

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Skype meeting
Friday December 17, 2017

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Brigitte Zirger, Beth Carey, Jake Nesovic, Sue Weir, Mike Sweny, Andrea Smith

Brigitte opened the meeting at 7:05 pm, quorum confirmed.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting was ad hoc and no agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from November 11, 2017 (previous BoD), November 19, 2017 to elect Board positions, will be approved at a future BoD meeting.

3. Workout Tracking function for MSO members: Brigitte Zirger

Andrea read the email motion sent by Brigitte on December 13th.

***Email Motion: Preamble:** The Million Metre Challenge is a program adapted from Australia and brought to MSO by Chris Smith. It was proposed to MSC for national implementation and heavily marketed to Masters swimming by MSO in 2005. The original programming was done by a MSC volunteer with a design that invited broad community participation. Milestone progress was publically visible. Anyone, regardless of MSC membership was welcome to create a user profile and log their metres. Only MSC members would receive the milestone awards, i.e., caps, pins, crests.*

The migration of the program to the new MSC site in December 2016 placed all challenges behind the MSC login. Viewing milestone progress was no longer visible without a UserID which required MSC registration.

Following MSC's recognition of Swim Ontario (SO) as its Provincial member, Ontario swimmers not registered through SO would not be MSC registrants and would not have access to the challenges they had participated in, some since 2005. On August 25, 2017 notified Ontario swimmers that they could continue logging in their metres until August 31, 2018 with or without being MSC registrants. On September 15, 2017 MSC announced that swimmers not registered with MSC would be charged an annual fee for participation. On December 8, 2017 MSC locked the Million Metre Challenge and all MSC programs behind a Swim Canada login and logo.

MOTION 1: *it is moved that, in light of MSC's December 8, 2017 decision to require Swim Canada membership for participation in any MSC programs, including the Million Metre Challenge (MMC), MSO immediately authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to recreate a MMC-like*

functionality on the MSO website. It is further moved that the program respect as best as the system design allows, the original intents of the MMC – community spirit; broad participation.

Moved by Brigitte Zirger seconded by Sue Weir. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Ontario Masters Swimmer Advocates (OMSA)

Board members reviewed events from the last month. Brigitte and Andrea attended a November 29th meeting with two members of a group of individuals seeking opportunities to resolve current issues with MSO-SO-MSC. The group

- 10 individuals from various clubs from GTA, near north, East
- No affiliation with any organization
- Unclear of their mandate; not clear if intent to mediate or lobby
- Brigitte and Andrea received a verbal outline of groups conclusions
- The reference to “announcements” not explained
- The meeting was followed up with a written summary of the meeting which used the name **Ontario Masters Swimmer Advocates (OMSA)**
- A formal letter sent to MSC, MSO & SO on Dec 11th.

5. Communications to members and SO

On December 6, 2017, a letter went out to all clubs and swimmers announcing the new board and MSO’s priorities for 2017-2018. It was posted on the MSO Newsfeed

Brigitte followed with an email to Dan Thompson, President of SO reporting that MSO had elected a new board at the AGM of November 19, 2017. Email highlighted that the new board agreed that the priorities outlined in the MSO open letter dated October 7, 2017.

Dan replied with congratulations and mentioned correspondence from OMSA. Invited renewed dialogue following next meeting of the SO Masters Committee (December 18th).

The board discussed the anticipated discussion with Dan.

6. Communications

There was a short discussion about communications.

- Need for a Communications Committee and a news letter
- need pathways to our members
- need to survey our members

We need to post the email addresses of the Board members; it was noted that the full board is already on the web with roles, description of responsibilities and email addresses. Will be added to the Contact Us page.

7. Provincials Update

Considerable IT work has been done with Nepean and THOR to implement meet registration and payment via the MSO Registration system. The system would verify MSO membership, assess a Single-Event Registration fee where needed and create a hytek file for the meet manager. Both Nepean and THOR wanted to use their club PayPal rather than the MSO PayPal which was already functioning. This was completed and tested at additional expense. THOR decided not to

use the system for their February meet because they were anxious to open registration. Nepean is using the system for Provincials.

Mike and Brigitte have requested bids from medal suppliers for Provincials. We are looking at a new medal design this year.

8. MSC Invoice letter

MSC counsel replied to MSO's letter of November 28th, in which MSO explained, in detail, why MSC was incorrect in including the SNC fee in their invoices given SNC's decision of January 9, 2017. MSC continues to insist that the amounts should be paid adding, "*MSC recognizes that MSO swimmers have overpaid and will reflect the overpayment in a future year by a special arrangement.*" The MSO BoD felt that no further response is needed at this time.

9. Other Business

Next meeting: The board agreed to seek a date in January for the next meeting.

Motion: *To adjourn the meeting.*

Moved by Sue, seconded by Jake.