

Masters Swimming Ontario  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Teams meeting  
Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

**Regrets:** None!

Meeting began at 6:35 PM with quorum.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by: Mike      Seconded by: Phil      Motion carried.

**2. Approval of the minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Moved by: Mike      Seconded by: Sue      Motion carried.

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

3.1 Registrar's Report

Slight increase in registration to 1229 swimmers. Brigitte expects the absolute number of registrations to only increase slightly. The monthly % comparisons to the previous year will continue to drop.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

With current registrations, we expect a loss of 22K\$ this season. Our Financial position remains good.

As a way to encourage registration for 2021-2022, Phil proposed an extended membership where memberships purchased now would count next year. After discussion, agreed not to proceed because of the technical challenges. In May (when the budget is prepared) we can look at early-bird specials or other means to support 2021-2022 registration.

3.3. Virtual Pool Challenge

Brigitte will include an update with the Notice of AGM tomorrow. Lots of interest, with 97 swims, 51 swimmers and 10 clubs participating. The next cycle will be open-ended as very few pools are open.

3.4 Preparation for AGM

- Brigitte originally wanted to use last year's membership numbers for voting, but our bylaws do not allow this.

- With Rod “running” for re-election, some of the Secretary’s work will have to be reassigned until we receive all the nominations.
- Need a scrutineer at the meeting in the event of any vote.
- Nominating committee will be Phil and Brigitte.
- At the AGM, Rod will record attendees; in-person delegates and general membership. Delegates must be identified via RSVP in advance of the meeting. Absentee ballots will be included on the attendance list.
- Regarding video linked technology, (Free) ZOOM is an option, but it is limited to 45 minutes and 100 participants. limit. The same link can be used when the session expires but we could lose people who decide not to reconnect.
- Jake agreed to look at how to get guests into an MS Teams meeting. (Brigitte noted that the NCC (National Capital Commission) can do this.)
- Delegates can vote by chat or by thumbs up.
- Final Financial Statement for 2019-2020 should be ready January 31st. There is no requirement to present a budget at the AGM. In past years, the BoD passed a budget (esp MSO fees) in May to assist clubs in finalizing their fees for the new year.
- Rod and Brigitte to complete AGM package.

#### **4. New business**

##### **4.1. Meech Lake**

Phil reported that the NCC is running a (MS Teams) public consultation process on Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Brigitte and Phil will be attending.

#### **5. Roundtable**

Andrea reported that the Nepean Sportsplex pool is being used by high performance swimmers who are on the SNC exemption list. All sports organizations have similar lists aimed at keeping high level athletes in training.

Andrea reported that OlymPink will move ahead this spring but without a swim meet element to it. It is more likely we can have an open water event in the summer.

**Next meeting:** February 15 at 6:30

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:15 PM.