

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Skype meeting
Sunday, November 12, 2017

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Brian Sheridan
Brigitte Zirger
Beth Carey
Sue Weir
Jake Nesovic
Andrea Schwartz Smith
Carla Oliveira

Meeting began at 7:01pm, quorum confirmed.

1. Agenda

Motion 1: To accept the agenda as written.

Moved by Carla Oliveira, Seconded by Brigitte Zirger. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Approval of Meeting minutes

Motion 2: That the minutes from the October 5 meeting are approved as written.

Moved by Beth Carey, Seconded by Carla Oliveira. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion 3: That the minutes from the October 29 meeting are approved as written.

Moved by Carla Oliveira, Seconded by Beth Carey. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Follow Up Items from last meeting

Thornhill invoice – The first installment payment has been received, additional installments expected monthly.

Medals for Provincials – Brigitte will be reviewing information provided by the supplier. Many designs can be printed in house which is approximately a 3 week turn around. Medals can be ordered closer to provincials allowing more time to determine proper numbers for ordering.

Email list – Brigitte emailed the board a proposed notice for clubs who request the list of email addresses of meet registrants. Email addresses collected for a meet can be used by the host club to communicate regarding the meet, addresses cannot be used for communications regarding non MSO sanctioned events.

4. AGM Planning

Attendance needs to be tracked well at the AGM. Carla will set up a sign in table to ensure members sign in as they arrive. Carla will also print a sign to remind late comers to sign in. Brigitte will prepare the list of member clubs with number of votes available for each club. As per the by-laws, 6 member clubs must be represented for quorum.

Two scrutineers will need to be identified to count the votes. Carla will prepare voting papers for the motions and board of directors if needed. Brigitte asked to strike the nomination committee. Brian explained that based on the number of nominations received, the committee will not be necessary. Jake also pointed out that according to the by-laws, the committee would need to have reported to the Board 30 days prior to the AGM on the nominations received. If nominations are received from the floor, the confidentiality and conflict of interest form will need to be signed.

Brian reviewed the AGM agenda and recommended that the Appointment of the Accounting firm move ahead of the Election of Directors.

The budget and financial statements are included as draft since they are not yet approved by the auditors.

5. Brian Croker acknowledgement

Brian Sheridan will prepare a letter on behalf of the board to thank Brian Croker for his service to MSO.

6. Swim Ontario update

No update regarding Swim Ontario at this time.

7. Try a Meet update

Beth has prepared the package and announcement for the event. Beth will have flyers ready for the AGM.

8. Registrar update

Registration is up to 60 clubs invoiced and 46 clubs paid. Currently there are 1,933 active swimmers, 1,806 invoiced or paid. Active represents 85% of last year's numbers at the same time and 79% of invoice or paid as of last year. Overall registration is down at clubs. Some clubs will not be joining at all as they've merged with age groups. It's unclear how they will manage competitions especially provincials. Unattached swimmers are approximately similar to last year's number with about 12-15 members.

9. Treasurer Update

Beth explained the challenges she's had with sorting out the Tangerine account and necessary forms. Beth recommended merging the 2 accounts into one bank to help simplify the process of managing the accounts.

10. Dave Wilkin conversation

Brigitte sent the board an email summarizing a discussion she had with Dave Wilkin. He is hoping there is a way for MSO and SO to work together and 'heal the split'. Brigitte recommends that the board begin thinking of the points of negotiation if and when Swim Ontario reaches out to work together. Jake explained that Swim Ontario should contact MSO, not the other way around. Brian pointed out he had previously shared points of negotiation which could be a good starting point.

11. Adjournment

Beth Carey motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sue Weir seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.