

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Skype meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Andrea Schwartz Smith, Beth Carey, Brigitte Zirger, Rod Beauprie, Sue Weir.

Regrets: Chris Cupidio, Jake Nesovic, Michael Sweny

Quorum confirmed, Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Rod Seconded by: Beth All in favour, motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Re-approve Minutes from January 15, 2019 meeting

Moved by: Andrea Seconded by: Rod All in favour, motion carried.

Minutes from February 24, 2019 closed agenda item

Moved by: Beth Seconded by: Andrea All in favour, motion carried.

Minutes from February 24, 2019 meeting

Moved by: Rod Seconded by: Andrea All in favour, motion carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes and Action Items

a) Action Items

ACTION (Jan 15, 2019): Chris to prepare financial report and recommendations for a May meeting. (Reminder item)

ACTION (Jan 15, 2019): BoD agreed to collectively look at website, identify where changes are needed gather alternatives and discuss next month.

ACTION (Feb 24, 2019): each member of the board to identify one key change providing a paragraph with a description of the proposed change. Share by email so we don't overlap.

UPDATE (April 23, 2019): no submissions received. We all agreed to do so **by Friday**.

b) MEGAmetre caps

These are being re-printed using latex for cost reasons, defective caps are to be shipped back to Ian. Slight change to design, Brigitte will inspect before printing.

c) Merchandise for sale at MSO Provincials

Brigitte and Andrea prepared a flier advertising the offerings, distributed at the Provincials. On-line form is almost ready to go, purchases can be individual or Club (bulk), accepting e-transfer or cheque. People can go into the form three times if desired. Shipping at a flat rate of 5\$. Launch date: as soon as the form can be put on the MSO site. Will advertise on Facebook. Deadline of May 15th for the first order. Do another order in the summer in time for Open Water championships.

4. Reports

a) Administration Report:

(on SharePoint) Following Milton there has been a slowdown, chance for focus to be put on database fixes, website merger, records and follow up on the few outstanding invoices. Still searching for a Provincials host for 2020, any ideas let BZ know. Could be one club or a small group.

New volunteer, Andrea Ngui, who will start with MEGA meter tracking as a task. BZ to set this up in time for her return from vacation at the end of May.

b) Registrar Report:

(updated version on SharePoint) We have 64 clubs and 2802 swimming members. This is tracking 3-4% higher than last year. There was some turnover in clubs but with new clubs coming in we have exactly the same number as last year.

c) Competition Report:

(Version on SharePoint needs to be corrected as it includes non-MSO meets). Number of participating swimmers is down across the board. Discussions with a few coaches suggest that this is just an off year for swimmers. Other provinces are seeing the same decline this year.

Brigitte has started working with Ian and the officials for an Ontario Masters OWS Championship at the Welland Flatwater facility in August. The event is already scheduled but it will become the MSO championship only if it properly sanctioned by MSO. Need to sit down with the officials and confirm safety and rules. We also have to be clear about the wetsuit rules at this event as it has been confusing in the past.

d) Treasurer's Report:

PayPal now locked, working to add new names so we can unlock it and access our funds.

5. New Business

a) Town Hall recap:

Great turnout. Two people from Swim Ontario attended. Brigitte has drafted a summary of the discussion; will put into "themes", share with participants and publish on website.

6. Roundtable

No items raised.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm, next meeting scheduled for May 23rd at 7 PM.