

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL AT 2019 AGM

**Masters Swimming Ontario
2018 Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Ottawa, ON

Minutes

Club Delegates

Phil Rogers	Ottawa National Capital Region Y (NCRY)
Mike Heath-Eves / Bill Westcott	Technosport Swim & Tri Club (TECH)
Ralph Chown	Arnprior Greyfish (ARN)
Rod Beauprie	Orleans Orcas (ORL)
David Cocking	Ottawa Swim Masters (OSM)
Ryan Saw	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Corine Mott	Stittsville ViciousFish Masters (STIT)
Brigitte Zirger	The Ontario Masters Swim Team (TOMS)
Jake Nesovic	Trillium Y Masters Swim Club (TYMS)
Andrea Smith	B-TRAIN
Lynn Marshall	Carleton University Masters (CARMA)
Alexandre Boulanger	TOROSwim
Doug Vanderby	North Toronto
Chris Cupidio	Beach Barracudas

Attendees

Natalya Kuziak	B-Train
Dan McNeill	B-Train
Mike Sweny	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Jim Clarke	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Chris Atkinson	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Stephanie Skerkowski	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Monika Ferenczy	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Ricardo Otiz Vila	Nepean Masters Swim Club (NEP)
Monika Brumar	Technosport Swim & Tri Club (TECH)
Liz Stanich	Orleans Orcas (ORL)

Called to order by Brigitte Zirger at 12:36

1. Welcome and Quorum

Andrea Smith confirmed that we have quorum; 13 Member Clubs were represented in person, by proxy or by email ballot.

Brigitte Zirger welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board members. The AGM is being held in the Ottawa area this year because it has a substantial number of MSO

member clubs and swimmers. The Board is also planning a town hall meeting at MSO Provincials in Markham.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion 01: that the Agenda be accepted as written.

Moved by Ryan Saw, Nepean Masters

Motion carried by show of voting cards

3. Acceptance of the 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion 02: that the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

Moved by Phil Rogers, National Capital Region Y

Motion carried by show of voting cards and submitted ballots.

4. Business arising from the 2017 AGM Minutes

No business arising from 2017 Minutes was identified

5. Annual Reports

a. Treasurer Report - Beth Carey

Beth reviewed the highlights from the report.

- MSO's bookkeeper, Chris Cupidio has worked with the organization's external accountants to complete the review of all previous years' financial statements. They are now posted on the MSO website along with the draft 2017-2018 Financial statement which is part of the 2018 AGM package.
- Following direction from the AGM 2017, MSO sought competitive bids for external accounting services. It was found that our current firm charges the lowest costs; they provide good service so there was no reason to make a change.
- Expenses exceeded revenues by just over \$4,800. Communications expenses were up \$2,200 due mainly to costs to upgrade the website to allow for online payment of meet entry fees. Administration costs were down by \$6,500 due to an unpaid Director taking on the Registrar duties and the decision to replace the business phone line and 1-800 with a cell phone.
- Brigitte Zirger responded to a question regarding the disputed fees with MSC saying that MSC has not pursued the matter following an exchange of lawyers' letters last February. The disputed funds still needed to be represented in the 2017-2018 financial statements. These funds will then be folded into MSO's general operating funds as per the motion passed at the 2017 AGM.
- Brigitte Zirger highlighted that MSO continues to operate with a deficit budget despite significant decreases in operating expenses. She explained that the \$10 was the amount that MSO retained when the fees were \$35 (i.e., \$21 to MSC, \$2 to SNC, \$2 to SO and the remaining \$10 to MSO). As treasurers had reported at the 2016 and 2017 AGMs, MSO had absorbed the 2011/12 and the 2013/14 MSC fee increases and it was unlikely that this could continue. The Board decided to hold 2018-2019 membership fees at their current level of \$10 per swimmer and \$45 per club. While MSO is in a solid

financial position to maintain itself for years to come. A fee increase is necessary. The Board would welcome feedback before it sets the fee for the 2019-2020 next June.

Rod Beauprie stated that a fee increase would not discourage their membership.

Motion 03: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved by Phil Rogers, National Capital Region Y

Motion carried by show of voting cards.

b. Registrar's Report – Brigitte Zirger

Brigitte reviewed the registration statistics. After a slow start, registration picked up. A solid meet schedule and MSO provincials may have been a factor. By year end MSO registered about 2850 swimmers and 64 clubs. This was about 81% and 73% of the previous year's registration. Online self-registration was introduced in the fall of 2017; 98 swimmers self-registered of which only 44 were TOMS independent swimmers. The others came from dual-affiliated clubs that had instructed their swimmers to register with MSO if they so desired.

c. Competition Report - Mike Sweny

Mike reported that the number of meets offered in 2017-2018 were consistent with the 2016-2017 schedule. A core of the traditional meets was again offered. Some meets were lost but new ones were added to the schedule, e.g., Thunder Bay, B-Train's Olympink. The number of participants was slightly down from previous years. In two cases, meets were impacted by severe weather. While their registration numbers were healthy, final participation was reduced when swimmers could not get to the meet. Looking into 2018-2019, we already have 14 meet dates listed and several more are expected as the year progresses. With Open Water back on the MSO insurance policy we may see another provincial OWS championship next summer.

Single Event Registration (SER) was well used by swimmers not registered with MSO. Of the 93 SER swims, only 14 were at the 2018 MSO Provincials in Nepean, demonstrating the broad appeal of the SER policy.

d. Records Report - Brigitte Zirger

All swims by MSO members are eligible for MSO Ontario records. All results from MSO meets are considered by Christian Berger who continues to maintain an independent set of all Canada records and rankings.

MSC has removed the links to the Berger records and rankings. Christian's historical Masters records and rankings, which date back to 1973, are a precious Masters asset and cannot be lost. MSO is in the process of ensuring his Canadian Masters swimming statistics continue for the future. His new website will be www.StatsMan.ca and it accessed from MSO's website.

e. President's Report – Brigitte Zirger

The 2017-2018 started slowly both in terms of registration and the competition schedule. Clubs took time to evaluate the cost benefit of staying with MSO. As soon as Nepean announced the Provincials date, club affiliation and swimmer registration picked up and clubs started posting their local meets.

MSO introduced the MEGAMetre tracker in January. For 2018-2019 the program will be sponsored by Arena and CanAqua Sports. The MEGAMetre cap design is finalized and we hope to start distributing them in January.

MSO is giving priority to updating the Masters Swimming Rules to reflect MSO's independence. The rules are a key element of our risk management policies which are required by insurance underwriters. The rules have always been closely aligned with SNC and FINA and this will continue.

There was more confidence as we headed into the new 2018-2019 season, although there will always be some measure of uncertainty.

6. Notices of Motion

One Notice of Motion was submitted and circulated to Member Clubs.

Moved by Brigitte Zirger, Nepean Masters

Seconded by Phil Rogers, National Capital Region Y

Motion to amend the DEFINITIONS section of the MSO Bylaws to introduce the new term *Single Event Registrant* as follows.

"Single Event Registrant" shall mean a person registered with the Association for the duration of a single-day or multi-day event, sanctioned by the Association, and having paid the prescribed Single Event Registration fee.

Motion carried by show of voting cards and submitted ballots.

7. New Business

- a. Sanctioning process: Ryan Saw, Nepean enquired about the meet sanctioning process.

A club decides to host a meet and submits a date for approval. MSO approves the date if there is no conflict with other MSO meets. Meets that have history have priority for a date. MSO also informs the host club of any MSC/SNC meets that might cause conflicts. The club then creates a meet package, and once the meet package is approved the sanction is given.

There is a Meet Manager's Guide, a Meet Package template and other resource materials on the MSO website to assist.

- b. Sponsorships: Phil Rogers asked if MSO has investigated sponsorship opportunities for MSO ventures?

Yes, MSO's MEGAMetres is being sponsored by Arena and CanAqua Sports. Their logos will be on the caps and on the MSO website. As for general sponsorships, MSO has not had the opportunity to pursue them but would welcome a volunteer to give some thought and effort to it.

8. Election of Directors

One nomination was received for Rod Beauprie.

Brigitte Zirger noted that board is made up of 9 board members and, in accordance with the MSO Bylaws, asked if there were any other nominations from the floor; no further nominations were received.

Brigitte asked for a vote on accepting the nominations received. All in favour.

9. Appointment of External Accountants for 2018-2019.

Motion 04: That Schwartz Levitsky Feldman be re-appointed as external Accountants of MSO until the next Annual General Meeting

Moved by Beth Carey, TOMS; seconded by Ryan Saw, Nepean Masters

Motion carried by show of voting cards and submitted ballots.

10. Motion to adjourn, Ryan Saw, Nepean Masters.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.