

Masters Swimming Ontario  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Teams meeting  
Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Brigitte Zirger (President), Jake Nesovic (VP), Rod Beauprie (Secretary), Andrea Schwartz Smith, Michael Sweny (Treasurer), Sue Weir.  
Regrets: Beth Carey, Phil Rogers.

Meeting began at 7:13 with quorum.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by: Mike / Seconded by: Sue Motion carried.

**2. Approval of the minutes from August meeting**

Moved by: Brigitte / Seconded by: Mike Motion carried.

**3. Business Arising from Minutes and Action Items**

- Reminder that BoD wanted to comment on the Letter to City of Ottawa - Sue will review, then Brigitte will send to City
- COVID Return to Swimming guidance has been updated twice, BZ working on a single-lane plan.

**4. Reports**

4.1. Registrar Report

Reminder that BoD must be members of MSO. If clubs are delayed, register via TOMS and transfer after.

In June we projected a COVID-related decline 60% of clubs and 75% of swimmers. We are currently tracking lower with about 50% for Clubs and 33% for swimmers vs last year at the same time. It is still early and many clubs are struggling to get into the water. Some may not open until January at best.

4.2. Treasurer report

In June we projected a loss of \$16K due to anticipated COVID-related drop in membership and the lower registration and the graduated (\$6-\$10-\$12) fee structure. Our biggest costs (insurance and professional fees) are mostly fixed.

If the soft registration continues, our Projection is for Revenue of 12K\$ vs 20K\$ budget and our loss would increase from \$16K to 24K\$. We will continue to monitor since it is still early and clubs are still struggling to start up.

The accountant has started to close the books for 2019/2020. Our actual profit was 1700\$ as opposed to the May 2020 projection of \$1000. The Virtual OWS was costed on a breakeven but gave us a modest profit.

#### 4.3 Competition Report

Brigitte reported on the OWS Challenge, which was fun and popular. 2020 OlymPink has been cancelled, Brewer Pool is now in the middle of a testing site. Everyone who paid will get a Tax receipt from Ottawa Hospital. 2021 OlymPink planned for April 2021. Very unlikely we will hold the 2020 Provincials, looking for a way to reuse medals. Jake suggested pushing the 2021 Provincials to May, after the Nationals (?). Wait and watch.

### 5. New business

#### 5.1. Conversation with Swim Ontario.

Andrea reported on the call with Katie Osborne, chair of Masters at Swim Ontario. The call was positive, forward-thinking. If there was a time to collaborate, it is now. MSO has been talking about a virtual pool meet all summer. This was raised with Katie. We are considering a joint “virtual meet” challenge. Swim Ontario policies seem focused on challenge in the GTA. GTA clubs are currently not as advanced as those Ottawa area which reopened up earlier in the COVID.

Next step: work with SO to define rules for *virtual meet*.

### 6. Roundtable

Sue is back in the Pool on Monday.

Andrea reported on her call with Ahmed re: safe sport and her views on SNC role in Masters.

Rod reported the Orleans ORCAS have started with four swimmers per double lane.

Brigitte summarised the Meech Lake issue and MSO’s involvement in support of Open Water swimmers during the NCC consultation.

**Next meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 PM.