minutes and sent via email to the board just prior to the meeting. Approval the meeting minutes will be deferred to the next meeting.

3. Financials – Budget Review

Brigitte emailed the latest budget to the board. Beth Carey explained the budget was for the 2017-2018 year. The fees for Registrar were removed as well as other non applicable expenses. Beth also explained that Legal expenses were listed based on the expenses incurred during the 2016-17 year. These fees should be significantly less for the new year. Bookkeeper expenses should also be reduced since a lot of work was needed in the current year to clear up previous year's financials.

Brian Sheridan asked about the database expenses included in the budget. Brigitte explained these were the costs that have been quoted to support the system.

Brian indicated that MSO will operate in a deficit if all members were to join SO. Brigitte explained that MSO has been operating at a deficit for quite some time since fees from MSC were increased and being absorbed by MSO. MSO could operate for a year in this manner then reassess expenses and revenue.

Motion 1: To approve the budget with edits to legal fees and bookkeeper fees as discussed. Moved by Beth Carey. Seconded by Jake Nesovic. 3 approved, 1 abstained. Motion passed

4. Financials – MSC Invoice

Beth Carey explained that Swim Ontario returned the cheque MSO provided for SO fees. Since SNC is no longer recognizing MSO members, the \$2 SNC fee is no longer applicable. The invoices sent from MSC need to be adjusted to reflect \$21 per member instead of \$23 per member. An additional adjustment should be applied to reflect the removal of the \$2 fee from invoices already paid. Carla will write the cheque and provide to Brian to sign and send to MSC with a letter explaining the adjustment.

Motion 2: To adjust the amounts being sent to MSC to reflect a reduction of \$2 for the SNC fee in light of the letter sent by SNC in January.

Moved by Brigitte Zirger. Seconded by Beth Carey. All approved, motion passed.

5. Financials – Web Hosting

The web hosting provider has sent an invoice to pay for the mastersswimmingontario.ca domain name. Jake indicated he needs access to the account in order to pay for it. Carla pointed out the domain expires August 10, 2017. Brigitte will send Jake the details she has about the matter.

6. Canadian Masters Open Water Swimming Championship

Canaqua has posted and advertised a Canadian Masters Open Water Swimming Championship competition in Welland. Brigitte explained this event is not sanctioned and participants are not aware. MSO has jurisdiction over sanctioning since it's being held in Ontario.

Brian spoke with Ian Feldman regarding this event who indicated he has been working with MSC on this event; MSO does not need to be involved in this event.

7. MSO's Relationship with MSC

Brian explained that some MSO swimmers have been pursuing making changes to MSC's by-laws. When MSO is operating on its own, its members will not be connected with MSC and can no longer pursue these changes to MSC.

8. Swim Ontario Update

Brian explained that Swim Ontario is preparing to make an announcement regarding Masters swimming within a couple of weeks. He explained that the first year will be an interim year with minimal fees for clubs. Subsequent years will have increased fees. The fee amounts have not yet been approved by the finance team in SO. The announcement of the SO plan will likely be communicated by MSC since SO does not have an Ontario membership list.

9. June 21 Communication and survey to MSO membership

Brian explained the intent for the Special Committee was to plan for MSO's future. The committee published a communication and survey to all MSO members without Brian's knowledge. Brigitte explained, as she did immediately after the notice was sent out, that Brian was to be notified about the communication. The fact that he did not was an error and the

circumstances leading to the error had been already been explained. Brigitte explained that the Special Committee had been set up at the June 18th BoD meeting to deal with Brian's conflict of interest. If the matter had come to the BoD, Brian would have had to exit the meeting for that item. The Special Committee had a quorum and the result would have been the same. Brian explained he should have been aware of the communication prior to it being sent out. Brigitte agreed an error was made.

Brian also asked that the survey results be presented to the full board. Carla explained there have only been 162 responses to date. That represents only about 5% of membership which is not an adequate response to make decisions. Since there haven't been any follow ups or reminders, the responses will remain low.

10. Registrar Update

Brian Croker has not yet passed on any information to Brigitte. She continues to work with clubs directly to manage registration issues. The new address for MSO needs to be updated across the website. Filippo will review the website and advise where this needs to be updated.

11. Other Business

Next meeting: The board agreed the next meeting should be after SO's announcement which should be within the next week or 2. Carla will gather everyone's availability to determine the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.