

Masters Swimming Ontario
Board of Directors Meeting
Teams meeting
Monday, February 15th, 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 6:33 PM with quorum.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Brigitte Seconded by: Phil Motion carried.

2. Proposed By-law changes

Mike and Brigitte reported that our bylaws require us to have an external audit of our Statements. This is not a legal requirement, the Act that governs non-profit corporations only requires an external review. Every year we appoint external accountants careful not to call them auditors. MSO has not had an audit since ~2004.

Agreed that a bylaw change to remove the audit requirement is the best choice.

Brigitte noted that the current bylaws mention that Headquarters must be in Toronto, still reference Swim Canada.

Action: Brigitte, with help from Phil, will draft bylaws for presentation at AGM.

3. Finance report

Not much change since last meeting. Registration at 56% of Clubs and 47% of Swimmers. 12K\$ in Revenue vs plan for 20K\$. Did not do work on website budgeted at 5K\$, so forecast loss of 19K\$ vs budgeted loss of 16K\$.

4. Approval of the minutes from January 11th meeting

Moved by: Beth Seconded by: Mike Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes and Action Items

5.1 Registrar's Report

No change since last meeting.

5.2 Virtual competition report

No competition possible since January. Ottawa-area pools opening this week.

5.3 Preparation for AGM

- Reviewed package, still need President and Treasurer's report. Communication to go out March 13th.
- Our general message is that COVID has been tough, but we made the best of it - with the Open Water challenge last summer and virtual meeting last fall. Looking forward to getting back to normal operation.
- Jake reported that we can only invite people with a MS account to a Teams call, so we will use Zoom for the AGM. Users will have to "re-click" after 40 minutes.

5.4 Meech Lake

National Capital Commission (NCC) held a plenary session, now proceeding with sub-groups. Brigitte and Phil involved. NCC seem to be trying to find a way to allow open-water swimming. "National Capital Open Water Swimming Association" (NCOWSA) presenting open water swimming guidelines, this is helpful.

6. New business

None.

7. Roundtable

Andrea reported that there may not be an OlymPink this year – even open water. Back to work with Clubs tomorrow.

"Bring on the Bay" website shows a date of July 10th, to be confirmed.

Sue agrees with us presenting a strong, positive face.

In spite of the challenges, our Clubs, Swimmers and MSO have done well!

Next meeting: March 17th at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.