

MSABC Board of Directors Meeting

September 29, 2012

1405 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:15

PRESENT: Gilles Beaudin, Nancy Ryan, John McManus, Glen Mehus, Len Martel, Susan Simmons, Keith Kendal

ABSENT: Rod Carmichael

QUORUM: declared

A. Adoption of Agenda: accepted as amended by Susan. Seconded by Len
APPROVED

B. Adoption of June 16, 2012 Minutes: Len and seconded by John. **APPROVED**

C. Old Business

1. Updating Meet Manager Manual - Len

No new progress as yet but goal is to have it updated by this year.

ACTION: Len will provide a report at next MSABC meeting.

D. New Business

1. Registrar's Report -Len

a) Club registrations are slowly coming in which is normal for this time of year.

Len provided a great visual display on what he and MSC have been working on.

There has been a lot of upfront work but is now much faster for the

Registrar. Members who request out of country certification are very impress by how fast it is to receive their electronic letter.

b) Waiver forms

MSC and MSABC waiver forms look quite different. Since MSABC gets their insurance through Swim BC, Len would like Swim BC to check our waiver out to see if it is correct.

Swim BC has given the approval for the use of electronic waivers as long as the member is required to check the box and/or sign his/her initials before they are allowed to proceed.

ACTION: Len will contact Swim BC regarding the wording of the waiver.

2. Treasurer's Report - Keith

A). Budget

Net Revenue as of August 31, 2012 is \$12,395.75 and Total Liabilities and Equity is \$108,484.59. The full August 31, 2012 Financial Statement is currently in the Secretary's binder as well as a proposed DRAFT Budget for 2013. The Board voted and approved the statements and draft budget.

b). Vancouver Foundation

The more money we have in the Foundation, the higher the revenue.

Discussion took place.

ACTION: Keith will draft a guiding policy on why we are in the Foundation and post it on the website for the membership.

ACTION: Gilles will reply to the Foundation and tell them we will roll over the revenue for this year and revisit it next year. He will also find out the exact amount that we generated this year.

3. Swim BC Report - Gilles

Gilles presented the idea of encouraging the age group clubs to host the annual Masters Provincials. The age group clubs would receive the profits as a fund raising initiative.

4. MSC Report – Keith and Glen

- Lindsay Patten has returned to the board.
- The bylaws are being updated.
- For future consideration, a new date for the Nationals may be discussed for the future.
- FINA will be looking to piggy back Masters Championships on the back of FINA World Championships.
- **ACTION:** Keith will request an early communication regarding open water events to be available to both east and west Canadian competitors.

5. Competition Report – Leon

The results of Leon's concerns are as follows:

a) Dates of BC Masters meets are to be sent to Leon for approval BEFORE they are posted on the MSABC website. The request for approval of a date comes before the sanction.

b) The dates of the upcoming Board meetings will be posted on the website as soon as the Board has confirmed the future date. Any MSABC members are welcome to attend the meetings.

c) The Board is pleased that Leon has been asked by Nancy Black to be on the MSC Coaching committee.

Discussion took place regarding Open Water competitions. Vancouver (VOWSA) hosts 3 events a year. Keith will approach them to see if MSABC could 'piggy-back' our Provincial Open Water Championships on to one of their annual events. MSABC would partner with them to host the event.

ACTION: Len to look into Open Water FINA swim rules.

ACTION: Susan to speak to Chris about opportunities.

6. **Communications Report - Susan**

Susan presented a very comprehensive power point display on her vision of what the new Bulletin/newsletter format might look like as well as setting priorities. The purpose of the Bulletin/newsletter is to communicate. It will be published as an 'as needs' basis. Getting it up electronically is her first priority. It will need to be designed for a mobile website. Her second priority is to work to improve the website.

ACTION: Susan will send out an email to members before the November meet telling them what is coming e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog.

ACTION: The Blog will be up and running prior to the November meet.

7. **Special Olympic Swimmers - Gilles**

If a SO swimmer is registered with MSABC he/she can compete at our meets - as per a Masters swimmer.

ACTION: Gilles will reply to the SO request.

Susan asked if MSABC has a policy for helping out certain swimmers to take part in specific events. E.g. MS swimmers who are limited financially due to their disability.

8. **2013 Provincials update - Gilles**

Discussion took place regarding the Canadian Dolphins proposal to host the 2013 Masters Provincial Championships. The Board is very pleased with the proposal except for their request of \$5,000 to help offset the projected cost of the banquet. This amount far exceeds what has been donated in the previous years. We discussed the possibility of MSABC creating an annual subcommittee to organize the banquet each year (i.e. the Board would assume responsibility for the running of the banquet). It is the Board's idea that the banquet is the social highlight of that weekend for its members as well as a venue for the presentation of the various MSABC awards. The banquet is not a profit making event. A nominal amount should be charged to each swimmer to ensure that they attend and MSABC should

contribute the remainder (a guideline of \$2.00 per MSABC member has been used in the past) to cover the costs. Further discussion will be had.

Discussion took place regarding changing the rules to allow seeding for fastest to slowest swimmers in the 1500 and 800m events.

ACTION: Gilles will contact the Head Coach of the Dolphins and explain that we are excited with their meet package but have concerns regarding the amount requested for the banquet and the banquet itself (see above).

9. Follow up of ACTIONS from previous meetings

ACTION: to make the signing of cheques easier, seeing that the majority of the Board reside in Greater Victoria, Keith, John and another Victoria based members (to be determined) will meet at a new bank (possibly Scotiabank) to sign on as the new signatories for MSABC.

ACTION: Before posting on the website, John is to ensure that information regarding MSABC's annual awards and the nomination deadlines are included in meet packages so that more of the membership is aware of these important awards.

ACTION: Len to track the remainder of the MSABC box and contents.

ACTION: Gilles will purchase a trophy for the newly created Small & Medium team awards.

Meeting was adjourned: 3:00 (Len)

Next meeting: November 3, 2012, Vancouver

Nancy Ryan, Secretary

Gilles Beaudin, President